

Student Name: _____

Valpo ID #: _____

A TEACH Grant (Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant) is a federal grant that provides funding to students who agree to teach in a high-need field for four years at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves low-income families. If this service requirement is not met, the grant is converted into a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must do the following:

- Complete the ***Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.***
- Be enrolled in a TEACH-Grant-eligible program designated by Valparaiso University
 - A TEACH Grant eligible program is a program of study that is designed to prepare students to teach as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field that leads to a bachelor or master degree.
- Score above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.
- Receive **TEACH Grant initial counseling** that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation. You must complete counseling each year that you receive a TEACH Grant.
- Sign a **TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay** *each year you receive a TEACH Grant.*
- Complete and return this form to the Office of Financial Aid
- **Provide and attach a written statement as to why you believe you qualify for the TEACH Grant. You must include what state you will be teaching in, the subject you will be teaching, and the grade level you will be teaching.**

IN ADDITION TO COMPLETING COUNSELING AND THE AGREEMENT TO SERVICE OR REPAY EACH YEAR, YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE OUR RENEWAL TEACH GRANT APPLICATION EACH YEAR. THE FORM CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Eligible TEACH Grant Programs at Valparaiso University

The following undergraduate content majors who are also pursuing an education minor

- English
- Science
- Math
- World Languages
- Special Education minor who is also pursuing an education major
- Master of Arts in TESOL
- Master of Education in Initial Licensure

Students majoring in Elementary Education only do not qualify for the TEACH Grant since Elementary Education is not a high-need field. However, you will have an opportunity to provide a written statement if you believe you would qualify. The written statement must include why you believe you qualify as an elementary education major, along with the state you will be teaching in, the subject you will be teaching, and grade level you will be teaching.

