



**Federal TEACH Grant Application
2026-2027**

Student's Name _____ CCID _____

To be considered for the Federal TEACH Grant, please complete and return this form to the Office of Financial Aid. Completing this form does not guarantee eligibility for the Federal TEACH Grant. Please check your Koala Connection account for award information and messages concerning your eligibility.

Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing from the time you submit this form to the Office of Financial Aid.

ELIGIBILITY

Please initial the following section, declaring your eligibility (see page 2).

- _____ I am enrolled in an eligible program of study. Major: _____
- _____ I meet the GPA Requirements
- _____ I have completed the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- _____ I know I must complete the *Agreement to Serve or Repay and Teach Grant Counseling* online at studentaid.gov before my grant can be disbursed.
- _____ (Optional) I scored above the 75th percentile on either the SAT, ACT, or GRE (graduate students). *You may be required to submit official score reports for respective test.*
- _____ I understand that I must provide the U.S. Department of Education with documentation of my progress toward completing my degree if I withdraw or cease enrollment (this includes taking a semester off), letting them know I intend to meet the terms and conditions of my TEACH Grant service obligation.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that the information submitted above is true and correct. I have read and understand the information presented on the attached Eligibility Information document. I understand that if I do not teach in a high-need field in a low-income area school for 4 years within 8 years of graduating, the TEACH Grant will revert into an Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan. I understand that the amount of the TEACH Grant is contingent upon funding made by the U.S. Congress. I understand that any changes to my enrollment, program of study and/or GPA may result in the reduction or elimination of TEACH Grant eligibility. I realize that I am responsible for paying any tuition and fees even if I do not receive the TEACH Grant.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

For Office of Financial Aid Use:

Class Level: _____ Major: _____

GPA: _____ Percentile: _____ MESG: _____

Eligible: ☐ Yes ☐ No Staff Initials: _____ Date: _____

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**COLUMBIA COLLEGE
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Federal TEACH Grant Eligibility Information
2026-2027**

✓ **To be considered for the Federal TEACH Grant, you must:**

- Have a 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file at Columbia College.
- Be a Columbia College student enrolled in an approved program of study.
- Meet the minimum GPA and/or test score percentile requirements.
- Complete the *Agreement to Serve or Repay and Teach Grant Counseling* online at www.studentaid.gov

✓ **Eligible Programs of Study**

- Federal high-need areas include Bilingual Education, English Language Acquisition, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science (including computer science), and special education.
- **See website for SC (and other states) high need areas.**

✓ **GPA and/or test scores**

- New Freshmen:
 - Have a high school GPA of 3.25 or greater on a 4.00 scale OR have a test score on a nationally recognized college admissions test (e.g. SAT or ACT) that is above the 75th percentile. **Columbia College's Office of Admissions may not receive the percentile of your scores. You may need to provide this documentation to the financial aid office.** You may be charged a fee to receive archived SAT/ACT scores. Therefore, you may want to first check with your high school to see if they can provide the information.
- New Transfer Students:
 - Your transfer GPA must be 3.25 or higher OR have a test score on a nationally recognized college admissions test (e.g. SAT or ACT) above the 75th percentile. Your GPA will be calculated using only the courses and grades that have been accepted toward your degree program at Columbia College.
- New Graduate Students:
 - Have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA in undergraduate program OR have a test score on a nationally recognized college admissions test (e.g. SAT, ACT, GRE) above the 75th percentile.
- Continuing Students (Undergraduate and Graduate):
 - Maintain a cumulative CC GPA of at least 3.25 OR have a test score on a nationally recognized college admissions test (e.g. SAT or ACT) above the 75th percentile.

✓ **Enrollment**

- The amount of the Federal TEACH Grant will be determined based on your enrollment status (number of credit hours you take each semester).

✓ **After Graduation or Not Enrolled in School**

- You will have **8 years** to complete your four-year teaching service obligation. It can only be fulfilled at a low-income area school. Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.
- You must provide the U.S. Department of Education with documentation of your progress toward completing your degree if you withdraw or cease enrollment (this includes taking a semester off), letting them know you intend to meet the terms and conditions of your TEACH Grant service obligation.
- You must provide the U.S. Department of Education with documentation of your progress toward completing your service obligation. If you do not keep them informed, or do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest charged from the date the TEACH Grant was disbursed.