

TEACH Grant FAQs

The federally funded Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant provides up to \$8,000 in funding to graduate students enrolled in select College of Education teacher certification programs in exchange for a commitment to teach in a low-income school for four years.

What's a TEACH Grant?

- Up to \$4,000 per year (\$8,000 total) in assistance to individuals seeking certification in a high-need field in exchange for a commitment to teach in a designated school for four years.
- This grant is non-need based. The amount of the TEACH grant is considered a resource in determining your eligibility for other aid.
- If you do not fulfill your obligation to teach in a low-income school for four years, your grant converts to an unsubsidized federal direct loan with interest.

\$8,000 to help pay for your Graduate Degree.

Who's Eligible at The University of Iowa?

- Must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen;
- Enrolled in a College of Education Graduate program leading to certification in a high-need field (Math, Science, Foreign Lang./ESL, Special Education, Developmental Reading)
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).

What's my Obligation?

- Teach four years in a high-need field and low-income school within 8 years of graduation;
- Must teach full time with at least 70% of teaching assignment in high-need field.
- Submit appropriate paperwork documenting status.

High-Need Fields that Qualify

- Science
- Foreign Language
- Special Education
- Developmental Reading
- Math
- ESL

Where can I TEACH?

- You can fulfill your service obligation in any low-income school identified in the Department of Education's Annual Online Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools:
<https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>
- In 2009 – 2010, 963 K-12 Iowa school buildings qualified as low-income schools.

Where can I Learn More?

- Visit the Federal Student Aid TEACH Grant Program website:
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp>