



TEACH grant/loan Information and Instructions

Information

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant/loan program provides funds to undergraduate and graduate students who are completing or who plan to complete coursework required to begin a career in teaching. If a student does not fulfill the service obligation, the grant is converted to a loan with retroactive interest from the date of first disbursement.

NOTE: If offered, this award will show as *TEACH grant/loan* in aid package. This is a visual reminder that this aid type can convert to a loan if the Agreement to Serve or Repay is not fulfilled

Instructions

1. Carefully read and complete all four sections of this application. Incomplete forms will be returned and can delay processing and, if awarded, disbursement.
2. Submit application to Financialaid@cwu.edu or attach to the corresponding To Do list item in MyCWU, if you have spoken with the TEACH financial aid administrator before applying.

Processing

TEACH is a complex award, due to this processing can take 3-4 weeks from the date this application is added to your file. If eligible, students will receive a communication to their **CWU student e-mail** that corresponds with each step in the award process.

Details

1. **Processing Start** – Application is attached in MyCWU to the To Do list item: FA:TEACH Revision Req Received
2. **Result** - Students will receive a result notice, if eligible the grant/loan will be offered and viewable in MyCWU aid packaged. If application is incomplete, it will be returned.
3. **Accept Award** - Students who accept the award will have additional steps to complete. The To Do list item: TEACH Complete OLC/ATS will be added.
 - a. Documents to complete - Entrance Counseling and Agreement to Serve or Repay
4. **Disbursement Notice** – Sent when the award is ready to be disbursed each term.
5. **Disbursement** - Awards will be disbursed up to seven days after the notice of disbursement



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TEACH grant/loan Application

Student Information

Name _____

CWU Student ID _____

Application Term: _____, 2026/2027

Expected Graduation Quarter/Term and Year _____, _____

Do you plan to attend the summer 2027 term? _____

Have you received the TEACH grant/loan before? _____

If yes, was it for an undergraduate program or a graduate program? _____

Application Deadlines: Fall – Sept 3rd, Winter – Dec 17th, Spring – Mar 5th Summer - May

Section 1: Eligibility (Mark all items that apply)

- A) ☐ I am an undergraduate student, and have declared my major
☐ I am a graduate student
- B) ☐ I am a current/former teacher or retiree. I give permission to CWU to verify my status with the school/district listed here: _____
School/district contact phone or e-mail: _____
- ☐ I scored at or above the 75th percentile on either the SAT, ACT, or GRE.
- ☐ I have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.25 or higher
- ☐ I have a cumulative CWU GPA of 3.25 or higher
- C) ☐ I am enrolled in a TEACH grant/loan eligible program and I understand that I must remain enrolled in a TEACH grant/ loan eligible program to remain eligible.
- D) ☐ I am enrolled in an **eligible teacher program**, my program(Major and/or Minor) is: _____

If you are unsure if you are in an eligible program, you can view the table on the next page or call our office to speak with the TEACH financial aid administrator



TEACH grant/loan eligible programs

2027 US Department of Education's list of High Need fields

English as a Second Language	Language Arts or Reading Specialist
World Languages	Family and Consumer, Agricultural
Gen Science	Elementary or Special Education

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter, Pre-K through Grade 12, are also eligible:

2027 list of WA state designated high need fields

Computer Science	Health and Medical Occupations
Vocational Technology	Early Childhood Education
Communication and Media	Mathematics
American Sign Language	Business and Marketing Education

Section 2: Award

Carefully read and initial each statement

_____ I agree to the reduction of my accepted federal and/or private student loans, **if** my **current** aid package is up to the Cost of Attendance. This means I understand that the TEACH grant/loan can result in the reduction of student loan aid.

_____ If I want another type of financial aid reduced and/or canceled to accommodate the TEACH grant/loan instead of loans, I must submit this request to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship's e-mail or in person.

_____ The TEACH grant/loan amount will be pro-rated for below full-time enrollment. (Full time for undergraduates is 12 credits, full time for graduates is 10 credits)

_____ I understand that I may cancel my entire TEACH grant/loan no later than 14 days after the first award disbursement by submitting a request to the Office of Financial Aid in e-mail or writing.

_____ I understand that I will lose eligibility for the TEACH grant/loan program if my GPA drops below 3.25 at any time during the term of award, or if I change my program to a program that does not qualify for the TEACH grant/loan program

_____ I agree that I will notify the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships if I change my program, disenroll from CWU or need to change my expected graduation term.



Section 3: Understanding and Transparency

Carefully read and initial each statement

- _____ I understand the TEACH grant/loan program requires a new application, TEACH grant/loan Entrance Counseling, and Agreement to Serve/Repay for each annual TEACH grant/loan award. *This means once an annual award of 3,772 has been exhausted to utilize the next annual award I must complete the awarding process again.*
- _____ I understand that I am expected to teach full-time in a High-Need Field at a Low-Income School as a Highly Qualified Teacher for four years within the first eight years following completion of my program. *Exception: If I transfer to another TEACH grant/loan eligible program at another school.*
- _____ I understand that if I do not to meet the conditions of my Agreement to Serve/Repay, the TEACH grant/loan will permanently convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest accruing from the date of each TEACH grant/loan disbursement.
- _____ I understand that I must complete TEACH grant/loan Exit Counseling if I graduate from CWU, stop attending CWU or switch to a non-eligible program (major).
- _____ If offered the TEACH grant/loan, I accept that it is my responsibility to understand, complete and follow, in their entirety, the provisions of the TEACH grant/loan Entrance Counseling, Agreement to Serve/Repay, and Exit Counseling that I will complete.
- _____ I understand that, once completed, the above-mentioned federal counseling documents can be found from my FSA account at studentaid.gov

Section 4: Student Certification

By signing and dating below, I certify my intention to become a teacher in a qualified high-need field post completion of my program. I have read and agreed to the terms of this application and the terms of the TEACH grant/loan program. I understand an application is not a guarantee of award.

Student Signature

Date

NOTE: applications submitted past application deadlines may not be backdated