



Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

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 \$3,772 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.**

TEACH Grant Requirements

- 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 certify that all information provided on this form or on any accompanying documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I intentionally give fraudulent statement(s) and/or documentation it may result in federal penalties. A handwritten signature - not electronic/typed - is required below.

Student Signature

Date

FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY:

Academic Plan:		Cumulative GPA:		TGEC <input type="checkbox"/>	ATS <input type="checkbox"/>
Eligible: Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Reason: Not in an Eligible Program <input type="checkbox"/>	GPA below 3.25 <input type="checkbox"/>	Awarded: Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Staff Signature:			Date:		

The University of Southern Mississippi, Office of Financial Aid