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2017-18 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TEACH GRANT

The TEACH Grant provides funding of up to \$4,000 per year to students who agree to serve for four years as a highly-qualified teacher, in certain high-need fields at a low-income school. Recipients who fail to complete the service obligation for this program within a given timeframe will have their TEACH Grant(s) converted to Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loans with retroactive interest calculated using the rate in effect at the time of disbursement, accrued from the date each was originally disbursed. The Financial Aid Office believes it is important for students to thoroughly understand the service requirements for this program and thoughtfully determine whether it is appropriate to participate. Failure to complete the service requirements could greatly increase a student's loan debt.

To participate in this program, a student must annually complete a valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and this Federal TEACH Grant application form. The student must electronically sign an Agreement to Serve (ATS) and complete TEACH Grant counseling with the U.S. Department of Education annually. A student must have declared a TEACH Grant eligible major which at WOU includes education and pre-education. Students majoring in a non-education field who believe they will meet the requirements for this grant may contact the WOU Financial Aid Office for additional information.

The WOU Financial Aid Office will document a student's academic eligibility for the grant using information in a student's current academic record. However, there may be circumstances whereby the Financial Aid Office will request information from the student in order to document eligibility for the TEACH Grant. Only students pursuing a first Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree are eligible for a TEACH Grant at WOU. Students pursuing teacher licensure as a post-baccalaureate student or a subsequent Bachelor's degree are not eligible for the TEACH Grant at WOU. The academic requirements for the TEACH Grant are:

Incoming freshman students:

- Have a high school cumulative, unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher - OR -
- Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of a nationally normed admission test (such as SAT or ACT)

Incoming transfer students:

- Have a transferable, unweighted cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher - OR -
- Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of a nationally normed admission test (such as SAT or ACT)

Current WOU undergraduate students:

- Have a WOU cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher - OR -
- Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of a nationally normed admission test (such as SAT or ACT)

Incoming Master's level students:

- Have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher - OR -
- Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of a nationally normed admission test (such as SAT or ACT)

Current WOU Master's level students:

- Have a WOU cumulative graduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher - OR -
- Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of a nationally normed admission test (such as SAT or ACT)

Once any student has attended WOU for one term or more, the GPA used to determine continued eligibility will be the WOU cumulative GPA at the appropriate level (e.g., graduate or undergraduate). The WOU cumulative GPA must stay at or above a 3.25 to continue to receive the grant for future terms. GPA is reviewed at the conclusion of every term to determine eligibility for the next term.

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WOU Financial Aid Office



Please complete the following items:

I have accessed the TEACH Grant website (www.teach-ats.ed.gov) and successfully completed my 2017-18 Agreement To Serve

Date that you completed the Agreement to Serve (ATS) and TEACH Grant counseling: _____

I am pursuing the following TEACH Grant eligible major:

Education Pre-Education Other, please list: _____ (see next question)

If you are pursuing a major other than education or pre-education, how will you meet the service obligations of the TEACH Grant with the major you listed above?

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and completed the necessary steps to apply for a Federal TEACH Grant and that I have not knowingly presented false information in this application. I understand that I can contact the WOU Financial Aid Office for additional information about the Federal TEACH Grant.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____