

Good news! We are pleased to announce that Western Carolina University is now a TEACH-eligible institution, effective Fall 2009. The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to graduate students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families (a list of eligible systems can be found at: <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>).

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), although you do not have to demonstrate financial need
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled as a full or part-time **graduate student in the MAT program**
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching
- Meet academic achievement requirements (maintain cumulative GPA of at least 3.25)
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve

Identified high-need areas are:

- Secondary Mathematics
- Secondary Science
- Middle Grade Mathematics
- Middle Grade Science
- Special Education

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