

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

at

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

The TEACH Grant program will provide up to \$4,000 a year in grant aid to undergraduate and graduate students. Students enrolled less than full-time will have their TEACH Grant pro-rated based on enrollment. TEACH Grant will be adjusted for any changes in enrollment that occurs on or prior to the 15th day of the semester. It will also be adjusted for any class withdrawn from that has not yet begun. Eligible undergraduates may not receive more than \$16,000 and graduate students may receive no more than \$8,000 in total TEACH Grants awards. The University of Akron has set the following specifications for our TEACH Grant recipients:

1. Must be Junior, Senior, or Graduate student who has signed their Program course Distribution (Program Plan) with the College of Education.
2. High-need licensure fields must be in Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, or Intervention Specialist.
3. Must have an initial 3.25 Cumulative GPA or score above 75% on a section of entrance exam (ACT, SAT, GRE, or GMAT) to qualify. After awarded must maintain a 3.25 Cumulative GPA each term to receive subsequent disbursements.
4. Eligible students will receive a letter from the Financial Aid Office advising them of an Entrance Interview and an Agreement to Serve (ATS) that they must complete each year.

The amount of TEACH Grant awarded when combined with other student aid may not exceed a student's cost of attendance (COA).

Student Responsibility Once Eligibility Determined:

- Undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 GPA each payment period to continue to receive the grant
- Students must complete an initial entrance interview, and subsequent entrance interviews the beginning of each academic year, as well as, an Exit Interview when they cease attending the institution.
- Students must be completing an Agreement to Serve (ATS) and subsequent Agreement to Serves (ATS) the beginning of each academic year.
- Must complete Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) each year.

In exchange for TEACH Grant aid, students must agree to serve as a full-time teacher at specified low-income schools (www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.pdf) and teach in a specified field for four academic years within eight years after completing the college coursework. **TEACH Grant recipients who do not fulfill their teaching obligations must repay the grant as if it was an Unsubsidized Direct Loan with interest accruing from the time the grant was disbursed. This grant could result in additional debt burden to the recipient. Acceptance of this grant should not be taken lightly, and all aspects must be considered.**