



TEACH Grant [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant]

Exciting news! NAU offers the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant. This program provides grants of up to **\$4,000*** a year to eligible undergraduate students completing course work needed to begin a career in teaching in a high needs field.

To receive a TEACH Grant, students must sign a [TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay](#) in which you agree to the following:

- Serve as a full-time highly qualified teacher for four (4) elementary or secondary school years at a school or educational service agency that serves low-income students, as seen on the [Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory](#).
- Teach in a high-need field – i.e., mathematics, foreign language, science, or any other high-need field listed in the annual [Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide List](#) or [Texas Teacher Shortage Areas List](#).

(If you plan to teach in a high-need field that is included in the *Nationwide List*, that field must be listed for the state at the time you begin teaching in that field, even if that field is later removed from the Nationwide List; or at the time you signed your Agreement or received your TEACH Grant, even if that field is no longer designated as high-need when you begin teaching).

- Complete the required four (4) years of teaching within eight (8) years after you graduate from or otherwise cease to be enrolled at NAU (students track their teaching service using a form that must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education each year).

IMPORTANT NOTE

TEACH Grants will convert to an [Unsubsidized Loan](#) and must be repaid with interest accrued from the grant's disbursement date if:

- The student switches majors to a non-TEACH Grant eligible program; OR
- The student does not fulfill the teaching requirements (full-time at a low income/Title I school for at least four (4) years within an eight (8) year period of completing the program which the TEACH Grant was awarded for).

REQUIREMENTS

ALL of the following requirements must be met to receive a TEACH Grant at NAU:

- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Complete a FAFSA with a valid expected family contribution (EFC) each year
- Undergraduate student pursuing first bachelor's degree in an approved education program
- Classified as a junior or senior with 60 or more credit hours completed
- Pursuing Initial Teacher Certification in a high-needs field at NAU
- Minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.25
- Plan to teach full-time at a low income/Title I school for at least four (4) years within an eight (8) year period of completing the program which the TEACH Grant was awarded for.
- Minimum 3 credit hour enrollment (grants may be prorated for students who are not attending full-time)
- Complete [TEACH Grant Counseling](#) and sign an [Agreement to Serve \(ATS\)](#) for **each year** you wish to receive the grant
- Complete [Exit Counseling](#) for the TEACH Grant upon graduation or withdrawing from NAU

APPLICATION

To apply, complete the [TEACH Grant Application](#) and upload it to your [Financial Aid Student Portal](#). Within 5 business days, you will be notified of your application status and given further instructions via your @na.edu account. To learn more, visit [TEACH Grant](#).

*Due to the Budget Control Act of 2011, known as a "sequester," TEACH Grant awards disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2021 and before Oct. 1, 2022, will be reduced by a certain percentage. [Click here](#) for additional information.