



UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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Federal Teach Grant Application

In addition to completing this Federal TEACH Grant Application, prospective applicants will need to complete initial and subsequent counseling and the Agreement to Serve (ATS) on www.studentloans.gov

Name: _____ ID: _____

Are you currently a matriculated student at the University of Saint Joseph? Yes No

Check your grade level: JR SR Teacher Certification Graduate

Educational Information:

Major: _____

Certification/Specialty: _____

Concentration: _____

I meet the following Federal TEACH Grant eligibility requirements:

- demonstrate *financial need* (for most programs);
- be a U.S. citizen or an *eligible noncitizen*;
- have a valid Social Security number (with the exception of students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau);
- be registered with **Selective Service**, if you're a male (you must register between the ages of 18 and 25);
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a *regular student* in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for *Direct Loan* Program funds;
- maintain *satisfactory academic progress* in college or career school;
- sign the certification statement on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) stating that you are not in *default* on a *federal student loan* and do not owe money on a federal student *grant* and that you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes;
- show you're qualified to obtain a college or career school education by
 - having a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent such as a *General Educational Development (GED) certificate*;
 - completing a high school education in a *homeschool* setting approved under state law;
- enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework.
- plan to teach in a low-income qualifying school.
- plan to teach in a high-need field as outlined by the U.S. Department of Education.

Scored above 75th percentile on one of the following college admissions test(s): ACT or SAT
OR have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. (Cumulative College(s) for Transfers)

OR

I am enrolled in a Graduate program and I am a teacher with expertise in a field in which there is a shortage of teachers, such as mathematics, science, special education, English language acquisition, or another high-need subject.

Student Certification

I understand the initial eligibility requirements of both the federal government and Saint Joseph College for receipt of the Federal TEACH Grant Program and the conditions for renewal of the award for future academic terms. I understand that receipt of Federal TEACH Grant Program funding in no way implies or guarantees admittance to the Teacher Certification Program or Graduate Program at Saint Joseph College. Admittance to the Teacher Certification Program or Graduate Program at Saint Joseph College requires approval from the Office of Graduate Admissions. Criteria for admittance to these programs are subject to change and current requirements can be requested from the Office of Graduate Admissions. I understand the teaching requirements outlined in the Agreement to Serve and if I fail to meet the full conditions, the funds received through the TEACH Grant, including interest from the date of disbursement, will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

Student Signature

Date

**Please note:

When you sign the agreement to serve, you agree:

*to serve as a full-time, highly qualified teacher for at least four elementary or secondary school years within eight years of completing, or otherwise ceasing to be enrolled in, the program for which you received the TEACH Grant,

*to teach in a low-income school, and

*to teach in a high-need field in the majority of classes that you teach during the school year.

High-need fields are

- bilingual education and English language acquisition,
- foreign language,
- mathematics,
- reading specialist,
- science, and
- special education, as well as
- any other field that has been identified as high-need by the federal government, a state government, or a local education agency, and that is included in the annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing (Nationwide List).