

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

This application consists of three pages. The first, two pages must be completed and submitted to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships before the grant can be finalized. For additional information regarding the TEACH Grant, you may refer to the web site at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>.

Please initial each item below indicating your agreement with each statement.

- _____ I have filed a 2023/24 FAFSA.
- _____ I am a U.S. citizen, or eligible non-citizen.
- _____ I scored at the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA.
- _____ I have a School of Education major code indicated as part of my official student record.
- _____ I have a course plan for my undergraduate work.
- _____ I plan to teach in an identified teacher-shortage, high-need field (found on above web site).

Identified field: _____ Federal or state field: _____

If it is a state field, list which state: _____

- _____ I am an undergraduate student pursuing my first bachelor degree.
- _____ I plan to teach in a school serving low-income students.

The **annual** TEACH Grant award for full-time students is \$4,000* (reduced to \$3,000 for ¾-time students, \$2,000 for ½-time students, and \$1,000 for less-than-half-time students). Students may receive up to \$16,000 in aggregate for undergraduate study.

I would like to apply for a TEACH Grant in the amount of \$_____ for 2023-24.

Planned enrollment: Fall 2023 _____ credit hours ▪ Spring 2024 _____ credit hours

*** Before a TEACH Grant can be disbursed, the recipient must complete counseling and an Agreement to Serve (ATS) electronically. Further information on these steps will be sent to you if your grant is approved.***

I verify that the above information is correct and understand that if I make any program or enrollment changes, it is my responsibility to notify the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships immediately.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I certify that the above named student has declared his/her major in Education and has been accepted into the teacher preparatory program.

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dean Signature: _____ Date: _____

FA Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

FA Counselor Initial for verification of GPA: _____

TEACH Grant Facts

The TEACH Grant is a federal program that Anderson University was approved to participate in as of August 1, 2008. You can find information about the features of the program on the Federal Student Aid web site, <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>. You should review program guidelines before applying because **this grant has the potential to be converted to a loan** if education program requirements or teaching obligations are not met.

Failure to complete a TEACH Grant eligible education degree program, complete the teaching obligation, respond to requests for information, or properly document your teaching service will cause the TEACH Grant to be permanently converted to an unsubsidized Federal Direct Student Loan, with interest accruing from the date the TEACH Grant was first disbursed. According to some estimates **only 20% of students who participate in the TEACH Grant Program use the funds as grants**. This means a majority of students will likely see their funds converted to loans with accumulated interest.

*** For TEACH grants disbursed between October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023, the award must be reduced by 5.7% resulting in a maximum disbursement of \$3,772.**

Please initial after each item below, acknowledging you have read and understand the information.

1. Notify your advisor of your decision to pursue teaching so the **education major code** can be added to your Anderson student record. _____
2. Develop a **long-term course plan** for your undergraduate work. _____
3. Ensure your **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has been filed for the current school year. This will confirm you meet the general eligibility requirements for federal student aid. _____
4. You must have scored at the **75th percentile on a college admissions test** (ACT, SAT, GRE) or have a **cumulative GPA of at least 3.25** (on a 4.0 scale). _____
5. Agree to complete **TEACH Grant Counseling** and an **ATS (Agreement to Serve)** online at <https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>. Note that there are not paper copies; both must be completed online. You will log in with your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). The process is fairly comprehensive with all terms and conditions, so allow sufficient time to read through it. _____
6. Once TEACH Grant eligibility is determined, and the amount is awarded, both counseling and the agreement must be completed (See number 5). Funds will then be disbursed to your student account, with the annual award being split equally into two disbursements. If you change your mind and want to cancel the award, you may do so within 14 days of notification that it was disbursed. _____
 - Before submitting your application, it is recommended to review the high need, teacher-shortage area fields. These are defined by federal statute. Other teacher shortage areas are listed in the Nationwide Teacher Shortage Areas Listing at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>. If a field was designated as high-need at the time you received the TEACH Grant, it may satisfy your teaching obligation even if the field is no longer classified as high-need when you begin teaching.
 - It is also a good idea to be familiar with school districts serving low-income students. See more information on the Federal Student Aid website at <https://studentaid.gov/tcli/>.

Submit this completed page to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

- You may apply for the TEACH Grant at any time during the academic year, but the application must be submitted while you are still enrolled that year, or by the deadline published by the Department of Education (whichever is earlier). Any payments for a previous semester will be based on credit hours completed. Applying in advance of the academic year, if possible, is recommended.
- TEACH Grant recipients must teach at least four years as a full-time teacher within an eight-year period upon completing their bachelor's degree.
- The requirement to have scored at the 75th percentile on a national college admissions test is a one-time check, whereas the use of the 3.25 GPA to meet eligibility guidelines has to be looked at each semester.
- Though a FAFSA has to be filed to determine some eligibility guidelines, you do not have to demonstrate financial need.
- The TEACH Grant, when combined with your other financial assistance, may not exceed the cost of attendance.
- If you receive subsequent TEACH Grants, additional counseling will be required each year to review the terms and conditions of the award. Exit counseling is also required when you are preparing to leave the university.
- Under certain conditions the TEACH Grant may be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accruing from the date of each grant disbursement. They are as follows.
 - The recipient requests that the grant be converted to a loan.
 - The recipient fails to notify the Department of Education that he or she is employed, or intends to pursue employment, within 120 days of ceasing enrollment.
 - The recipient does not annually confirm intention to satisfy the agreement to the Department of Education.
 - Within one year of ceasing enrollment, the recipient has not begun teaching service or applied for and been determined eligible for a suspension.
 - The recipient does not maintain employment in a timeframe allowing for completion of service.
 - The recipient receives a TEACH Grant early in their academic career and subsequently fails to be admitted to the teacher education program.
- A TEACH Grant that has been converted to a loan cannot be reconverted to a grant.
- A TEACH Grant converted to a loan receives a six-month grace period, and there is an in-school deferment for at least half-time enrollment.
- A TEACH Grant converted to a loan does not count against the grant recipient's annual or aggregate Federal Direct Loan limits.
- Students will receive quarterly statements from the Department of Education showing status of TEACH dollars received, potential loan amount, and instructions on how to affirm commitment.
- Your TEACH Grant service obligation may be cancelled (discharged) if you die or become totally and permanently disabled. You may also receive a discharge of some or all of your four-year teaching requirement if you are called or ordered to qualifying military active duty for a period that exceeds three years.

Keep this page for your reference.