



TEACH Grant Application

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded by the University of Detroit Mercy to students who are completing, or intend to complete, coursework to begin a career in teaching and who agree to serve for a minimum of four years as a full-time highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a low-income school.

If students awarded the TEACH Grant do not complete the four years of qualified teaching service within eight years of completing the course of study for which the TEACH Grant was received, or otherwise fail to meet any other requirement of the TEACH Grant, the Grant will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement.

To apply for the award UDM students must:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).
- Enroll in coursework necessary to complete a teacher certification in a high-need field (NOTE: You must be accepted into the Teacher Education Program to be eligible for Teach. Follow link for details: http://liberalarts.udmercy.edu/programs/depts/education/undergrad/teacher_ed/index.htm)
- Complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling.
- Complete an Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay from the Department of Education. **(Students will not be able to sign the Agreement to Serve until the student has been awarded)**
- Serve as a full-time teacher in a low-income school, as a ***highly-qualified teacher**, and in a high-need field as listed in the Nationwide List for the State in which you will be teaching for the majority of the classes taught for at least four years within eight calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant.
- Write the Secretary of Education (within 120 days of completing or otherwise leaving the program of study for which the TEACH Grant was received) confirming that you are employed as a full-time teacher in accordance with the terms of the TEACH Grant, or you are not employed as a full-time teacher but intend to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant service agreement.
- Respond promptly to any requests for information or documentation from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Submit upon completion of each year of teaching service, documentation of the service in the form of a certification by a chief administrative officer of the school.
- Comply with all other terms, conditions, and requirements that the Secretary of Education determines to be necessary.
- **Post-bachelor students enrolled at University of Detroit Mercy DO NOT qualify for this program**
- **If you have been awarded up to your cost of attendance, receiving the TEACH Grant will result in the reduction of your Federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and/or PLUS loan offers.**

If you fail to meet any of these terms the TEACH Grant funds you receive will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement. Once this grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

If you are interested in the TEACH Grant, complete the following application and return it to the Scholarship and Financial Aid Office. For more information regarding the program go to: <http://www.udmercy.edu/apply/financial-aid/forms/additional-forms/index.htm>

* **Highly Qualified Teacher Guide:** www.ed.gov/teachers/nclbguide/improve-quality.html

Please contact the Scholarship and Financial Aid Office at (313) 993-3350 if you have any questions!

Return documents to:

Scholarship and Financial Aid Office
4001 W. McNichols Rd.
Detroit, Michigan 48221-3038
Fax: 313-993-3347



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Name _____ Student ID _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Grant Application Academic Year 20__ __ /20__ __

Are you currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching? Yes No

Year in School _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Major/Degree _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Please check each of the following items before signing and submitting this form

I have read and understand the enclosed information regarding the TEACH Grant

Based on the above information, I believe that I may be eligible to receive the TEACH Grant based on one or both of the following:

My current cumulative GPA is at least 3.25, **OR**
(Transfer Students - If no credits have been earned at UDM, please submit most recent college transcript)

I have tested above the 75th percentile on a nationally-recognized admissions test (ACT/SAT/GRE).
(Submit a copy of your test results with this application)

I understand that this grant is intended only for students who plan to become teachers in a high-need subject field and who plan to teach in low-income schools as determined by the federal government or state which is subject to change.

I understand that I will have to complete entrance counseling for the TEACH Grant each year that I am eligible.

I understand that I will have to sign and Agreement to Serve for the TEACH Grant each year that I am eligible.

I understand that if I am not able to meet the conditions outlined in the Agreement to Serve the TEACH Grant will convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and the interest will be backdated to the time of the grant disbursement.

I understand that in order to keep the grant from becoming a loan, I must teach for four of the eight years following the completion of my program in a high-need subject area and in a ***low-income school** regardless of the number of years I received the grant.

I understand that if I have already been awarded up to my cost of attendance, receiving the TEACH Grant will result in the reduction of my Federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and/or PLUS loan.

Conditions of the TEACH Grant

By signing this form, I am certifying that I have read this form and all enclosures thoroughly. I understand that by signing and submitting this form, I am requesting that the UDM Financial Aid Office determine my eligibility for the TEACH grant and, if it is determined that I am eligible, to add the grant to my award package. **IMPORTANT: If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.**

_____ Date _____

Student Signature

* Low-Income School Directory: <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>

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**TEACH Grant Application
Academic Advisor Section**

_____ is applying for the Federal Teach Grant
(Student's Name) (UDM Student ID)

Please complete the information below as it is necessary for determining the student's eligibility.

Is this student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching? Yes No

Please check all that apply:
 This student has discussed plans with me to take coursework necessary to work toward teacher certification and/or specialization.
 This student and I have discussed the coursework necessary for teacher certification and/or specialization.
 This student's plans to seek teacher certification in one of the following high-need fields (check the appropriate field of study)
 Mathematics
 Science
 Special Education

Education Department Chair Signature

Date

APPROVAL **Yes** **No**

Note: Students may not submit the application to the Scholarship and Financial Aid Office until the Academic Advisor Section has been completed by an advisor. Incomplete applications will not be posted to the system but rather returned to the student.

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