



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

What is the TEACH Grant?

The TEACH Grant provides up to \$3708 a year, to be prorated for less than full-time enrollment, up to a lifetime maximum of \$8000 for grant assistance to graduate students completing certain course work in teaching.

In exchange for the grant, a student must sign an agreement to serve as a full-time teacher at certain low-income schools* within certain high-need fields** for at least four academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which the candidate received the TEACH Grant.

TEACH Grant recipients must submit evidence of employment as certified by the chief administrative officer of the school upon completion of each year of teaching service.

If the grant recipient fails or refuses to carry out his or her teaching obligation, the amount of the TEACH Grants received are treated as an unsubsidized Direct Loan and must be repaid with interest accruing from the date of grant disbursement(s).

Who can get this grant?

As set forth by John Carroll University

- Graduate Students enrolled in the School Based Master of Education Program or the Professional Teacher Initial Licensure Program

What are the eligibility requirements?

Recipients must

- Be above the 75th percentile on one part of the GRE admission test (requirement waived for current or former teachers), or
- Have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA for each TEACH Grant payment period (requirement waived for current or former teachers)

How do I apply?

Recipients are required to

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete the JCU TEACH Grant application
- Attend the TEACH Grant JCU counseling session (contact JCU Office of Financial Aid for scheduling information)
- Sign and file with JCU Office of Financial Aid an Agreement to Serve in schools serving low-income students * in a high-need field** <https://teach-ats.ed.gov>.

*Schools serving low-income students include any elementary or secondary school that is listed in the Department of Education's *Annual Director of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits*. To access the Directory, please go to www.tcli.ed.gov.

** High-Need Fields are the specific areas identified as follows:

- Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Reading Specialist
- Science
- Special Education
- Other identified teacher shortage areas as of the time you begin teaching in that field. These areas are listed in the Department of Education's *Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing*. To access the listing, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oep/pol/tsa.pdf>.