TEACH GRANT FORM

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to $4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. A student may receive up to $16,000 in TEACH grants for undergraduate, and up to $8,000 for a TEACH-eligible master's degree program.

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as highly qualified full-time teacher in a high-need field 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. High-need fields are Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Reading Specialist, Science, Special Education, and other identified teacher shortage areas as of the time you receive the grant or as of the time you begin teaching in that field.

IMPORTANT: If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education (ED). You will be charged interest from the date the grant was disbursed.

Additional information is available at the following Website:

https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach

TEACH GRANT ELIGIBLITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

TEACH Grant recipients at HCU must meet all of the following criteria and provide appropriate documentation:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online application at: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. Enter HCU's code of 003576.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Complete Teach Grant Loan Counseling and sign an Agreement to Serve for each year you have been awarded a Teach Grant. Go to https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program or the HCU Financial Aid Forms website to complete these requirements.
- Must meet the academic requirements for the TEACH Grant.
  - Score above the 75th percentile on at least one of the batteries of nationally-normed standardized test (SAT, ACT, GRE).
    - **Students not scoring in the 75th percentile on at least one of the batteries of nationally-normed standardized test must meet the following GPA requirements in order to be eligible to receive the TEACH grant:**
      - Incoming freshman: Have a high school cumulative, unweighted grade point average of a 3.25 on a 4.0 grading scale.
      - Incoming transfer and graduate students: Have a transferable cumulative, grade point average of a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale.
      - Current HBU students: Have a HBU grade point average of a 3.25 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grading scale.
    - **Students not scoring above the 75th percentile must maintain a HCU cumulative GPA of 3.25 to remain eligible to renew the grant in subsequent semesters.**
- Register for coursework leading to teacher certification.

TEACH GRANT INFORMATION

Students who meet all criteria must submit a completed TEACH Grant Application with supporting documentation to the Dean of the School of Education (3rd Floor of Hinton) in order to be considered for this award. Award notification is made through the Office of Financial Aid

First name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

H#: _____ **HCU Entry Term:** _____ **Year:** _____

Completed Hours: _____

What term(s) are you applying for the TEACH Grant? **Summer** ____ **Fall** ____ **Spring** ____

Check the boxes which are applicable.

Degree/Certificate Plan	**Eligible Intended Certifications**	
____ Multidisciplinary Studies	____ Bilingual	____ Science
____ Interdisciplinary Studies	____ ESL	____ Spanish
____ Middle/Secondary/All Level	____ Math	____ Special Education
____ MED (initial certification)	____ Reading	

Please sign your initials on each of the lines below.

_____ I have reviewed the low-income schools directory and I plan to teach Full-time in a designated low income/Title I school List of current low income schools: https://studentaid.gov/tcli/

_____ I have completed my FAFSA (https://studentaid.gov/) and I understand I must complete the FAFSA every year that I want to receive the TEACH grant.

_____ I have accessed the TEACH Grant website (https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action) and successfully completed my TEACH Grant Counseling. The Agreement to Serve (ATS) must be completed on the same website after a TEACH award has been posted as a financial aid award on Husky Net. I also understand that I must complete this every year that I want to receive the TEACH grant and the award will not disburse until this has been completed.

_____ I understand that if I do not complete the service obligation or decide that I do not want to continue to pursue a teacher education program in one of the fields the grant converts to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan that I must repay with the interest rate being added retroactively to the loan amount from the date that each TEACH Grant was initially disbursed.

_____ I understand that conditions such as failure to be admitted into a teacher education program or failure to complete the necessary requirements for teacher certification could preclude me from completing my service obligation and would convert my TEACH Grant into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

_____ I understand that if my TEACH grant is converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan it cannot be converted back to a grant.

I affirm that I understand acceptance of a TEACH Grant **does not** guarantee admission to the HCU Teacher Education program, HCU graduate programs or Texas Teacher Certification. All admission standards must be met for Teacher Education or Graduate programs admission. Texas Teacher Certification requirements must be met before certification is granted. Further, it is the responsibility of the student to know and adhere to all policies and procedures related to the terms and conditions of the TEACH grant.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Major according to BANNER_____ Admitted to Teacher Education **Yes No** Date:_____

GPA: _____ 75th Percentile: _____

Criteria Met (circle one) **Yes No** Missing items include: _____

Application Approved by SOE Date: _____ Authorized by: _____

Application Declined **Yes No** Date: _____ Declined by: _____

Reason that the application was declined: _____

Application Sent to Financial Aid and Scholarships Date: _____