



# WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY TEACH GRANT OPPORTUNITY

**TEACH GRANT:** "A federal grant that provides up to \$4,000 per year to students who agree to teach for four years at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families and to meet other requirements. If the service obligation is not met, the grant is converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan." U.S. Department of Education (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/>) \*

\* **Note:** Due to the Sequester, New TEACH Grant awards will be reduced by 6% (of the award amount for which you would have been eligible), resulting in a maximum award of \$3760.

Qualifying districts are subject to change at the discretion of the U.S. Department of Education.

A current listing is available: <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/>

## Seven Steps to Secure and Maintain a **TEACH GRANT**

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1. Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in one of the appropriate liberal arts or science majors/ education (see list on second page)
2. Current undergraduates, incoming freshmen, transfer students and graduate students must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to qualify (*Incoming freshmen may also qualify if they score above the 75th percentile on the SAT*)
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))  
Make sure to secure a Personal Identification Number (PIN – [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)) to sign your FAFSA electronically
4. Carefully review the rights and responsibilities of joining the program by accessing the following website  
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp>
5. Complete the TEACH Grant **Initial Counseling Session** and the annual **Agreement to Serve** (ATS) available online at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>
6. To continue to receive the Teach Grant, students must maintain the required GPA of 3.25 as well as complete the **FAFSA**, **Subsequent Counseling** and **Agreement to Serve** annually
7. Access your WPCconnect account to review e-mails and ensure the processing of all financial aid. All students who apply for the TEACH Grant will receive an e-mail notification from the William Paterson University Financial Aid Office.

# TEACH Grant Eligible Programs

## Undergraduate

### **Early Childhood/ Special Education (Teacher of Students with Disabilities)**

Dual Licensure P-3/ Special Education (Teacher of Students with Disabilities) (all academic majors are eligible)

### **Early Childhood/ Bilingual**

Dual Licensure P-3/ Bilingual (all academic majors are eligible)

### **Elementary/Special Education (Teacher of Students with Disabilities)**

Dual Licensure K-5/Teacher of Students with Disabilities (all academic majors are eligible)

### **Elementary (K-5)/Bilingual**

All academic majors

### **K-5/5-8 Middle School**

Math, Science, Spanish, French, Chinese

**K-5/ 5-8/ Teacher of Students with Disabilities (all academic majors are eligible)**

### **Secondary K-12**

Mathematics with K-12 Secondary Ed

Biology with K-12 Secondary Ed

Chemistry with K-12 Secondary Ed

Earth Science with K-12 Secondary Ed

**Secondary K-12 Subject /Special Education (Teacher of Students with Disabilities) (all academic majors are eligible)**

### **Foreign Languages**

Spanish with K-12 Secondary Ed

French with K-12 Secondary Ed

Asian Studies (Chinese and Japanese only) with K-12 Secondary Ed

### **Secondary/Bilingual**

All academic majors (except English, Chinese, Spanish, French, and Japanese)

## Graduate

**M.Ed. Literacy-** Reading Concentration

**M.Ed. Curriculum and Learning-** Teaching Children Mathematics Concentration

**M.Ed. Curriculum and Learning-** Middle and High School Mathematics Concentration

**M.Ed. Curriculum and Learning-** Bilingual/ESL Concentration

**M.Ed. Special Education-** Teaching Students with Disabilities Concentration

**M.A.T. K-5 with 5-8** (Math, Science Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese)

**M.A.T. K-5 and TSD**

**M.A.T. K-12** (Math, Science, Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese)