FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

2026-2027 TEACH Grant Application

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded through the UMKC Financial Aid & Scholarships Office to students who are completing, or intend to complete, teaching coursework and who agree to **serve for a minimum of four years as a full-time, highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a school that serves low-income students**.

Students awarded the TEACH Grant are required to complete four years of qualified teaching service within eight years of completing their course of study for which the TEACH Grant was received. **Failure to meet this or any other requirement of the TEACH Grant will result in the grant converting into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original grant disbursement.**

To apply for the award UMKC students must:

- Complete a 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) at: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa (UMKC school code: 002518)
- Meet qualifying academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25). Current teachers, former teachers, and retirees are not required to meet either of these requirements.
- Be a degree seeking undergraduate student seeking their first bachelors or a degree seeking graduate student. Students seeking a post-baccalaureate certification or a second undergraduate degree are not eligible.
- Enroll in coursework necessary to complete a teacher certification in a high-need field (NOTE: You are not required to be admitted to the School of Education to qualify for the TEACH Grant).
- Complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling.
- Complete an Agreement to Serve or Repay from the Department of Education.
- Be enrolled in at least three (3) credit hours.

Award Amounts:

Due to automatic federal budget cuts, known as the "sequestration," for any TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2025, and before Oct. 1, 2026, the maximum award of $4,000 is reduced by 5.7 percent ($228), resulting in a maximum award of:

	Annual Award	Lifetime Maximum
Undergraduates	$3,772	cannot exceed $16,000
Graduates	$3,772	cannot exceed $8,000

	Annual Award	Enrollment Status
Enrollment status also affects the annual award amount as illustrated:	$3,772	Full-time
	$2,829	Three-quarter time (undergraduates only)
	$1,886	Half-time
	$943	Less than Half-time

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UMKC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution

To fulfill the TEACH Grant Agreement to Service Requirements, a recipient must:

- Serve as a full-time highly qualified teacher in a low-income school in a high-need field as listed in the Nationwide List for the state in which you will be teaching the majority of classes for at least four years within eight calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant. High-Need fields are these specific fields: bilingual education and English Language Acquisition, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science, and special education. For others, and to access the nationwide list of high-need field areas please go to https://tsa.ed.gov/#/home/.

- Write to the Secretary of Education (within 120 days of completing or otherwise leaving the program of study for which the TEACH Grant was received) confirming that you are employed as a full-time teacher in accordance with the terms of the TEACH Grant, or you are not yet employed as a full-time teacher but intend to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant service agreement.

- Respond promptly to any requests for information or documentation from the U.S. Department of Education.

- Submit upon completion of each year of teaching service, documentation of the service in the form of a certification by a chief administrative officer of the school.

- Comply with all other terms, conditions, and requirements that the Secretary of Education determines to be necessary.

Failing to meet any of the terms above will result in the TEACH Grant funds you received converting into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original TEACH Grant disbursement(s). Once this grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

If you are interested in being considered for the TEACH Grant, complete the following application and return it to the UMKC Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. **Incomplete application packets will *NOT* be accepted or processed.** For more information regarding the program go to the Department of Education's TEACH Grant website at:

https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach

If you have any questions about the TEACH grant or completing this application, please review UMKC's Financial Aid & Scholarships website at https://finaid.umkc.edu/, or call the UMKC Financial Aid & Scholarship Office at 816-235-1154 with questions.

PACKET CHECKLIST

Name: _____ **Student ID:** _____

Major: _____ **Phone:** _____

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PLEASE INITIAL NEXT TO EACH COMPLETED ITEM

STEP 1

_____ Complete a 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: https://studentaid.gov/
Students wanting to participate in the TEACH Grant Program MUST complete a FAFSA application each academic year in which they wish to receive the grant.

STEP 2

_____ Review TEACH Grant Program Conditions and Requirements
TEACH Grant Program information is available to view online at: https://studentaid.gov/

STEP 3

_____ Meet with an Academic Advisor
It is necessary that both Education and non-Education majors meet with a School of Education academic advisor to ensure you are completing coursework and other requirements necessary for a career in teaching. Included is a form to be completed by an academic advisor and submitted with this application.

STEP 4

_____ Complete this packet and submit it to the UMKC Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.

- ☐ Packet Checklist (Page 1)
- ☐ Student Checklist (Page 2)
- ☐ Advising Form (Page 3)

NOTE: There are **three more steps** that you must be completed AFTER this form is processed:

- Accept TEACH Grant award in Pathway
- Complete TEACH Grant entrance counseling
- Complete TEACH Grant Agreement To Serve

Information on completing these last three steps will be sent to your UMKC email address. It is your responsibility to check your email and follow the instructions therein.

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Are you currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Year in school _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Major/Degree _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Please initial each of the following items before signing and submitting this form:

_____ I have read and I understand the enclosed information regarding the TEACH Grant.

_____ I believe I may be eligible to receive the TEACH Grant based on one or both of the following (please initial):

_____ My current cumulative GPA is at least a 3.25

_____ I have tested above the 75th percentile on a nationally-recognized admissions test (ACT, SAT, or GRE) - *please attach a copy of the test certification verifying your score was above the 75th percentile*

_____ I understand that this grant is intended only for students who plan to become teachers in a high-need subject field and who plan to teach in low-income schools as determined by the federal government or state which is subject to change.

_____ I understand that I will have to complete entrance counseling for the TEACH Grant each year that I am eligible and receive the award.

_____ I understand that I will have to sign an Agreement To Serve for the TEACH Grant each year that I am eligible and receive the award.

_____ I understand that if I am not able to meet the conditions outlined in the Agreement To Serve the TEACH Grant will convert to a federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and the interest will be backdated to the time of the grant disbursement.

_____ I understand that in order to keep the grant from becoming a loan, I must teach for four (4) of the eight (8) years following the completion of my program in a high-need subject area and in a low-income school regardless of the number of years I received the grant.

Conditions of the TEACH Grant

By signing this form, I am certifying that I have read this form and all enclosures thoroughly. I understand that by signing and submitting this form, I am requesting the UMKC Financial Aid & Scholarships Office determine my eligibility for the TEACH grant and, if it is determined that I am eligible, to add the grant to my award package. **IMPORTANT:** If you fail to complete the service obligation, all amount of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

ADVISING FORM

_____ _____ is applying for the Federal TEACH grant.
(Student Name) (Student ID)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AS IT IS NECESSARY FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Is this student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please check all that apply:

_____ This student has discussed plans with me to take coursework necessary to work toward teacher certification and/or specialization.

_____ This student and I have discussed the coursework necessary for teacher certification and/or specialization.

_____ This student plans to seek teacher certification in one of the following high-need fields (check the appropriate field of study):

- ☐ Bilingual Education
- ☐ English Language Acquisition
- ☐ Foreign Language
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Reading Specialist
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Special Education

_____ _____
School of Education Academic Advisor Signature **Date**

_____ _____
Print Advisor Name **Advisor Phone**

Once all three (3) pages of this packet (packet checklist, student checklist, and advising form) are fully completed and signed, please return the completed packet to the UMKC Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.