What is the Teach Grant?

The Teach Grant Program is the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education that provides grants of up to $4,000* per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serve students from low income families. Students are eligible for a maximum of $16,000 for undergraduate and $8,000 for graduate students and are required to serve as a full-time teacher for at least four academic years within eight years of completing their eligible degree program.

*TEACH GRANT award amounts may be revised by the Department of Education at any time.

To learn more about the TEACH Grant Program visit the U.S. Dept. of Educations Teach Grant web site.

Who can get the Teach Grant at OU?

OU students who meet the criteria on the form listed below may be considered for the grant. Students must be admitted to the OU Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education or be in one of the majors listed below. A student must meet all the criteria listed on the federal website above and meet all of the required criteria at OU.

What next?

To be considered for the Teach Grant at OU you must complete the action items listed here and complete the OU Teach Grant Interest Form below:

1. Complete the U.S. Department of Education Teach Grant Counseling at Teach Grant Home or go to https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action
2. Complete the OU Teach Grant Interest Form (below)
3. Contact your OU Teach Grant Program Coordinator as listed on the form below.
4. Submit the completed OU Teach Grant Interest Form to OU Financial Aid Services.
5. OU Financial Aid Services (FAS) will notify the student via the OU-FAN (Financial Aid Notification) if a TEACH Grant is awarded.
6. Complete the Teach Agreement Serve form at My Teach Grant Login or go to https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action

Note: The Teach Agreement to Serve will not be available to be completed on the web until the Tuesday AFTER your Teach Grant has been awarded on your OU-FAN.
7. Teach Grant funds should become available at the Office of the Bursar 1-2 weeks after you complete the Teach Agreement to Serve (once the semester begins). Students planning on a summer semester start date must contact their program area coordinator.
OU TEACH Grant Interest Form 2016-2017

Student Name: ____________________________ Sooner ID#: ____________________________

OU Email: ______________________________ Day time phone #: __________________________

STEP ONE: Are you admitted to the OU Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education and/or in one of the following majors?

Please select your major(s) from the list below and write it here (include Major Code):

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Bachelors:
Early Childhood Education – B285
Elementary Education – B355
Language Arts (English) – B625
English B375, Track 1–P421, Track 2–P696
Math Education – B673
Mathematics – B670/B671
Music Education: Instrumental B708 & Vocal B709
Science Education – B830, B831, B832, B833, B834, B835
CA&S Science Degrees – B080, B082, B100, B105, B115, B170, B175, B690, B691, B780, B781, B885
Social Studies Education – B837
Economics–B300, History–B505, Political Science–B790, Sociology–B845
Special Education – B855
World Language Education – B440/B883
Arabic – B030
Chinese – B180
French – B445
German – B490
Italian – B606
Japanese- B608
Latin – B205 (p.122 & p.411)
Russian – B825
Spanish – B850
Masters:
Early Childhood Education – M545 Q191
Elementary Education – M545 Q221
English Education – M545 Q236
English – M375, Q141/Q161/Q426
ILAC (Masters)* - M545
Library and Information Studies – M650
Math Education – M545 Q441
Mathematics M670, M671
Music Education (MME)
  Choral Conducting – M707
  Kodaly Concepts – M706
  Instrumental Conducting – M707
  Instrumental (Primary) – M708
  Instrumental (Secondary) – M708
  Vocal General – M706
  Voice Pedagogy – M706
Professional Counseling (School Counseling track) M216
Reading Education M545 Q566
Science Education – M545 Q591
CA&S Science Degrees – M115 Q064/Q066, M170 Q101, M690 Q451, M780
Social Studies Education – M545 Q616
History–M505, Political Science–M790, Sociology–M845
Special Education – M855
STEM (Masters) – M545 Q592 (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)
World Language Education – M545 Q696
French M445
German M490
Spanish M850

Doctorate:
Early Childhood Education – D545 R191
Elementary Education – D545 R221
English Education – D545 R236
English – D375 R141/R426
ILAC (PhD)* - D545
Math Education D545 R441
Mathematics D670
Reading Education D545 R566
Science Education D545 R591
CA&S Science Degrees D105 R064, D115 R066, D170 R101, D690 R451, D780
Social Studies Education– D545 R616
History–D505, Political Science–D790, Sociology–D845
Special Education (PhD) – D855
French D445
Spanish D850

Teacher Certification:
Reading Specialist – X031 Q627
Other – X031 Q____
(Add Teacher Certification Q Code for students completing Graduate Certification Component Semester associated with one of the approved Bachelor’s degree programs listed on this form)

*Student must be working toward a degree in a high need field (World Languages, Mathematics, Science, Reading, ESL, etc.)
STEP TWO: Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the aid year listed above?

