2020-2021 Application for Federal TEACH Grant - UNDERGRADUATE

BEFORE YOU APPLY PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

TEACH Grant Program

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education **(TEACH)** Grant Program that provides up to $3,764 (which is $4,000 grant minus a 5.9% sequester amount of $236 if disbursed on or after October 1, 2019 and before October 1,2020 or $3,772 which is $4,000 grant minus a 5.7% sequester amount of $228 if disbursed on or after October 1, 2020 and before October 1, 2021) per year in grants to students who intend to **teach full-time** in **high-need subject areas** for at least **four years at schools that serve students from low-income families.**

Teaching Obligation

In exchange for receiving the TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a highly-qualified, full-time teacher (www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg107.html) in a high-need subject area for at least four years at a school serving low-income students. You must complete the four years of teaching within eight years of finishing the program for which you received the grant. You incur a four-year teaching obligation for each educational program for which you received TEACH Grant funds, although you may work off multiple four-year obligations simultaneously under certain circumstances.

IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLETE THE FOUR-YEAR TEACHING OBLIGATION, THE TEACH GRANT WILL BE CONVERTED INTO AN UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN AND YOU WILL HAVE TO REPAY THE LOAN WITH INTEREST!!! ONCE THE TEACH GRANT HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A LOAN, IT CANNOT BE CONVERTED BACK TO A GRANT.

Application Procedures

Complete pages 3 and 4 and send together as one document to Angela Mills-Fleming, the TEACH Grant Coordinator, at amills@georgiasouthern.edu. Incomplete applications and forms cannot be processed and will be returned to the student. A student must file the application at least 30 days prior to your last date of enrollment during the 2020-2021 academic year.

To Receive the TEACH Grant

- Submit completed application to TEACH Grant Coordinator with the College of Education
- Complete TEACH Grant Counseling at www.studentaid.gov
- Complete Agreement to Serve (ATS) at www.studentaid.gov

Eligibility Requirements for Undergraduate Students

At Georgia Southern University, you must:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2020-2021 aid year
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled with junior or senior status in a program of study designated as TEACH Grant-eligible. Eligible programs are:

  BSEd (undergraduate)

  Middle Grades with a concentration in math and/or science Special Education
  Elementary Education
  Secondary Education: math, biology, chemistry, or physics
- Have at least a 3.25 Cumulative GPA and maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA each semester you receive the TEACH Grant
- Have met and will maintain Georgia Southern University's College of Education Teacher Education Program requirements with junior or senior status.
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching such as the courses required for the programs listed above.

Important Reminder

Failure to complete the teaching obligation, respond to requests for information, or properly document your teaching service will cause the TEACH Grant to be permanently converted to a loan with interest. Once the grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant!

For more information about receiving the TEACH Grant, please review the TEACH Grant webpage on the College of Education's website. Additional questions can be referred to the Office of Financial Aid at 912.478.5413 or finaid@georgiasouthern.edu.

Part I: To be Completed by the Applicant

Instructions to the Applicant:

1. **Complete items below in blue or black ink**
2. **Complete all requirements for eligibility**
3. **Read and sign the student certification**
4. **Return the application to the College of Education University Hall 250B, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419 once completed**

Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Initial**

Eagle ID Number	**Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)**	**Gender (check one)** ☐ **Female** ☐ **Male**

Permanent Home Mailing Address (please provide street address, city, state and zip)

Email Address

Area Code & Phone Number	**Work**	**Cell**

Choose the semesters you are requesting the grant/loan and indicate, to the best of your knowledge, the number of hours you plan to enroll in each term

☐ **Fall 2020 (# of Hours _____)**

☐ **Spring 2021 (# of Hours _____)**

☐ **Summer 2021 (# of Hours _____) may be awarded if funds are available**

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

I certify that I meet the student eligibility requirements as follows:

- **I have completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA.**
- **I am a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.**
- **I am enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching.**
- **I WILL complete TEACH Grant Counseling and Agreement to Serve annually.**
- **I will complete 4 years as a full-time teacher, within 8 years of completing my program, in a school serving low income students.**
- **I will provide documentation to the U.S. Department of Education that I completed the teaching obligation and this will be certified by the school's chief administrative officer after completing 4 academic years of teaching service.**

You must meet all of the student eligibility requirements, or you are not eligible for this grant program.

I am enrolled in the following program:

- ☐ Middle Grades w/ concentration(s) in math and/or science
- ☐ Elementary Education
- ☐ Special Education
- ☐ Secondary Education: math, biology, chemistry or physics

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I understand that the TEACH Grant program has specific service obligations that must be met in order for the award to remain as a grant. If I fail to meet all of the conditions of the award or if the conditions are not documented as required, I understand that the award will permanently convert to a Federal Direct unsubsidized loan and that I will be responsible to repay this loan with interest calculated from the disbursement date of the grant. I understand that once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant. If I am qualified based on the 3.25 cumulative GPA requirement, I must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for each subsequent disbursement. I will notify the Georgia Southern University Financial Aid Office immediately if I do not want to receive the TEACH Grant award. I may cancel or reduce my award at any point up to 14 days after funds have been disbursed. If I cancel after disbursement, I may owe the University for the amount cancelled or reduced.

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Student Signature **Date**

To Be Completed by the College of Education:

College GPA _____ Full Admission to Graduate School ☐ Yes ☐ No *OR*

Enrolled in coursework necessary to begin teaching career/taking content coursework ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby certify that the applicant has met the student eligibility requirements and is currently enrolled in the Teacher Education Program at this institution.

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Program **Date Admitted to Post Bacc or Grad School**

Teacher Certification Official: I certify that the above is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

___Angela Mills-Fleming_____ _____

Name of Teacher Certification Official **Signature of Teacher Certification Official**

__TEACH Grant Coordinator _____ _____

Title **Date Signed**

Processed by Financial Aid Certification Official: _____ _____

Initials **Date**