

MBU TEACH Grant FAQs

What is the TEACH Grant?

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grant funding 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. To read more about the grant, please see the Department of Education website here.

What programs are eligible for the TEACH grant?

At MBU, undergraduate students in the College of Education, and graduate students earning either the Master of Arts in Teaching or the Master in Education. Post Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure (PBTL) students are NOT eligible for the TEACH grant.

How much is the TEACH grant?

You can receive up to \$4,000 per academic year. This amount is prorated if you are enrolled less than full-time. Due to sequestration, the amounts for the TEACH grant have been reduced in recent years. Please see the Department of Education website here for further information.

What are the qualifications for the TEACH grant?

- Students must be in a TEACH grant eligible program (see above)
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Meet academic requirements:
 - A cumulative GPA of 3.25 after each semester OR
 - Above the 75% on either the SAT or the ACT

I'm in an eligible program and I meet the qualifications. How do I make sure I get the TEACH grant applied to my financial aid at MBU?

Once you complete the FAFSA and have received your financial aid award, you'll need to complete a few documents for the Office of Financial Aid.

- 1. Complete the TEACH Request for Funding annually.
- 2. Once you are assigned an advisor (for new students this may be after you arrive on campus), please have your advisor complete the <u>TEACH Grant Academic Advisor Acknowledgement</u>. You will need to get this back from your advisor and turn it into the Office of Financial Aid.
- 3. Complete TEACH Grant Counseling for the Department of Education. You will do that at studentloans.gov, or click the direct link here.
- 4. Complete TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve for the Department of Education. You will do that at studentloans.gov or the direct link here.

What happens if I do not meet the service requirements of the TEACH Grant?

If you do not meet the entire service requirement of the TEACH Grant, your grant funding will be converted into direct unsubsidized loan funding with back-dated interest, and you will be placed into repayment from the date of the initial disbursement (when the money is requested from the Department of Education).

I've completed my education degree and am ready to begin my service requirement. Where do I go?

First, you'll need to complete TEACH grant exit counseling, found here.

Then, you will need to make sure you are completing the service requirement. Please see the Department of Education TEACH FAQ page for links and information, found here.