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## 2023-2024 Federal TEACH Grant Program Regulations

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### Program Application

Applications for the Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program (TEACH) are available on the university's student portal ([selfservice.piedmont.edu](http://selfservice.piedmont.edu)). Interested students are encouraged to research the program and submit an application. For more information about the Federal TEACH Grant program, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>.

### Federal TEACH Program Highlights and Teaching Obligation

The TEACH program was created by Congress in the 2008 College Cost Reduction and Access Act. It provides up to \$4,000 per academic year, with a maximum of \$16,000 for undergraduate and \$8,000 for graduate programs. In exchange for receiving the TEACH Grant, students must agree to be a highly-qualified, full-time teacher in a high-need subject area for four years at a school serving low-income students (please see the directory for low income schools: <https://tsa.ed.gov/#/home/>). Recipients must complete the four years of teaching, for each program the grant was received, within eight years of program completion(s). For students who obtain the TEACH Grant for both undergraduate and graduate study, a four-year teaching obligation is required for each educational program (Bachelors, Masters) for which the grant was received. In certain circumstances, a recipient may fulfill multiple four-year obligations simultaneously. If the four-year teaching obligation is not met, the grant will be converted to an unsubsidized Direct Loan and must be repaid with interest. Once a grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back.

### Piedmont University Eligibility Requirements and Application Deadline

To qualify for funds in any given term, students must be accepted to the Teacher Education Program at Piedmont University prior to the first day of the term. Students must file a FAFSA, be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen, maintain a 3.25 grade point average each term, and be enrolled for no fewer than three hours in an approved TEACH Grant program at Piedmont University to qualify. A student may be exempt from the required 3.25 grade point average if they are teaching full-time or have scored in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of any standardized test. **Students enrolled in EDS, EDD, or Teacher Certification programs are NOT eligible for TEACH Grant.** In order for the application to be considered for any given term, it must be submitted before the student loan adjustment deadlines each semester. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed for all future terms indicated.

### Piedmont University Grant Disbursement

Grant funds, along with other aid, are disbursed to student accounts in the sixth to eighth week of each semester. Students may receive financial aid up to the cost of attendance. If awarding a Federal TEACH Grant would cause a student's aid to exceed the cost of attendance, the Office of Financial Aid must, in accordance with federal student aid regulations, reduce the student's other aid, usually student loans.

### 2023-2024 Critical Needs Areas

Students receiving the Federal Teach Grant during the 2023-2024 academic year are required to complete their four-year teaching obligation in a critical needs field. More information on these fields can be found here: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>. Failure to complete the four-year service obligation in a critical needs area will result in a breach of the terms outlined in the Agreement to Serve or Repay. Should an applicant not meet these terms, all Teach Grant funds received during that academic year will be converted into an unsubsidized Direct Loan and must be repaid with interest. Students applying to receive funds for a degree of study aside from a critical needs field will not be eligible to receive funds from the Federal Teach Grant Program.

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