



# TEACH Grant Program

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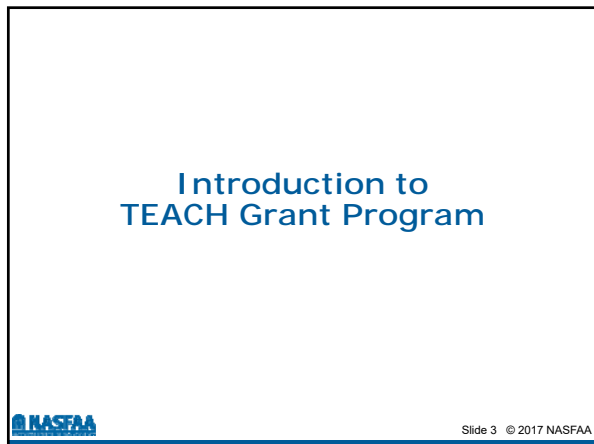
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# TEACH Grant Program

**TEACH Grants**

Encourage students to serve as highly-qualified teachers:

- In high-need fields
- At elementary or secondary schools in low-income areas
- For at least 4 years within 8 years of completing program for which grant was received



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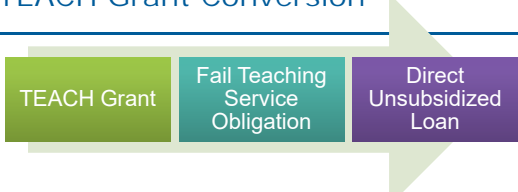
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**TEACH Grant Conversion**



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      A[TEACH Grant] --> B[Fail Teaching Service Obligation]
      B --> C[Direct Unsubsidized Loan]
  
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- Must repay total amount of grant funds received and all accrued interest from date of each grant disbursement
- Warrants extra attention when counseling an applicant on seriousness of teaching obligation

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**Conversion of Grant to Loan**

- Interest accrues from date grant was disbursed
- Recipient has 30 days from conversion date to pay accrued interest or interest is capitalized as of conversion date
- 6-month grace period before entering repayment
- Funds converted to loan do not count toward annual or aggregate Direct Loan limits

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### Conversion of Grant to Loan

Grant recipient can request conversion to loan

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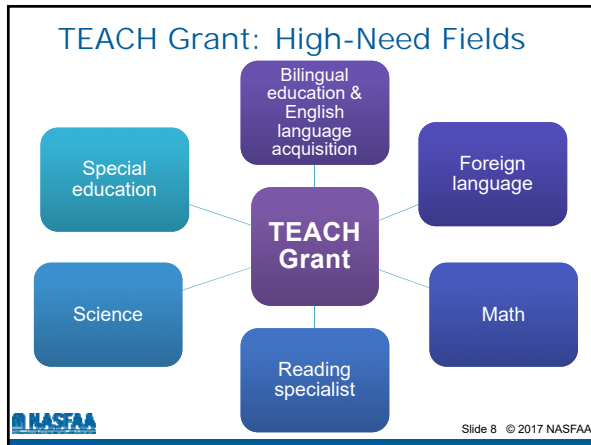
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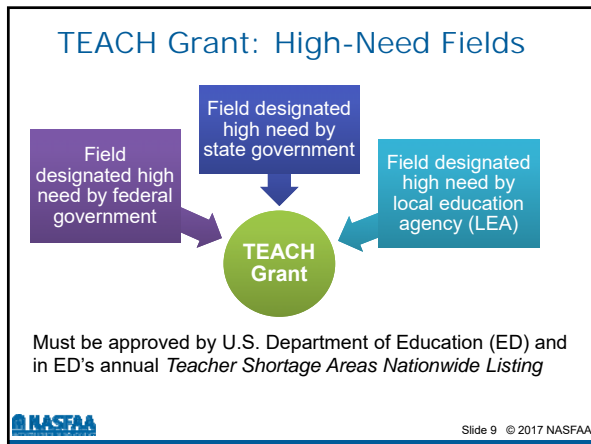
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## 34 CFR 686.3(c) Effective 7/1/2016

An otherwise eligible student who received a TEACH Grant for enrollment in a TEACH Grant-eligible program is eligible to receive additional TEACH Grants to complete that program, even if that program is no longer considered a TEACH Grant-eligible program, not to exceed four Scheduled Awards for an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate student and up to two Scheduled Awards for a graduate student.



