

Policies for the Office of Student Financial Aid

Subject

Teach Grant (E-3)

Office of Student Financial Aid/Scholarships

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The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides grants to students who intend to teach full-time in high-need subject areas for at least four years at schools that serve students from low-income families. A student may receive up to \$16,000 in TEACH grants for undergraduate study, and up to \$8,000 for a TEACH eligible master's degree program. Award amounts are set by the Department of Education and are subject to sequester cuts as of March 1, 2013.

Eligibility Requirements-

To receive a TEACH Grant at NSU you must:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) although you do not have to demonstrate financial need.
2. Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
3. Complete the NSU TEACH Grant Request form for each year in which the TEACH Grant is being requested.
4. Have a Cumulative **GPA of at least 3.25** on a 4.0 scale for all college work **AND** maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 throughout your academic program for which you receive a TEACH Grant.
5. Be admitted to the College of Education teacher candidacy program
6. Complete TEACH Grant counseling with the Department of Education and sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay each year with the U.S. Department of Education. (This will be available electronically on the Department of Education Website)

Awarding of Teach Grants-

1. Students must have completed the Title IV aid application process as defined in the application section of this manual.
2. Complete the NSU TEACH Grant Request form for each year in which the TEACH Grant is being requested. A second request form must be submitted for summer eligibility. Request must be reviewed & signed by Education Department Head.
3. Complete TEACH Grant counseling and Agreement to Serve with the Department of Education.
4. Teach Grant will be awarded on a case by case basis using the Teach Grant Request form after the entrance and ATS are completed. Awards are based on students attending hours for current semester.
5. RPEDISB is the program used to feed TEACH Grant to the student accounts

If a student ceases to be enrolled in the TEACH-eligible program; fails to complete the teaching obligation; or properly document your teaching service will cause the TEACH grant to be permanently converted to an unsubsidized federal direct Stafford loan with interest. Once converted to a loan, the loan cannot convert back into a grant. Teach grant recipients must complete the Teach Grant Exit interview once no longer enrolled. All requirements for Exit Counseling are met by the student using the Department of Education's Teach Grant specific online counseling.