2021-2022 Application for Federal TEACH Grant

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Name                                 Student ID

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Address                      City                  State                  Zip Code

I am pursuing the following TEACH Grant eligible major: ______________________________

- The Federal TEACH Grant program provides grant money to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.
- Eligible students may receive up to $4,000 per academic year in TEACH Grant funds, up to a maximum of $16,000 for undergraduate and $8,000 for graduate study. (Amounts are subject to change based on DOE authorization changes.)
- 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 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan.

Student Eligibility to Qualify for the Grant

In order to be eligible for a TEACH Grant students must:

☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial need is not required.
☐ Must be fully admitted into the teacher education program. Full detail on admission requirements visit: https://www.usm.edu/education-psychology/admission-requirements-gold-card
☐ Must establish and maintain a 3.25 GPA to continue eligibility. Your GPA will be monitored on a semester basis.
☐ Complete a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve with the U.S. Department of Education for each year of participation. The Agreement can be signed at www.teach-ats.ed.gov .
☐ Complete TEACH Grant Entrance interview for each year of participation.
☐ Serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight calendar years after you completed or withdrew from the academic program for which you received the TEACH Grant.
☐ Perform the teaching service at a low-income school in a high-need filed as outlined at https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp .
☐ Attend an exit interview before leaving school.

☐ Understand that if you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service, you will be required to repay the grants as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

Once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it can not be converted back to a grant.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the necessary steps to apply for a Federal TEACH Grant and that I have not knowingly presented false information in this application. I do wish to be considered for the TEACH Grant. I understand that I can contact the Southern Miss Financial Aid Office for additional information about the federal TEACH Grant.

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Student Signature                                 Date

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