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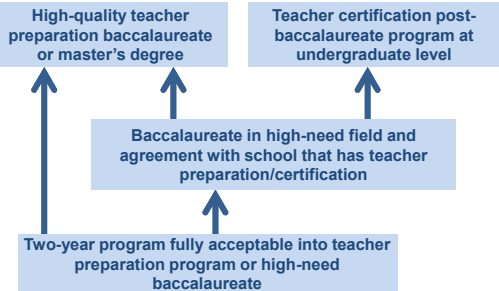
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## TEACH Grant-Eligible Institution



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## TEACH Grant-Eligible Program

- Institution decides which qualifying programs it will designate TEACH Grant-eligible
- Program could:
  - Exclude first 2 years of Title IV-eligible, 4-year program
  - Require declaration of major
  - Be limited to students with formal admission to teacher preparation component of Title IV-eligible, 4-year program



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**Awarding TEACH Grants**



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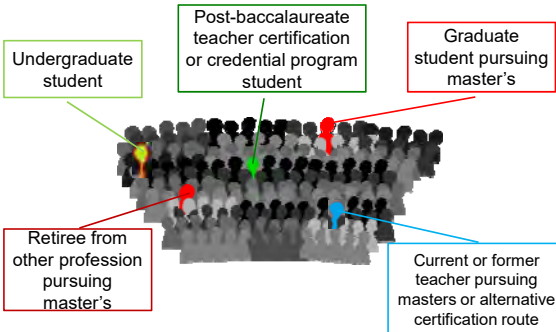

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**TEACH Grant-Eligible Students**

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**TEACH Grant-Eligible Students**

- Current and former teachers pursuing master's degree
- Current and former teachers pursuing high-quality alternative certification route within master's degree program
- Retirees from other professions with expertise in high-need field pursuing master's degree



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**TEACH Grant-Eligible Students**

**All grant recipients must:**

Submit FAFSA	Meet general student eligibility criteria	Enroll in TEACH Grant-eligible program and institution
Be completing, or intend to complete, coursework necessary to begin required teaching	Sign Agreement to Serve (ATS)	Complete initial and annual subsequent counseling

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**TEACH Grant-Eligible Students**

**Undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students not categorized as current or former teachers or retirees must also:**

Meet academic achievement requirements	Have not earned first baccalaureate if in undergraduate program or be in first post-baccalaureate program if receiving grant for post-baccalaureate study
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**Academic Achievement Requirements**

<p><b>75<sup>th</sup> percentile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single battery of nationally-normed standardized postsecondary admissions test, e.g. ACT, SAT, GRE</li> <li>Immediately eligible and remains eligible</li> </ul>	<p><b>Achieve and maintain cumulative GPA of minimum 3.25 on 4.0 scale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>First-year undergraduate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumulative high school GPA, or</li> <li>Most recently completed payment period</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Continuing undergraduate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through the most recently completed payment period</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>First payment period graduate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergraduate GPA</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Continuing Graduate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through most recently completed payment period</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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# TEACH Grant Program

### Transfer Student GPA

For first payment period only, include grades from all accepted transfer coursework in GPA

For subsequent payment periods, follow school's regular GPA policies per below

- If school's policy incorporates grades from accepted transfer coursework in GPA, it continues to do so
- If school's policy is not to incorporate grades from accepted transfer coursework, it follows its policy

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### TEACH Grant-Eligible Students

Current or former teachers:	Retirees:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No GPA or test score needed</li> <li>• Meet all general eligibility requirements</li> <li>• Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP)</li> <li>• Enroll in eligible master's program or high-quality alternative certification route at eligible school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No GPA or test score needed</li> <li>• Meet all general eligibility requirements</li> <li>• Maintain SAP</li> <li>• Have existing expertise in high-need field</li> <li>• Enroll in eligible master's program</li> </ul>

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### TEACH Grant Awards

- Non-need-based aid
- When combined with other aid, may not exceed COA

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Cost of attendance (COA)} \\ &- \text{Estimated financial assistance (EFA)} \\ \hline &= \text{TEACH Grant amount (up to annual limit)} \end{aligned}$$

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**TEACH Grant Awards**

- School's option to replace EFC with TEACH Grant funds (like Direct Unsubsidized Loans)
- Grant amounts not replacing EFC count as EFA

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**TEACH Grant Awards**

Annual award based on student's enrollment status is used to determine payment period amount

- Less sequestration reduction of 6.9% for FY2017 (GEN-16-11)

Full-Time Annual Award	
\$4,000	\$3,724
Scheduled Award (SA) before sequestration	If first disbursed on or after 10/1/16 and before 10/1/17

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**TEACH Grant Awards**

Aggregate TEACH Grant Award	
\$16,000	\$8,000
Combined undergraduate and post-baccalaureate study	Master's degree

Sequestration does not impact the TEACH Grant aggregates.

