Checklist for Students Considering the TEACH Grant

- The Federal TEACH Grant program provides funds to postsecondary students who are completing or planning to complete coursework that is needed to begin a career in teaching.
- Students must agree to serve for at least four years as a full-time, highly qualified teacher in a high-need field, in a school serving low-income students.
- Eligible full-time students may receive $4,000 per year in TEACH Grant funds, up to a maximum of $16,000 for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate study, and $8,000 for graduate study.
- Students who fail to complete the four years of teaching service within eight years after completing coursework, will have the TEACH grant funds converted to a loan.

Student Eligibility to Qualify for the Grant
In order to be eligible for a TEACH Grant students must:

- Complete a FAFSA. Financial need is not required.
- Be in an eligible program:
  - An undergraduate program of study that will lead to becoming a "highly qualified teacher" in a high need field.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25 on a four-point scale OR scored above the 75th percentile ("high academic aptitude") on at least one of the batteries from a nationally-normed, standardized admissions test, e.g. math section of the SAT Reasoning Test.
- Complete U.S. Department of Education TEACH Grant program Agreement to Serve for each year of participation. The Agreement may be signed at https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action.
- Complete U.S. Department of Education TEACH Grant counseling.

Student Commitment to Keep the Grant
- TEACH Grant recipients must teach full time in qualifying teaching positions for four out of the first eight years after leaving school.
- Meet the requirements for a highly qualified teacher as outlined at www.ed.gov/teachers/nclbguide/improve-quality.html.
- The position must be in a low-income school and students must teach in a high-need field.

Consequences of Not Completing Service Requirement
- If a Teach Grant recipient fails to fulfill the commitment the amounts of the grants that were disbursed, plus 6.8% interest calculated from the point of disbursement and capitalized, are "converted" to a federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.
- Once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

Certification of Counseling: The student indicated below has completed the required counseling for a TEACH Grant and understands the grant loans and terms, including the consequences of not completing the service requirement.

_________ ____________
Student Name Student ID Number

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Academic Counselor Name (Printed) Phone Number

_________ ____________
Academic Counselor Signature Date

Definitions:
• Low Income School - A public or private elementary or secondary school listed on the U.S. Department of Education’s “Annual Directory of Designated Low-income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits” (www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp)
• TEACH Grant High Need Fields - Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, Bilingual Education, English Language Acquisition, Special Education, Reading Specialist or any field listed on the Teacher Shortage Nationwide Listing (www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.pdf)
• For specific information, students should carefully review the Teach Grant Fact sheet at https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/images/gen/factsheet.pdf