



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ A&M ID: \_\_\_\_\_

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who agree to teach for four years at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families. If you meet the student eligibility requirements and are interested in applying for the TEACH Grant Program, you must complete this form and submit it to the Office of Student Financial Aid with ALL required signatures.

## Terms and Conditions

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. 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 receive the TEACH Grant as an undergraduate student and then again as a graduate student, you will be responsible to teach at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for each degree. **Please note:** If you graduate with a degree, the eight calendar years begin when you graduate. If you begin another degree within the eight calendar years of your previous TEACH Grant, the time period continues to remain in effect for your agreement to serve.

## Federal High-Need Fields

*Federal high-need fields are the specific areas identified below:*

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education-All Concentrations
- Special Education
- Reading Specialist
- Educational Leadership and Administration

## Student Eligibility Requirements

To receive a TEACH Grant, you must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Attend each term at AAMU – Disbursed amounts are prorated, based on your hours of enrollment. (*ex: Full-time = 100% of award; 3/4-time = 75% of award; 1/2-time = 50% of award; and less than 1/2-time = 25% of award*)
- Maintain a minimum 3.25 G.P.A.
- Be an Undergraduate Junior, Senior or Alternative Fifth Year, enrolled in/unconditionally admitted to the College of Education, Teach Education Program, or in an eligible major.
- Be a Graduate Student (*Master's Degree only*; Education Specialist students are not eligible), enrolled in/unconditionally admitted to the School of Graduate Studies and the College of Education, or in an eligible major.

## Agreement to Serve

Each year that you receive the TEACH Grant, you must electronically sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling on the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve Web site – <http://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action>.

The TEACH Grant Agreement to serve specifies the conditions under which the grant will be awarded, the teaching service requirements, and includes an acknowledgement by you that you understand that if you do not carry out the teaching service obligation in the required timeframe, you must repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were disbursed.



**Agreement to Serve Requirements**

Specifically, the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve will require the following:

- For each TEACH Grant-eligible program for which you received TEACH GRANT funds, you must serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight calendar years after you completed or withdrew from the academic program for which you received the TEACH Grant.
- You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher at a low-income school. The term highly-qualified teacher is defined in section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [USC 7801(23)] and Section 602(10) of the individuals with Disabilities Education Act [USC 1401(10)].
- Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.
- **You must comply with any other requirement that the Department of Education determines to be necessary.**
- **Upon graduation, you will be required to complete TEACH Exit Counseling.**

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDER\*\*\*\*\***

*If you do not complete the required teaching service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan that you must repay, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.*

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the statement above concerning the TEACH Grant requirements and service/repayment obligations:

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Digital signatures cannot be accepted on this form.

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

**For Office Use Only:**

**Undergraduate/Graduate Eligible Major – Please check one:**

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education-All Concentrations
- Special Education
- Reading Specialist
- Educational Leadership and Administration

**Teacher Service Center: Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

College of Education Teacher Education Program Unconditional Admission? (Please check one): Yes  No

**Graduate Office: Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Studies and College of Education Unconditional Admission? (Please check one): Yes  No

**Financial Aid Office: Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- FAFSA on File: \_\_\_\_\_
- Cumulative Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Meeting SAP: \_\_\_\_\_
- Award Amount: Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_