Student Name:		Student ID:	

2018-19 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TEACH GRANT

The TEACH Grant provides funding of up to $4,000 per year (subject to Federal Sequestration reduction, see www.studentaid.gov for current year amount) 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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Please complete the following items:

☐ I have accessed the TEACH Grant website (https://studentloans.gov/) and successfully completed my 2018-19 Agreement To Serve

    Agreement to Serve (ATS) <u>and</u> TEACH Grant counseling **date of completion**: _____

☐ 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?

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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.

Print Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____   Date: _____

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A TEACH Grant can help you pay for college if you plan to become a teacher in a high-need field in a low-income area.

You'll be required to teach for a certain length of time, so make sure you understand your obligation.

A Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is different from other federal student grants because it requires you to take certain kinds of classes in order to get the grant, and then do a certain kind of job to keep the grant from turning into a loan.

Learn how the automatic federal budget cuts, known as the "sequester," will affect the TEACH Grant Program.

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What is a TEACH Grant?

The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to $4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching.

As required by the *Budget Control Act of 2011* (the sequester law), any TEACH Grant that is first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2016, and before Oct. 1, 2017, must be reduced by 6.9 percent from the award amount for which a recipient would otherwise have been eligible; and any TEACH Grant that is first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2017, and before Oct. 1, 2018, must be reduced by 6.6 percent from the award amount for which a recipient would otherwise have been eligible. For example:

- For any 2017–18 TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2016, and before Oct. 1, 2017, the maximum award of $4,000 is reduced by 6.9 percent ($276), resulting in a maximum award of $3,724.

- For any 2017–18 TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2017, and before Oct. 1, 2018, the maximum award of $4,000 is reduced by 6.6 percent ($264), resulting in a maximum award of $3,736.

As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must sign a *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve* in which you agree to (among other requirements) teach

- in a high-need field;

- at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families; and

- for at least four complete academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which you received the grant.

IMPORTANT: If you do not complete your service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Direct

at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students ...

Grant

Financial aid, often based on financial need, that does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund).

Award Amount

Amount of aid a school expects to pay a student based on the student's current grant and loan eligibility, enrollment, Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and the school's cost of attendance.&nbs...

Educational Service Agency

An educational service agency is a regional public multiservice agency (not a private organization) that is authorized by state law to develop, manage, and provide services...

Interest

A loan expense charged for the use of borrowed money. Interest is paid by a borrower to a lender. The expense is calculated as a percentage of the unpaid principal amount of the loan.

Unsubsidized Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education, with interest charged from the date the TEACH Grant was disbursed (paid to you or on your behalf).

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Who can get a TEACH Grant?

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must do the following:

- Meet the basic eligibility criteria for the federal student aid programs.

- Complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form.

- Be enrolled as an undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, or graduate student at a school that participates in the TEACH Grant Program.

- Be enrolled in a TEACH-Grant-eligible program.

- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25). For specific information about the academic requirements, talk to the financial aid office at your college or career school.

- Receive TEACH Grant counseling that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation. You must complete counseling each year that you receive a TEACH Grant.

- Sign a *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve*.

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What is a TEACH-Grant-eligible program?

A TEACH-Grant-eligible program is a program of study that is designed to prepare you to teach as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field and that leads to a bachelor's or master's degree, or is a postbaccalaureate program. A two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree is considered a program that leads to a bachelor's degree. A postbaccalaureate program is **not** TEACH-Grant-eligible if it is offered by a school that also offers a bachelor's degree in education.

Financial Aid Office

The office at a college or career school that is responsible for preparing and communicating information on financial aid. This office helps students apply for and receive student loans, grants, sc...

Disbursement

Payment of federal student aid funds to the borrower by the school. Students generally receive their federal student aid in two or more disbursements.

Discharge

Forgiveness, cancellation, and discharge all refer to the cancellation of a borrower's obligation to repay all or a portion of the remaining principal and interest owed on a student loan, but are g...

