

TEACH Grant Information

- 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.
- In order to be eligible for the TEACH grant, the candidate must meet the following criteria:
 - Be enrolled in a *degree program* that will lead to certification in a high-need area.
 - The School of Education and Child Development (SECD) will use the following to determine if the candidate's degree area qualifies:
<https://tsa.ed.gov/#/reports>.
 - Post-baccalaureate candidates are not presently eligible for TEACH grant funds as they are not receiving a degree in their certification area.
 - Currently, the only graduate programs eligible for TEACH grant funding are the Drury Alternative Track in Special Education (DATSE) and the Masters of Education in Special Reading, though this is subject to change.
 - Candidates should be proactive in checking to see if their degree program qualifies prior to applying for the TEACH grant.
 - Have a Drury GPA of at least 3.25
 - Be admitted to Drury's Teacher Education program
 - Have completed one full semester of their degree program at Drury
- The School of Education and Child Development (SECD) will review candidate applications and make a determination on whether the candidate qualifies. If the candidate is expected to qualify (for example, it is their first semester in their degree program, and once the semester's grades are posted, they will be eligible), the SECD will keep their application on file until grades are posted, at which point the application will be processed.
- Once the candidate has been approved or denied based on the outlined criteria, the application and approval/denial will be forwarded to the financial aid office for processing.

For questions about criteria, including degree program eligibility, or admission to Teacher Education, please contact Ali Geren, Certification Officer, at ageren@drury.edu or 417-873-7369.