

## 2016-17 TEACH Grant Application

### What is a TEACH Grant?

The federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year (dependent on federal funding) to students who intend to teach in a high need field, at a school that serves students from low-income families.

### What are the high-need fields?

Currently, the high-need fields are: Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition; Some Foreign Languages; Mathematics; Reading Specialist; Science; Special Education.

### How can I identify schools that serve low-income students?

A list of schools that serve low-income students can be found at <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>

### What is the service obligation?

TEACH Grant recipients agree to teach in a high need field in a low income school for at least four academic years within eight years of completing the program for which you received TEACH Grant funds. If you are unable to complete the service obligation, the TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and interest will be charged from the date the funds were disbursed.

***If you are interested in applying for the TEACH Grant, please complete the following:***

<b>Last name</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Meredith College ID or Social Security number</b>

### **Please check the following items:**

- I have completed the 2016-17 FAFSA
- I am a US citizen or eligible non-citizen (as defined by the Federal Department of Education)
- I am enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate (PBS), or graduate student. (Undergraduate and PBS students must take at least 6 hours per semester. Graduate students must take at least 3 hours per semester to be considered half-time).
- I have completed both the TEACH Grant "Initial and Subsequent Counseling" and the "Agreement to Serve" online at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>

### GPA requirements:

- I am aware that the TEACH Grant requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25.  
If you are a new freshman at Meredith, we will review the cumulative unweighted high school GPA.  
If you are a new transfer or a new graduate student, we will review the GPA from all previous college coursework.  
If you are a current Meredith student, we will review the Meredith cumulative GPA.

(The Financial Assistance Office will secure your transcripts from the Office of Admission, or the Registrar's Office).

Because it is very important that you be qualified to complete the service agreement when you leave Meredith, we strongly recommend that you speak with the Department Head, Director of Teacher Education, or Director of Graduate Programs (graduate students) in our Department of Education. They are prepared to review your teaching goal to be sure it aligns with the requirements of the service agreement and Meredith's program offerings.

- I have met with or spoken with a staff member of Meredith's Department of Education to determine if my academic plan will qualify me to teach in one of the high need fields. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to successfully complete a Meredith College Teacher Education Program that will qualify me to teach in an eligible field. After conferring with the Department of Education, please list the high need field in which you plan to teach: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information on the TEACH Grant can be found on the Federal Student Aid website: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/teach#terms>.

I hereby confirm that the above information is accurate and true. If I give false or misleading information, I understand I may be deemed ineligible to receive any funds and that any TEACH Grant funds already received may be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_