

About the TEACH Grant:

- ❖ Through the College cost Reduction and Access Act, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program.
- ❖ Grants are limited to \$4000 per year with a \$16,000 maximum for the undergraduate level and a \$8,000 maximum for the graduate level.

Consequence of Failure to Maintain Teaching Requirements:

If you fail to complete the requirements or cease your program of study, your grant will convert to an unsubsidized Stafford loan which will have to be repaid with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed. Once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan it cannot be converted back to a grant.

TEACH Grant Eligibility Requirements at The University of Montana:

- ❖ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- ❖ Be officially admitted as an undergraduate or graduate student in the School of Education
- ❖ Be enrolled in course work that is necessary for a career in teaching, and meet certain academic achievement requirements:
 - Have scored above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test, or
 - Have a cumulative college GPA of at least 3.25 through the most recent school term completed.
- ❖ Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.
- ❖ Complete all requirements as requested by the Financial Aid Office.

To Maintain Eligibility for the TEACH Grant:

- ❖ You must teach full-time a minimum of four complete years out of the eight years following completion of your degree in a public or private elementary or secondary school.
- ❖ You must agree to teach in a school serving low-income students. For a complete list of eligible schools check the Annual Directory of Designated Low-income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits, www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp.
- ❖ You must agree to teach in a high-need field. For an up to date list of qualifying fields of study see the Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing, www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.pdf.
- ❖ You must sign the TEACH Grant agreement to Serve (ATS) each year you are to receive the TEACH Grant. The TEACH Grant ATS is available to sign online at www.teach-ats.ed.gov.
- ❖ You must complete the TEACH Grant counseling each year at www.mappingyourfuture.org/te.

If you plan on teaching in a high-need area at a designated low-income school in a specific state, please contact the Financial Aid Office. The high-need area will be listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing located at www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc.