

## Quick facts about **TEACH GRANTS**

More info online at [www.finaid.msu.edu/teachgrant.asp](http://www.finaid.msu.edu/teachgrant.asp)

### What is the TEACH Grant?

The TEACH Grant is a federal financial aid program for students who plan to teach in a high-need field as a highly-qualified teacher in designated elementary or secondary schools serving low-income students. Students may receive up to \$4,000 per academic year with a maximum of \$16,000 for undergraduates and \$8,000 for graduate students.

### What is the teaching obligation?

Students receiving the TEACH Grant must teach for four full academic years within eight years following the completion of their teaching program.

Students who do not complete the teaching obligation will have the grants converted to federal loans with interest accrued from the date they received the funds.

### Who is eligible?

Students majoring in education or in a high need subject area will be considered for the TEACH Grant. Students interested in applying must:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Have scored at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile or above on a national admissions test such as the ACT, SAT, or GRE **or** maintain a 3.25 GPA or above for the duration of the program
- Be accepted in an eligible degree program
  - Education
  - Bilingual education or English language acquisition
  - Foreign language
  - Mathematics
  - Reading Specialist
  - Science
  - Special Education
  - Other identified teacher shortage area identified by the State of Michigan
    - <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>
- Sign an Agreement to Serve each year you receive the grant
- Complete Entrance Counseling each year

### How does a student apply?

- Complete a FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Sign an Agreement to Serve and complete Entrance Counseling at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>
- If you scored at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on your admissions test, submit a copy of the paper score report to the Office of Financial Aid.