



TO: Shepherd University Students

RE: Federal TEACH Grant Application for 2011-2012

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (**TEACH**) Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. If you are interested in being considered for a TEACH Grant, please carefully review all of the information in this correspondence and complete the initial application for the program.

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must:

- Complete the 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Although you do not have to demonstrate financial need, TEACH Grant in combination with other educational resources cannot exceed Cost of Attendance.
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be fully admitted to an initial licensure education program pursuing a degree in the following teaching fields:
 - Spanish Education
 - Mathematics grades 5 – Adult
 - Chemistry Education grades 9-Adult
 - Biology Education grades 9-Adult
- For undergraduate students, you must have successfully passed Juncture 1.
- For Masters of Arts in Teaching students, you must be admitted to the MAT program.
- Have an overall grade point average of 3.25 at the time of initial and subsequent disbursement of funds (students who can present official scores from a college admissions test that verifies scores above the 75th percentile may qualify regardless of GPA) as long as the standards of satisfactory academic progress for financial aid are met.
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and complete an on-line entrance (or subsequent) counseling session prior to disbursement of the TEACH Grant.

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. If you would like to review all of the schools that are currently identified as serving low-income students before applying for this grant, you may do so at <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>; information on the high-need fields is available at www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc. As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. **If you fail to complete this service obligation, all TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.** You must then repay this loan to the US Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was originally disbursed.

The initial application must be submitted to Dr. James Tuttle of the Shepherd University Department of Education. At that time, it will be determined if you meet the academic criteria; the application will then be forwarded to the Office of Financial Aid. If you are eligible for the TEACH Grant you will receive notification from the Office of Financial Aid regarding the amount of the award and information on the required “counseling” session and the “agreement to serve” document which you must sign prior to disbursement. **If you have an existing financial aid package, please understand that an adjustment may be necessary to those other forms of aid in order to offer the maximum TEACH Grant.**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. James Tuttle of the Shepherd University Department of Education at 304-876-5278 or jtuttle@shepherd.edu or the Office of Financial Aid at 304-876-5470 or faoweb@shepherd.edu.

**TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION
(TEACH) GRANT
APPLICATION FOR 2011-2012**

TEACH Grants provide assistance of up to \$2000 per term to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. **IMPORTANT:** If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of the TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. You must then repay this loan to the US Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was originally disbursed.

Section A: To be completed by the Student. Print in ink or type.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____
SID _____ Shepherd University E-Mail Address _____
Mailing Address _____

TEACH eligibility is limited to students who are pursuing their first undergraduate or first masters degree with certification. Students pursuing certification only ARE NOT eligible.

Check one: Initial Licensure
 Spanish Education
 Mathematics grades 5 - Adult
 Biology Education grades 5 – Adult
 Chemistry Education grades 5 - Adult

Current Overall Grade Point Average: _____ Projected Graduation Date: _____

I understand that submission of this application is an expression of interest in the TEACH Grant program. I understand that there are certain eligibility criteria which I must meet in order to receive a TEACH Grant. Furthermore, I understand if I receive a TEACH Grant and I do not complete the required service obligation that the TEACH Grant will revert to an Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan with interest based upon the date the grant(s) was originally disbursed.

Signature of Applicant Date

Section B: To be completed by Shepherd University Department of Education

Academic Level: _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ 1st Year Masters _____ 2nd Year Masters

Applicant is admitted as a degree seeking student in the following program of study:

Initial Licensure _____ GPA Verified or >75% on admissions Test _____
 Spanish Education
 Mathematics grades 5 - adult _____ Passed Juncture 1 _____ MAT Admission _____
 Biology Education grades 5 - adult
 Chemistry Education grades 5 – adult

Applicant Approval: Yes No
Comments:

_____ Applicant is NOT a regularly admitted degree seeking student.
_____ Applicant is regularly admitted but not in an eligible program.

Signature Printed Name Title Date