

# FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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### TEACH Grant Checklist for Student

- The Federal TEACH Grant program provides funds to postsecondary students who are completing or planning to complete coursework that is needed to begin a career in teaching.
- Eligible students may annually receive up to \$3,772 in TEACH Grant funds (for grants first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2023, and before Oct. 1, 2024) up to a maximum of \$16,000 for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate study, and \$8,000 for graduate study.
- Students who fail to complete the four years of teaching service within eight years after completing coursework, will have the TEACH grant funds converted to a loan.
- For more information about the TEACH Grant program: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>

#### Student Eligibility to Qualify for the Grant -

In order to be eligible for a TEACH Grant students must:

- Complete a FAFSA. Financial need is not required.
- Be in an eligible program:
  - UCI's master's degree program in Education
  - UCI Cal Teach program
- Meet **one** of the two the academic achievement requirements:
  - Scored above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on at least one of the nationally normed, standardized admission test (e.g., math section of the SAT reasoning test). Please attach a copy of your test scores with percentiles.
  - Have and maintain a 3.25 GPA on a four-point scale:
    - High School GPA for first year undergraduate students.
    - Undergraduate GPA for first year graduate students.
    - Prior college GPA for transfer students.
    - Please attach an official transcript. Your GPA will be checked at the end of each quarter.
- Complete U.S. Department of Education TEACH Grant program Agreement to Serve for each year of participation.
- Complete an Entrance Interview for each year of participation.

#### Student Commitment to Keep the Grant -

- TEACH GRANT recipients must teach full time in qualifying teaching positions for 4 out of the first 8 years after leaving school.
- Meet the requirements for a highly qualified teacher as outlined at [www.ed.gov/teachers/nclbguide/improve-quality.html](http://www.ed.gov/teachers/nclbguide/improve-quality.html)
- The position must be in a low-income school – specifically, a public or private elementary or secondary school listed on the U.S. Department of Education's "Annual Directory of Designated Low-income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits" ([www.studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action](http://www.studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action))
- Students must teach in a high-need field - Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, English/Drama/Humanities, History/Social Science, Computer Education, Bilingual Education, English Language Acquisition, Special Education, Reading Specialist, Physical Education/Health/Dance

#### Consequences of Not Completing Service Requirement -

- If a Teach Grant recipient fails to fulfill the commitment, the amounts of the grants that were disbursed, plus the interest calculated from the point of disbursement and capitalized, are "converted" to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. Interest rates are available at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).
- Once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

Certification of Counseling: The student indicated below has completed the required counseling for a TEACH Grant and understands the grant loans and terms, including the consequences of not completing the service requirement.

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Student Name

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Student ID Number

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Date

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Academic Counselor Signature

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Academic Counselor Name (Printed)

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Phone Number

The State of California requires that you be told the following: Federal student loans are available to most students regardless of income and provide a range of repayment options including income-based repayment plans and loan forgiveness benefits, which other education loans are not required to provide.