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## TEACH Grant Awards

Funds from two SAs may be paid in same payment period

Example: Student eligible for full TEACH Grant award:

Term	Enrollment Status	Award Amount	Scheduled Award Year
Fall semester	Full time	\$1,862	SA 1 (\$1,862)
Spring semester	3/4 time	\$1,397	SA 1 (\$1,397)*
Summer term	1/2 time	\$ 931	SA 1 (\$465) + SA 2 (\$466)

\*Rounded up. Do not exceed the scheduled award for the academic year.



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## TEACH Grant Awards

Example: Undergraduate in semester-based program, continuously enrolled full time each term (assuming sequestration reduction remains 6.9%):

Term	Award Amount	Aggregate Paid
Fall	\$1,862	\$1,862
Spring	\$1,862	\$3,724
Summer	\$1,862	\$5,586
Fall	\$1,862	\$7,448
Spring	\$1,862	\$9,310
Summer	\$1,862	\$11,172



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## Agreement to Serve and Counseling Requirements



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## Teaching Service Obligation

- TEACH Grant recipient must teach at least 4 years within 8 years of enrollment in TEACH Grant-eligible program:
  - At low-income elementary or secondary school
  - In high-need field
  - As a full-time, highly-qualified teacher
- Multiple service obligations incurred for multiple programs for which grants received



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## Service Obligation Example—Craig

- Received TEACH Grants for BA and MA
- Began 2-year MA with teacher certification immediately after completing BA
- Signed 2 Agreements to Serve and incurred 2 service obligations
- Began qualifying teaching after certification
- Each year of qualifying teaching counts toward both service obligations concurrently



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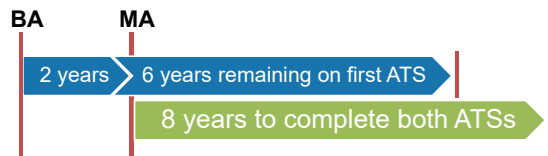
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## Service Obligation Example—Craig



- Service period for first ATS suspended during MA
- Has 8 years after MA to complete 4 years teaching to satisfy both ATS obligations concurrently



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## Service Obligation Example— Jacinta

- Received TEACH Grants for BA and MA
- Completed BA with teacher certification
- Taught in qualifying field and school for 2 years
- Entered MA program; received ATS suspension
- Resumed qualifying teaching after MA
- First 2 years of teaching (prior to MA) count only toward first service obligation (BA)
- Each year of teaching after MA counts toward both service obligations



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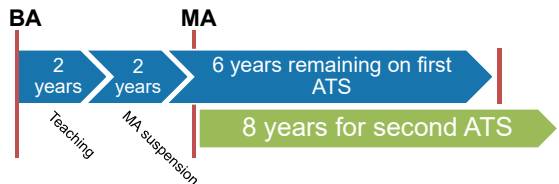
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## Service Obligation Example— Jacinta

After completing 2-year MA:

- 6 years to complete final 2 years teaching for first ATS
- 8 years to complete total 4 years teaching for second ATS; may include final 2 years from first ATS



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## Agreement to Serve (ATS)



<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>



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# TEACH Grant Program

## Teaching Service Suspensions



Grant recipient may request temporary suspension of time period required to complete service obligation

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## Teaching Service Suspensions

Granted by ED in one-year increments for:

-  Enrollment in TEACH Grant-eligible or teacher certification program
-  Reasons for leaves under Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
-  Certain active duty military service



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## Teaching Service Discharges

ED discharges service obligation if recipient:

-  Dies
-  Becomes totally and permanently disabled and satisfies requirements for discharge under Direct Loan Program
-  Experiences extended call or order to active duty



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## TEACH Grant Counseling



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## TEACH Grant Counseling

*Initial counseling*  
before very first  
TEACH Grant  
disbursement

*Subsequent  
counseling*  
before first TEACH  
Grant disbursement  
each award year

*Exit counseling*  
before ceasing  
attendance or leaving  
TEACH Grant-eligible  
program



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