



West Virginia University

Financial Aid Office

TO: WVU Students

RE: Federal TEACH Grant Application for 2009-10

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (**TEACH**) Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. If you are interested in being considered for a TEACH Grant, please carefully review all of the information in this correspondence and complete the initial application for the program.

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must:

- Complete the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Although you do not have to demonstrate financial need, TEACH Grant in combination with other educational resources cannot exceed Cost of Attendance.
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be admitted into the Dual Degree 5 Year Teacher Education Program as a junior or senior level undergraduate pursuing a first bachelors degree/master's degree and initial certification (eligible programs—elementary education with a special education specialization; secondary foreign language education; secondary mathematics education; or secondary science education) or a graduate student pursuing a first master's degree in secondary education with initial certification (eligible programs—foreign language education, mathematics education or science education), special education (initial certification or as a first master's degree), or reading specialist education (as a first master's degree).
- Have an overall grade point average of 3.25 at the time of initial and subsequent disbursement of funds (students who can present official scores from a college admissions test that verifies scores above the 75th percentile may qualify regardless of GPA) as long as the standards of satisfactory academic progress for financial aid are met.
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and complete an on-line entrance counseling session prior to disbursement of the TEACH Grant.

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students.

If you would like to review the schools currently identified as serving low-income students, you may do so at:

<https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPupSchoolSearch.jsp>

Information on the high-need fields is available at:

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc

As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. **If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.** You must then repay this loan to the US Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was originally disbursed.

The initial application must be submitted to the Dean's Office, located in 802-D Allen Hall. At that time, it will be determined if you meet the academic criteria; the application will then be forwarded to the Financial Aid Office. If you are eligible for the TEACH Grant you will receive notification from the Financial Aid Office regarding the amount of the award and information on the required "entrance counseling" session and the "agreement to serve" document which you must sign prior to disbursement. **If you have an existing financial aid package, please understand that an adjustment may be necessary to those other forms of aid in order to offer the maximum TEACH grant.**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the College of Human Resources and Education at 304-293-5703 or janet.burkle@mail.wvu.edu or the Financial Aid Office at 304-293-5242 or finaid@mail.wvu.edu.

