



The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant provides funding of *up to* \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. Funding amounts are determined by enrollment status (i.e. part time, full time) and the length of the academic program. MAP student may receive up to \$16,000 and graduate students may receive up to \$8,000 total over the length of their program.

In order to be eligible for the TEACH Grant at Muskingum University, students must be enrolled in an eligible degree program. Students seeking licensure but not enrolled in a degree program are not eligible. The Muskingum University Graduate and Continuing Studies department offers the following TEACH Grant eligible degree programs:

(MAE) Master of Arts in Education

- Early Childhood Intervention Specialist
- Early Childhood Special Needs Endorsement
- Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
- Intervention Specialist: Moderate/Intensive
- Reading Endorsement
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Endorsement

(MAT) Master of Arts in Teaching

- Middle Childhood: Math and/or Science
- Adolescent & Young Adult: Math and/or Chemistry or Life Science
- Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate
- Intervention Specialist: Moderate/Intensive

(MAP) Muskingum Adult Program (Undergraduate Program)

- Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, students must agree to serve as a full-time teacher who teach the majority of their classes in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. Fields currently defined as high need are:

- Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Reading Specialist
- Science
- Special Education
- Other identified teacher shortage areas. These are teacher subject shortage areas (not geographic areas) that are listed in the U.S. Department of Education's *Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing*. To access the listing, please go to [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc).

Schools serving low-income students include any elementary or secondary school that is listed in the Department of Education's *Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits*. To access the Directory, please go to [www.tcli.ed.gov](http://www.tcli.ed.gov) and click on the SEARCH button.

As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, students must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which a TEACH Grant was received. Failure to complete the service obligation will result in the TEACH Grant(s) to be converted into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Students must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education with interest accruing from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

To receive a TEACH Grant students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be enrolled in an eligible degree program at Muskingum as certified by the Education Department.
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25). There are no academic requirements for current or retired teachers who teach or have taught in shortage areas.
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve each year the grant is received.
- Students are required to notify their advisor if they change programs.

If you are interested in learning more about the TEACH grant please visit [www.teachgrant.ed.gov](http://www.teachgrant.ed.gov) or contact the Muskingum University Graduate Office at 740-826-8038. To begin the application process for the TEACH Grant:

- File the 2011-2012 FAFSA
- Complete the Agreement to Serve (ATS) and entrance counseling online at [www.teach-ats.ed.gov](http://www.teach-ats.ed.gov).
- Wait for additional information from Muskingum regarding your potential eligibility and the next steps in the process.