Schools that participate in the TEACH Grant Program determine which of the programs they offer are TEACH-Grant-eligible. A program that is TEACH-Grant-eligible at one school might not be TEACH-Grant-eligible at another school. Additionally, even if a program meets the eligibility requirements to be a TEACH-Grant-eligible program, it may not be designated as TEACH-Grant-eligible by the school. Contact the financial aid office at the school you are attending (or that you plan to attend) to find out which programs at that school are eligible.

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What is a *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve*?

Each year that you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign an *Agreement to Serve* on the TEACH Grant page on StudentLoans.gov. The agreement explains the terms and conditions for receiving a TEACH Grant. By signing the *Agreement to Serve*, you agree to these terms and conditions and acknowledge that if you do not fulfill the service obligation described in the agreement, the TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a loan that you must repay.

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What are the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation?

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to the following:

- You must serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight years after you complete or otherwise cease to be enrolled in the program(s) for which you received TEACH Grant funds.

- You must perform the teaching service as a highly qualified teacher at a low-income school or educational service agency.

- Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.

- You must provide the U.S. Department of Education with documentation of your progress toward completing your service obligation.

- If you do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You must repay this loan in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

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If you receive TEACH Grants for more than one TEACH-Grant-eligible program, you have a separate four-year service obligation for each program. However, in some cases the same period of teaching service may satisfy some or all of each service obligation. Refer to your *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve* for more information and examples.

What are high-need fields?

High-need fields are

- bilingual education and English language acquisition,

- foreign language,

- mathematics,

- reading specialist,

- science, and

- special education, as well as

- any other field that has been identified as high-need by the federal government, a state government, or a local education agency, and that is included in the annual *Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing (Nationwide List)*.

If you plan to teach in a high-need field that is included in the *Nationwide List,* that field must be listed for the state where you teach either at the time you begin your qualifying teaching service

or at the time you received a TEACH Grant.

Try This Resource
TEACH Grant Program—Fact sheet providing details on the TEACH Grant program; learn about eligibility and requirements.

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How can I identify schools or educational service agencies that serve low-income students?

Elementary and secondary schools (public and private) and educational service agencies serving low-income students are listed in the annual *Teacher Cancellation Low-Income Directory*. In addition, elementary or secondary schools operated by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) 🖅 or operated on Indian reservations by Indian tribal groups under contract or grant with the BIE qualify as low-income schools.

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Can a TEACH Grant service obligation ever be suspended or canceled?

You may request a temporary suspension of the eight-year period for completing your TEACH Grant service obligation based on the following situations:

- Your enrollment in a TEACH-Grant-eligible program or your enrollment in a program that a state requires you to complete in order to receive a certification or license to teach in that state's elementary or secondary schools. For example, if you received a TEACH Grant for an undergraduate program and you later enroll in a graduate program for which you would be eligible to receive a TEACH Grant, you could receive a suspension of the eight-year period for completing your service obligation for the undergraduate program while you are enrolled in the graduate program.

- A condition that is a qualifying reason for leave under the Family and

[Medical Leave Act](#).

- A call or order to active duty status for more than 30 days as a member of the armed forces reserves, or service as a member of the National Guard on full-time National Guard duty under a call to active service in connection with a war, military operation, or national emergency.

Suspensions are granted in one-year increments, not to exceed a combined total of three years for the first two conditions listed above, or a total of three years for the third condition. If you receive a suspension, the eight-year period for completing your service obligation is put "on hold" during the suspension period. For example, if you receive a one-year suspension after two years of the eight-year period for completing your service obligation have elapsed, you would have six years left to complete your service obligation when the one-year suspension period ends.

Your TEACH Grant service obligation may be canceled (discharged) if you die or if you become [totally and permanently disabled](#).

You may also receive a discharge of some or all of your four-year teaching requirement if you are called or ordered to qualifying military active duty for a period that exceeds three years.

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If I'm interested in receiving a TEACH Grant, where can I get more information?

Contact the financial aid office at the school where you will be enrolled to find out whether the school participates in the TEACH Grant Program and to learn about the programs of study at the school that are TEACH-Grant-eligible.

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