2016/2017 Application for
Federal TEACH Grant -GRADUATE

BEFORE YOU APPLY PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

TEACH Grant Program
The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the Teacher Education Assistance for college and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program. This Grant provides up to $4,000 per year ($8,000 total for four-year programs) in grants to students who intend to teach full-time in high-need subject areas for at least four years at schools that serve students from low-income families.

This fund is subject to reductions due to Federal Sequestration.

Teaching Obligation
In exchange for receiving the TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a highly-qualified, full-time teacher (www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg107.html) in a high-need subject area for at least four years at a school serving low-income students (https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/). You must complete the four years of teaching within eight years of finishing the program for which you received the TEACH Grant. You incur a four-year teaching obligation for each educational program for which you received TEACH Grant funds. You may work off multiple four-year obligations simultaneously under certain circumstances.

IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLETE THE FOUR-YEAR TEACHING OBLIGATION YOU WILL HAVE TO REPAY THE GRANT AS A LOAN WITH INTEREST!!!

Application Procedures
Please keep the application and all pages (1-5) together as one document. Send original pages of your application and forms to the College of Education, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419 or deliver the forms to the College of Education on the 2nd Floor of University Hall, Room 242C.

Incomplete applications and forms cannot be processed and will be returned to the address listed on the application.

A student must file the application on or before the last day of the academic term in order to receive funds for that academic term. The last day of the academic term is the last day of exams.
Eligibility Requirements for Graduate Students
At Armstrong State University, you must:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be admitted to the College of Education as a **Graduate Regular-Admit** student.
- Be enrolled in a program of study designated as TEACH Grant-eligible. Eligible programs are:
  
  Reading Specialist  
  Special Education  
  Secondary Mathematics  
  Secondary Science  

- *All other programs are not eligible.  
  (Post-baccalaureate Teacher certification seekers are ineligible for this program.)*
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching such as the courses required for the programs listed above.
- Score above the 75th percentile on one of the following college admissions test(s), GRE, OR Miller Analogies OR have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA (first year graduate uses undergraduate GPA) and maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA each semester you receive the TEACH Grant.
- Sign the TEACH Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay ([http://www.teach-ats.ed.gov](http://www.teach-ats.ed.gov)).
- Complete TEACH Grant counseling ([https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action](https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action)).
- Upon completion of your degree program, complete Exit Counseling at ([http://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/](http://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/)).

**Important Reminder**

Failure to complete the teaching obligation, respond to requests for information, or properly document your teaching service will cause the TEACH Grant to be permanently converted to a loan with interest.

Once a grant is converted to a loan it cannot be converted back to a grant!

For more information about receiving the TEACH Grant, contact the Armstrong Atlantic State University Financial Aid Office at 912-344-3266.
## Part I: To be Completed by the Applicant

Instructions to the Applicant:
1. Complete items below in blue or black INK
2. Complete all requirements for eligibility
3. Read and sign the student certification
4. Deliver the application to the College of Education once completed

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**Permanent Home Mailing Address (if PO Box, please include street address)**

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**Please indicate, to the best of your knowledge, the number of hours you plan to enroll in:**

- Fall 20_____ # of Hrs _____
- Spring 20_____ # of Hrs _____
- Summer 20_____ # of Hrs _____

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

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

- I have completed the 2016-2017 FAFSA.
- I am a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- I am enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching.
- I meet the following academic requirements: Scored above the 75th percentile on one of the following college admissions test(s), GRE, OR Miller Analogies OR have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA (first year grad uses undergraduate GPA) AND have maintained a cumulative 3.25 throughout my academic program for which the TEACH Grant is received.
- I have completed the TEACH Grant counseling Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay AND I have completed the TEACH Grant Initial or Subsequent Counseling at [https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action](https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/studentHome.action).
- I will complete 4 years as a full-time teacher within 8 years of completing my program in a school serving low income students.
- I will provide documentation to the U.S. Department of Education that I completed the teaching obligation and this will be certified by the school’s chief administrator officer after 4 academic years of teaching service.

If you were not able to meet all of the student eligibility requirements, you are not eligible for this grant program.
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**STUDENT CERTIFICATION**

I understand that the TEACH Grant program has specific service obligations that must be met in order for the award to remain as a grant. If I fail to meet all of the conditions of the award or if the conditions are not documented as required, I understand that the award will permanently convert to an unsubsidized Direct Federal Stafford Loan and that I will be responsible to repay this loan with interest calculated 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. If I am qualified based on the 3.25 cumulative GPA requirement, I must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for each subsequent disbursement. I will notify the Armstrong State University Financial Aid Office immediately if I do not want to receive the TEACH Grant award. I may cancel or reduce my award at any point up to 14 days after funds have been disbursed. If I cancel after disbursement, I may owe the University for the amount cancelled or reduced.

__________________________________________
Student Signature

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Date
**Part II: To be Completed by the College of Education**

Full Admission to Graduate School:  □ Yes  □ No  **OR**

Enrolled in coursework necessary to begin teaching career/taking content coursework:  
□ Yes     □ No

College GPA ______

**Comments:**

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I hereby certify that the applicant has met the student eligibility requirements and is currently enrolled in the Teacher Education Program at this institution.

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Program                                  Date Admitted to Grad School

**Part III: To be Completed by the Teacher Certification Official**

I certify that the above is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

____________________________________  ________________________________
Name of Teacher Certification Official   Signature of Teacher Certification Official

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Title                                   Date Signed