

Request for Federal TEACH Grant The University of Mississippi

Please complete the following information in order to be considered for the Federal TEACH Grant. A request form must be completed each year.

## <u>TEACH is intended for students who wish to pursue a career as a highly</u> <u>qualified (licensed) teacher in a high-need subject area, serving in a low-</u> <u>income elementary or secondary public or private school in the United States.</u>

\_\_\_\_Fall \_\_\_\_Spring \_\_\_\_\_Summer (Summer is considered separate from Fall and/or Spring.)

To receive the TEACH Grant each academic year, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled in a degree program at either the undergraduate or graduate level (undergraduates must qualify for admission to Phase II of the Teacher Education Program, usually at the junior or senior years only – refer to the UM School of Education for requirements)
- Have one of the following to be awarded for the first time:
  - A high school GPA of at least a 3.25 for first year students
  - A transfer GPA of at least 3.25 (as calculated by Ole Miss based on coursework accepted for transfer) for incoming transfer students
  - A resident (Ole Miss) GPA of 3.25 if a current student
  - $\circ~$  OR score above the 75th percentile on an admissions test, such as SAT, ACT, or GRE
- Maintain a resident GPA of at least 3.25 to continue to receive the grant in future terms (students who initially qualified by scoring above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on an admissions test are exempt from the GPA requirement, and so are current/retired teachers)
- Be completing coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching, or must plan to complete coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching
- File the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Complete a Federal Agreement to Serve (ATS) with the U.S. Department of Education (once awarded by Financial Aid)
- Complete online TEACH Grant counseling (once awarded by Financial Aid)

Students who are eligible for TEACH must be pursuing a degree to receive the grant. Only a first bachelor's degree or a master's program will qualify. (Second undergraduate degrees, alternative route teaching programs, and PhD or Specialist programs are excluded.)

Please indicate your status:

<u>Undergraduate</u> (first bachelor's degree only)
Graduate (Masters only)
Please indicate your chosen subject area.
Mathematics
Science
Foreign Language
Bilingual Education
Special Education
Reading specialist (applies to Master's students only)
State-specific shortage area (please specify state:) Program:

You do not need to be majoring in education to qualify for TEACH as long as you are academically preparing for a teaching career in one of the subject areas above. Please indicate if you will be taking classes to support this objective: \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Please indicate the teaching level you intend to pursue.

<u>\_\_\_\_Secondary</u> school

\_\_\_\_Elementary school

Please note that you will not eventually qualify for the grant (and it will become a loan that must be repaid) unless the majority of their time will be spent teaching in one of the subject areas listed above. In most cases, elementary teachers will not qualify. Do you plan to spend the majority of your time teaching in a high-need subject area?

Yes No

Special rules apply for current teachers interested in the Master's program. If you fall into this category, please provide the information below. Otherwise indicate "Not Applicable".

Name of current school employer:

City/State of school:

Special rules also apply for retirees with expertise in one of the subject area listed above. If you fall into one of this category, please provide the information below. Otherwise indicate "Not Applicable".

Area of expertise:

I certify that I have read the requirements above and have reviewed all information listed on the *Financial Aid website regarding TEACH at http://www.olemiss.edu/finaid/teach.html.* 

(signature)

(date)

- To Be Completed by a Financial Aid Advisor -

Student grade level:\_\_\_\_\_\_New student or Continuing\_\_\_\_\_

Student qualifies by the following academic credential:

\_\_\_\_\_3.25 GPA (Confirm the GPA – if current student UM grades only:\_\_\_\_\_)

Score above the 75th percentile on an admissions test

(Indicate test and score )

Current teacher

Retiree with expertise in a high need area

Student coursework appears to be consistent with the academic plan declared on this application:

Date confirmed by School of Education representative

Advisor's Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_