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The [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education \(TEACH\) Grant](#) program was created to provide up to \$4,000 a year to undergraduate students who agree to serve for a minimum of 4-years as a full-time “highly qualified” teachers in high-need fields in a public or nonprofit private elementary or secondary schools that serve students from low-income families.

The US Department of Education defines ‘high need’ fields for the purposes of TEACH Grant program eligibility as *Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition, Special Education and Reading Specialist*. Students who are not pursuing a TEACH Grant eligible major must review the [Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing](#) to confirm that their planned teaching area is considered a high-need field by state.

The TEACH Grant provides up to a maximum yearly amount of \$4,000 in grants (\$16,000 total for an entire undergraduate program) for full-time students. Due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 that resulted in federal sequestration, the maximum annual amount received will be reduced. See below for guidance for the 24-25 reduced grant amounts:

Impacted Program	Statutory Award	FY 25 Percentage Reduction	Dollar Reduction	Adjusted Award
TEACH Grants first disbursed on or after 10/1/2020 and before 10/1/2025 ( <i>FY 25 Sequester</i> )	\$4,000.00	5.70%	\$228.00	\$3,772.00

Linfield’s Office of Financial Aid strongly recommends that only students who are committed to teaching a high-need subject in a designated low-income school upon graduation consider this grant. This teaching obligation must be completed in a public or nonprofit elementary or secondary school that is eligible for Title 1 assistance. If the 4-year teaching obligation is not met within 8-years of graduation, the grant will convert to an unsubsidized loan, which will have to be repaid with interest calculated back to the date the funds were disbursed.

The chart below shows an example of the interest charged and repayment amounts for a student who received \$16,000 of TEACH Grant funds and failed to meet the service obligation of the program.

	Converted loan with paid interest.	Converted loan with unpaid interest, capitalized.
Grant Amount	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Accrued interest from 9/1/2015 to 6/1/2023 (8.25%, max. rate for UG unsubsidized loans.)	\$9,347.00 (paid amount)	\$9,347.00 (unpaid amount)
Principal to be repaid	\$16,000.00	\$25,347.00
Monthly Payment (Standard Repayment Plan)	\$196.00	\$311.00
Number of Payments	120	120
<b>Total Amount Repaid</b>	<b>\$32,867.00</b>	<b>\$37,320.00</b>

**Instructions:** Please sign and date after reading each section. If you are unsure of your responsibilities, please contact the financial aid office to speak with a counselor. Return the signed form to the financial aid office located in Melrose Hall in person or email.

**Electronic signatures are not accepted, please sign with ink.**

**Section One: Student Eligibility**

I certify that I meet the student eligibility requirements as follows:

- I have completed the 2024-25 FAFSA
- I am a US citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- I am pursuing my first bachelor's degree and have not previously completed a BA/BS degree.
- I scored above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on at least one nationally normed admissions test (SAT, ACT).
- My GPA is at least a 3.25 or I have a high school or transferrable GPA of 3.25 or higher.
- I understand that I need to maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA to receive the TEACH Grant.
- I am pursuing a TEACH Grant eligible major at Linfield University and at least a 3.25 GPA.
- **OR** I am not pursuing an eligible major and have reviewed the [Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing](#) and understand that fields designated by states may change annually and may no longer be considered high need by the time I begin my teaching service and would no longer qualify as an eligible service for the TEACH Grant.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Two: TEACH Grant Requirements**

I certify that I have completed the following requirements to receive the TEACH Grant and will complete these annually to retain my grant funding:

- [TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling](#)
- [TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve](#)

I certify that I will complete the [TEACH Grant Exit Counseling](#) after graduating or withdrawing from Linfield University.

I certify that I will teach at least four out of my first eight years of teaching at a school serving low-income students in a high-need subject.

I certify that I will annually provide documentation certified by the school's chief administrative officer to the US Department of Education that verifies that I completed the teaching obligation.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Three: Student Certification**

I understand that the TEACH Grant program has specific service obligations that must be met for the award to remain a grant. If I fail to meet all the conditions of the award or if the conditions are not documented as required, I understand that the award will permanently convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and I will be responsible to repay this loan with interest accrued from the disbursement date of the grant. I understand that once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan it cannot be converted back to a grant.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_