

## **TEACH Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

- **What is the TEACH grant?**
  - The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant provides up to \$4,000/year for students enrolled in an eligible degree program. The grant is contingent on the candidate agreeing to teach in a high-need field at a low-income school for four years within eight years of completing their program. For candidates who receive the grant but do not fulfill the obligations set forth in the Agreement to Serve, the grant will be converted to a direct unsubsidized loan, which must be repaid.
- **Who is eligible to receive the TEACH grant?**
  - Students who are enrolled in a degree program that will lead to certification in a high-need area are eligible for the TEACH grant. Students must have completed at least one semester of their degree program at Drury, and have earned and maintained a Drury GPA of at least 3.25. For undergraduate candidates, they must also be admitted to teacher education at Drury University.
- **How do candidates apply?**
  - Interested candidates should first determine whether their degree program is eligible using this link: <https://tsa.ed.gov/#/reports>. If they are enrolled in an eligible degree program, have completed at least one semester at Drury, and, for undergraduates, are admitted to Teacher Education, they should [apply here](#).
- **How is eligibility determined?**
  - After the candidate applies, the application is sent to the School of Education and Child Development, where their degree program, admission status, and GPA are determined as eligible or ineligible. Once the eligibility has been determined, the application is sent onto the Office of Financial Aid, where it is processed.
- **Are post-baccalaureate candidates eligible for the TEACH grant?**
  - Under the present eligibility requirements, post-baccalaureate candidates are *not* TEACH grant eligible as they are not receiving a degree in their certification area.
- **Can graduate students apply for the TEACH grant?**
  - Yes. Currently, the only graduate programs that are TEACH grant eligible are the Drury Alternative Track in Special Education (DATSE), and certification-track Masters of Education in Special Education.

**If you have additional questions about the TEACH grant criteria, including degree program eligibility, or admission to Teacher Education, please contact Ali Geren, Certification Officer, at [ageren@drury.edu](mailto:ageren@drury.edu) or 417-873-7369.**