

## **Salem State University Federal TEACH Grant Application**

The [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant \(TEACH Grant\) Program](#) provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to graduate students enrolled in an [eligible program of study](#) who intend to serve as full-time, highly qualified teachers at a public or private elementary or secondary school serving students from low-income families and to teach in a [high-need field](#).

Unlike other federal grants, the TEACH Grant requires students to agree to [complete a teaching service obligation](#) as a condition of receiving the grant. If you don't complete the service obligation, the TEACH Grant will be converted to a direct unsubsidized loan that must be repaid with interest.

Students must complete [TEACH Grant counseling](#) that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation. Students must complete this counseling each year they receive a TEACH Grant and sign a [TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay](#). Upon graduation or withdrawal from the university, students must complete [TEACH Grant Exit Counseling](#).

### **TEACH Grant Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must:

- Meet [the basic eligibility criteria for the federal student aid programs](#);
- Complete [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- Complete the Salem State University TEACH Grant Application (This Document)
- Matriculate into a TEACH Grant-eligible Program of Study at Salem State
  - MAT Programs: English to Speakers of Other Languages (licensure track only), Mathematics, Middle School Mathematics, and Spanish
  - MEd programs: Reading and Special Education.
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).

- Receive [TEACH Grant counseling](#) that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation. TEACH Grant counseling must be completed each year that you receive a TEACH Grant; and
- Sign a [TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay](#).

## **TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay**

Each year that a student receives a TEACH Grant, they must sign an *Agreement to Serve or Repay* (Agreement) on the [TEACH Grant page](#). The agreement explains the terms and conditions for receiving a TEACH Grant. By signing the Agreement, they agree to these terms and conditions and acknowledge that if they do not fulfill the service obligation described in the Agreement, the TEACH Grant funds they received will be converted to a loan that they must repay.

When signing the [TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay](#), you agree to:

- Serve as a full-time teacher for four elementary or secondary school years at a school or educational service agency (ESA) that serves low-income students;
- Meet all state certification requirements for teaching;
- Teach in a [high-need field](#); and
- Complete the required four years of teaching within eight years after you graduate from or otherwise cease to be enrolled at the institution of higher education where you received your TEACH Grants.
  - After you have completed each one of your four years of required teaching, you must [provide documentation of that teaching service](#).

**If they do not meet the requirements of their service obligation, all TEACH Grants they received will be converted to [Direct Unsubsidized Loans](#) that must be repaid in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.**

## **TEACH Grant Award Amounts**

The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students completing or planning to complete coursework needed to begin a career in teaching. The Budget Control Act of 2011 (the sequester law) requires a reduction in the TEACH Grant award amount a student would otherwise be eligible for. For any TEACH Grant with a first disbursement on or after Oct. 1, 2020, and before Oct. 1, 2026, the award amount must be reduced by 5.7 percent. This means there will be a decrease in the TEACH Grant amount you will receive due to the scheduled percentage reduction determined by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

### **Gross Award Amounts**

- Nine Credit Hours: \$2,000 per semester / \$4,000 per academic year
- Six Credit Hours: \$1,000 per semester / \$2,000 per academic year
- Three Credit Hours: \$500 per semester / \$1,000 per academic year
- Total Master's Cumulative Maximum: \$8,000, not to exceed \$4000 per academic year.

### **Adjusted Yearly Award Amounts**

- \$4,000 - \$228.00 (5.7% reduction) = \$3,772
- \$2,000 - \$114.00 (5.7% reduction) = \$1,886
- \$1,000 - \$57.00 (5.7% reduction) = \$943

## **TEACH Grant Application Questionnaire**

**Please Read Each Question Carefully and Initial Next to "Yes" or "No".**

Are You Enrolled in a TEACH Grant-Eligible Program of Study at Salem State?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Submitted Your GMAT, GRE, or MAT Results to Salem State? Did You Score Above the 75th Percentile on One or More Portions of a College Admissions Test?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Did You Have a Cumulative GPA of at Least 3.25 (on a 4.0 Scale) Before Enrolling at Salem State?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Understand That You Must Maintain a 3.25 GPA Each Semester to Keep Your TEACH Grant and Avoid It Being Converted to a Loan?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You a Current or Former Teacher? *If So, You Must Submit the Teacher Verification Worksheet.*

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You a Retiree Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)? *If So, You Must Submit the Retiree Verification Worksheet and Verify Your Retired Status.*

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Plan to Teach In a [High-Need Field](#) or in Any Other Field That Has Been Identified as a High-Need Field In The Annual [Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing](#)?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

What State Do You Plan to Teach In, and What Subject?

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Do You Plan to Serve as a Full-time Teacher for 4 [Elementary or Secondary School Years at a School or Educational Service Agency \(ESA\) That Serves Low-Income Students](#)?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Will You Meet All State Certification Requirements for Teaching in Your State?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Will You Complete the Required Four Years of Teaching Within Eight Years of Graduating From Salem State?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

Will You Complete the FAFSA, TEACH Grant Counseling, and the TEACH Grant Agreement to Service or Repay Each Academic Year?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ / No: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have thoroughly read and understand the TEACH Grant requirements. I understand that if I do not fulfill all TEACH Grant requirements, the grant may be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accruing from the date of disbursement.**

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**Signature** (Wet signature or electronic stylus)

**Date**

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**Print Name** (Wet signature or electronic stylus)

**Student ID**

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**Expected Graduation Date**

Protect your privacy and send this safely from your Salem State email account to [navcenter@salemstate.edu](mailto:navcenter@salemstate.edu) or fax this form to 978.542.6876

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