LESLEY UNIVERSITY

2012-2013 TEACH Grant Intent Form

What is the TEACH Grant?
The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (or TEACH Grant), was instituted on July 1, 2008, by the Department of Education (DOE), in conjunction with the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. The TEACH Grant is designed to encourage highly qualified teachers to serve low income schools in high-need subject areas.

Please note that there are several requirements which are necessary to qualify for the Grant, as well as a number of requirements which must be fulfilled in order to keep the Grant. Students who do not meet the requirements to keep the Grant will have those funds converted to an unsubsidized loan with added interest. Once a loan, it cannot be converted back to a Grant.

How much money is available?
Undergraduate students may receive up to $4,000 per year for full–time enrollment for a total of $16,000 over the course of an undergraduate program. Graduate students may receive up to $4,000 per year for full-time enrollment for a total of $8,000 over the course of a graduate program.

TEACH Grant amounts must be pro-rated for students who are not enrolled full-time.
Three-quarter time = $3,000 per year and divided by the number of semesters enrolled.
Half-time = $2,000 per year and divided by the number of semesters enrolled.
Less than half-time = $1,000 per year and divided by the number of semesters enrolled.

Eligibility Requirements to Receive the TEACH Grant:

- Must file the FAFSA (www.FAFSA.ed.gov).
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Must be in good standing with the Title IV aid programs as reported by the National Student Loan Database (NSLDS).
- Candidate must be enrolled in a TEACH Grant eligible academic program.
- Candidate must have one of the following qualifications:

  Must have and maintain at least a cumulative 3.25 GPA on a scale of 4.0 prior to enrolling at Lesley University program. (Note: If it drops below 3.25, the grant will convert to a loan.)

  -OR-

  Score above 75th percentile on a national admissions test (i.e. SAT/ACT/GRE).

  -OR-

  Be a current or former teacher or retiree (in any field), enrolled in a TEACH-Grant eligible master's degree program. (Former teachers must be pursuing high-quality alternative certification in a master's degree program.)

- Candidate must complete TEACH Grant Intent Form.
- Candidate must complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling and subsequent Counseling every year.
- Candidate must sign the Agreement to Serve (ATS) each academic year.

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant

The Office of Financial Aid needs to confirm your intent to apply for the TEACH Grant for the 2012-2013 academic year. Please complete this form and submit it to our office to be considered for the TEACH Grant.

The TEACH Grant is a program designed to assist students entering or continuing a teaching career in a high-need subject area in a school that serves low-income students. Please visit our TEACH Grant website for a list of TEACH Grant eligible academic programs offered at Lesley University: http://www.lesley.edu/services/financial_aid/teach.html.

PLEASE NOTE: If a student receives the TEACH Grant and does not meet all of the requirements deemed necessary by the Department of Education, **the TEACH Grant is converted into an UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN with back-added interest from the date the TEACH Grant first credited to your student account. Once the TEACH Grant is converted into a loan, it cannot be converted back to a Grant. Due to these serious financial consequences, it is important that students only apply for the TEACH Grant if certain that all the conditions and obligations will be met.**

A. TEACH Grant application process

1. You must complete the 2012-13 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.FAFSA.ed.gov **and complete the FAFSA every academic year.**

2. You must submit the 2012-13 TEACH Grant Intent Form.
By completing and submitting this form you certify that all information submitted on the form is true and agree to contact us if your status or circumstances change.

3. You must be enrolled in a TEACH Grant eligible academic program.
For a list of TEACH Grant eligible programs at Lesley, go to
http://www.lesley.edu/services/financial_aid/content/teach_eligible_programs.pdf

4. You must complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling and subsequent TEACH Grant counseling every academic year.
TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling is located at https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action.

5. You must complete the Agreement to Serve (ATS) every academic year.
The Agreement to Serve (ATS) is developed by the Department of Education and explains all of the requirements to receive the TEACH Grant and to keep the TEACH Grant from being converted to an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Included are examples which you may find helpful. The ATS can be found with the Entrance Counseling at the Department of Education website https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action.

Requirements to Keep the TEACH Grant:

VERY IMPORTANT: TEACH Grant recipients must fulfill all requirements set by the Department of Education (DOE) or the TEACH Grant will be converted into an interest-bearing Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan that will include interest charged from the date the TEACH Grant originally credited to your student account. Once the Grant is converted to a loan, it can never be changed back into a grant. If at any point you decide that you do not want to fulfill the Agreement to Serve (ATS), you may contact the DOE and request the Grant be converted to a Loan.