________ I have completed the FAFSA for ____________ (aid year).

If not, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and complete the FAFSA.

If yes, proceed to Step Three.

STEP THREE: Do you meet the eligibility criteria? Check all that apply:

_____ I am an undergraduate and I have and will maintain a GPA of 3.25 on a 4.00 scale.

_____ I am an undergraduate and I scored in the top 75 percentile on a college admissions test (ACT 25, SAT 1130 or the appropriate score on any of the battery of tests).

_____ I am a graduate student in my first payment period and have an Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

_____ I am a continuing graduate student and have a cumulative GPA of least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

_____ I scored in the top 75 percentile on a college admissions test (GRE 675).

_____ I am a current or former teacher or retiree from another occupation with expertise in a field where there is a shortage of teachers (e.g., Mathematics, Science, Special Education, Reading Specialists, Foreign Language, or another high-need field).

If you do not meet any eligibility criteria above, STOP. You are not eligible for the TEACH grant award. If you checked any of the criteria above, proceed to Step Four.

STEP FOUR: Contact the OU College of Education for TEACH Grant counseling Program Coordinators:

Early Childhood (405) 325-1498 Dr. Lisa Monroe
Elementary Ed (405) 325-3533 Dr. Aiyana Henry
Language Arts/English (405) 325-3752 Dr. Lawrence Baines
Library & Info Studies (405) 325-3921 Dr. Kyungwon Koh
Math (405) 325-3533 Dr. Stacy Reeder
Music Education-Instrumental (405) 325-2081 Dr. Charlene Dell
Music Education-Vocal (405) 325-2081 Dr. Casey Gerber
Reading (405) 325-1498 Dr. Sally Beach
Science (405) 325-1498 Dr. Tim Laubach
Special Education (405) 325-1507 Dr. Williams Diehm
Social Studies (405) 325-1498 Dr. Neil Houser & Dr. Brugar
World Languages (405) 325-2238 Dr. Sherry Cox

I have received TEACH Grant counseling from the OU College of Education, confirmed by the program coordinator who signs below:

OU College of Education Representative ____________ Date ____________________
If you did not obtain TEACH grant counseling, STOP. You will not be eligible for a TEACH Grant award. If yes, proceed to Step Five.

**STEP FIVE: Complete Federal Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling**
If you are a current OU student – Log into oZONE and complete the entrance counseling listed in the OU-FAN menu.

Note: You only need complete Federal Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling once. If you have already completed this requirement it will be listed as satisfied on your OU-FAN (Financial Aid Notification) Missing Information (Document Status) section of your OU-FAN.
If you are not yet a current OU student, you can access the entrance counseling through OU Financial Aid Services website.
Please print the confirmation page for your records.

I have completed Federal Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling.

**STEP SIX:**
• I have read and understand all of the requirements to receive the TEACH Grant award. I am interested in being considered for the TEACH Grant award. By signing this statement, I understand that I am not automatically eligible for the grant but that my eligibility will be reviewed.
• I understand that if I am awarded a TEACH Grant and receive other funds which exceed my cost of attendance, I will be required to repay the TEACH Grant according to federal regulations.
• I understand if I am awarded a TEACH Grant and decide not to become a highly qualified teacher in a low income school in a high need field, I will notify the U.S. Department of Education at once so that my grant will be converted to a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

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Signature                                      Date

Please submit the completed form and any required documentation to Financial Aid Services, Room 216 Buchanan Hall. For more information on the OU TEACH Grant, please visit www.financialaid.ou.edu and type “Teach” in ASK THE SOONERS search.

**STEP SEVEN: Complete the Agreement to Serve**
Each year a TEACH Grant is awarded, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

Go to https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action to complete the Agreement to Serve.