



Name \_\_\_\_\_ LU ID \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form to be considered for the Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program. The TEACH Grant provides up to \$4,000 per year (\$8,000 total for graduate programs) in grants to students who commit to:

- Teach full-time
- In high-needs subject areas
- For at least four out of the first eight years of teaching and
- At schools that serve students from low-income families

If the commitment is not fulfilled, the grant is permanently converted to a loan to be repaid by the recipient. The loan is a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest calculated from the time of the first grant disbursement. Once the grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

#### Student Eligibility

Your signature below certifies that you meet the following eligibility requirements for 2022-2023:

- I have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2022-2023 as a graduate student and am eligible for Federal Student Aid
- For 2022-2023 I will be enrolled as a graduate student
- I am enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework (such coursework may include subject area courses, such as math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher)
- I am planning to teach full-time in a high-need field or other identified teacher shortage area at a school serving low- income students
- As a new student, I have scored above the 75th percentile on a college admission test on file at Longwood University, or I am a graduate student who is a current teacher or retiree with previous experience working in a high-need teaching field
- As a current student, I maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25

#### Certification

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I attest that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the Rights and Responsibilities of this form. I also understand that if I receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service, I will be required to repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## FEDERAL TEACH GRANT PROGRAM

**IMPORTANT: IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLETE THE FOUR YEAR TEACHING OBLIGATION THE GRANT WILL CONVERT TO A LOAN AND YOU WILL HAVE TO REPAY IT WITH INTEREST**

The Federal TEACH Grant Program offers students an opportunity to receive a federal grant, in exchange for teaching service in specific subject areas and schools. Potential recipients intend to:

- Teach full-time
- In high-needs subject areas
- For at least four out of the first eight years of teaching and
- At schools that serve students from low-income families

### Student Eligibility Requirements

To receive a TEACH Grant you must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before the end of the current academic year, answering all relevant questions as a graduate student. This may require that you resubmit the 2022-2023 FAFSA as a graduate student.
- Be enrolled in a program of study designated as TEACH Grant-eligible. At Longwood, these programs are as follows:

#### Master of Science-Education

- Elementary and Middle School Mathematics
- Special Education General Curriculum Plus One
- Reading, Literacy & Learning
- Special Education General Curriculum Initial Licensure
- Special Education General Curriculum Fifth Year – Liberal Students/Special Education
- Meet one of the following academic achievement requirements:
  - Score above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test (e.g. SAT, ACT, GRE) OR be a current teacher or retiree with previous experience working in a high-need teaching field
  - Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) on your college coursework to receive a grant for each subsequent term
- Complete TEACH Grant counseling
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay and respond to requests by the U.S. Department of Education confirming your continuing intention to meet the teaching obligation.

### Award Information

The yearly amount of the grant is based on enrollment status: \$4,000 for full-time, \$3,000 for  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, \$2,000 for  $\frac{1}{2}$  time and \$1,000 for less-than  $\frac{1}{2}$  time enrollment. The lifetime maximum is \$8,000 for graduate-level study.

Additionally, Congress passed the Budget Control Act of 2011, which has caused federal budget cuts to this program, known as a “sequester.” For the 2022-23 award year, students with TEACH grant funds first disbursed before October 1, 2022 will see a reduction of 5.7% from their originally approved amount, and on or after October 1, 2022 and prior to October 1, 2023 will see an altered reduction of from their originally approved award amount. More details about sequestration can be found [here](#).