▪TEACH Grant recipients must be a full-time teacher for at least four years within eight calendar years of completing the TEACH-eligible academic program.

▪TEACH Grant recipients must be deemed highly-qualified by the state in which he/she teaches per the No Child Left Behind Act.

▪TEACH Grant recipients must teach in a Designated Low-Income school. Designated Low-Income School: a public or private elementary or secondary school that (1) Is in the school district of a local educational agency that is eligible for assistance under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and (2) Has been determined by the Department to be a school in which more than 30 percent of the school's total enrollment is made up of children who qualify for services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Schools are listed in the Department of Education's "Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits" on the Department of Education's web page

▪TEACH Grant recipients must teach in a High-Need Subject Area in the majority of classes taught.
High-Need Subject Areas currently include:

1 Mathematics 2. Science
3. Reading Specialist 4. Special Education
5. Foreign Language
6. Bilingual Education or English Language Acquisition (TESOL)
7. Other teacher shortage areas identified at the time the student begins the 4 years of service. Visit the DOE's "Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing" on the Department of Education's website.

NOTE: Most elementary teachers, unless teaching Special Education, English as a Second Language or serving as a Reading Specialist will likely not meet the full-time teaching requirement in the critical need field.

▪TEACH Grant recipients must confirm within 120 days of graduating (or ceasing to be enrolled) that he or she is fulfilling or plans to fulfill the agreement to serve. Otherwise, the Grant will be converted to a Loan.

▪TEACH Grant recipients must have their school of employment's chief administrative officer annually submit documentation to the DOE confirming the teaching service. This documentation must show that the TEACH Grant recipient is a full-time, highly-qualified teacher at a designated low-income school, teaching a high-need subject area. At the end of four years, the TEACH Grant recipient and the school's chief administrative officer must provide documentation to the DOE that the obligation was met.

TEACH Grant recipients must comply with any other requirements that the DOE determines to be necessary.

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B. TEACH Grant requirements:

Carefully read the following and place an "X" to indicate your answer and to show you have read and understood all requirements.

1. Do you plan to enroll in a TEACH Grant eligible program at Lesley University? (For a list of eligible programs, visit: http://www.lesley.edu/services/financial_aid/content/teach_eligible_programs.pdf)
Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Check one of the following:
☐ I submitted my ACT, SAT, and/or GRE scores to Lesley University and rank in the 75th percentile;
☐ OR I have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 prior to attending Lesley University and understand that I must maintain a 3.25 GPA each semester in order to keep receiving the TEACH Grant;
☐ OR I am a current teacher or former teacher and understand I must submit the Teacher Confirmation Form.
☐ OR I am a retiree based on SSI or understand that I must submit the Retiree Form and verify my retired status.

3. Do you plan to teach in a high-need subject area such as Math, Science, Special Education, Reading Specialist, English as a Second Language (TESOL), Bilingual Education or Foreign Language?
Yes ☐ No ☐ If you answered No, do you plan to teach in a high-need subject area that is not listed here but is listed as a high need subject area in your state? List the state _____ and subject area _____.

4. Do you plan to teach in a designated low income/Title I school?
Yes ☐ No ☐
(For a list of current low-income schools, visit: https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp.)

5. Do you plan to teach full-time and be deemed "highly qualified" by your state?
Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Do you plan to teach in one of the above subject areas, in a designated low-income school as a full-time, highly-qualified teacher ***for at least FOUR years within EIGHT years of graduating*** from Lesley University?
Yes ☐ No ☐

7. I understand that I must complete the FAFSA every year.
Yes ☐ No ☐

8. I understand that I must complete TEACH Grant counseling every year.
Yes ☐ No ☐

9. I understand that I must sign the Agreement to Serve every year.
Yes ☐ No ☐

C. Certification:

Please sign below if you have answered "Yes" to all prerequisites listed above, have read and reviewed all requirements and are interested in receiving the TEACH Grant.

_____ _____
Your Signature Today's Date

_____ _____ XXX-XX-
Please PRINT your First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name Student I.D. number OR Last 4 digits of your Soc Sec No.

_____ _____
Please PRINT your Street Address (including Apartment Number) City, State, Zip Code

Fax or Return this form to the fax number or address listed below.

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