



**North Dakota State University  
Fargo, ND**

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## **TEACH GRANT FACT SHEET**

Through the College Cost Reduction Act, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program that provides grants of up to \$4000 per year to students who intend to teach full time in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. The student must teach for at least four out of eight years after the completion of his/her degree.

**If you fail to complete the 4-year teaching obligation within 8 years of completing or ceasing your program of study, your grant will convert to an unsubsidized loan which will have to be repaid with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed. Once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan it can't be converted back to a grant.**

An undergraduate is eligible to receive up to \$16,000 while a graduate is eligible to receive \$8,000.

### **To receive a TEACH Grant you must:**

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Complete a TEACH Grant Application through NDSU
- Meet the general eligibility requirements
- Be formally admitted in a program of study designated as TEACH Grant eligible
- Agree to teach in a high-need subject area at a school serving low-income students for at least four of the eight years following graduation or ceasing your program of study.
- When you begin teaching, the school must be listed on the Department of Education's Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools located at [www.tcli.ed.gov](http://www.tcli.ed.gov) (click on SEARCH button)

Undergraduate students must meet one of the following academic achievement requirements:

- Score above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on one battery of a college admissions test
- Graduate from high school with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) to receive a grant as a freshman

- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) through the most recent payment period on your college coursework to receive a grant for each subsequent term

Graduate students must meet one of the following academic standards:

- Score above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on a college admissions test
- Have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) to receive a grant in the first term, or
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) through the most recent term in the Master's degree program for subsequent payments; or
- Be a current teacher or be a retiree from another occupation with expertise in a high-need field, enrolled in a Master's degree program; or
- Be a former teacher pursuing an alternative route to certification within a Master's degree program

If you are selected to receive a TEACH Grant EACH year you must:

- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS) each year. Available at [www.teach-ats.ed.gov](http://www.teach-ats.ed.gov)
- Complete TEACH Grant counseling each year at [www.mappingyourfuture.org/te](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/te)

## **Eligible Programs at NDSU**

### **Undergraduate**

#### **Nationally approved programs**

- Biological Sciences Education
- Chemistry Education
- Comprehensive Science Education
- Earth Science Education
- French Education
- Mathematics Education
- Social Science Education
- Spanish Education

#### **North Dakota Shortage areas in 07-08**

Subject Areas – Grades 9-12

- Agriculture
- Art
- Business & Office Technology/Business Education
- Career Clusters
- Diversified Occupations
- Driver & Traffic Safety Education
- English Language Arts/English as a Second Language
- Family & Consumer Science
- Health Careers
- Information Technology
- Languages/Native American Languages

- Marketing Education
- Mathematics
- Music
- Science
- Social Studies
- Special Education Programming
- Technology Education (Industrial Arts)
- Trade & Industrial Education

**Minnesota Shortage Areas in 07-08**

- Bilingual
- Chemistry
- Earth and Space Science
- English as a Second Language
- Life Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Special Education
- Emotional Behavioral Disorders
- Learning Disabilities
- Technology/Industry
- World Languages

If you plan on teaching in a high-need area at a designated low-income school in a specific state, please contact our office. The high-need area would be listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing located at [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc).