

Federal TEACH Grant

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants to students who intend to teach full-time in high-need subject areas at a public elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. You must also teach at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. **Please note:** If you fail to fulfill this obligation, **all** amounts of the TEACH Grant you are awarded will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan under terms in place at the time of the original disbursement. Interest will be charged from the date the original grant was disbursed, and you must repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education.

To be eligible, you must be a candidate in the Teacher Education Program (TEP) and provide to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships a copy of your formal admission letter to the TEP. You must also be majoring in an approved AU program listed below. If you have questions about the requirements for your area of major or certification, please see your education advisor.

Undergraduate:

- Art-Art Education K-12 Certification
- Elementary Education with add-on certification in Special Education Learning Disabilities
- English-Secondary English Education 9-12 Certification
- History-Secondary Social Studies Education 9-12 Certification
- Mathematics-Secondary Mathematics Education 9-12 Certification
- Music Education-Choral Music
- Music Education-Instrumental Music
- Special Education-Multi-Categorical

Graduate:

- Music-Music Education

Student Requirements:

- Scoring above the 75th percentile on the SAT, ACT or GRE or a 3.25 grade point average (GPA). **(Please note: the GPA is checked after each semester to determine continued eligibility.)**
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov>. Enter Anderson University's school code – 003418.
- Complete the Initial/Subsequent counseling for the TEACH Grant online at <https://studentaid.gov>. You must complete this step before the Agreement to Serve (ATS).
- Sign the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS) at <https://studentaid.gov>. The agreement explains the terms and conditions for receiving a TEACH Grant. By signing the ATS, you agree to these terms and conditions. Please read and consider the information in the Agreement carefully.

Anderson University will receive automatic notification after you have completed the requirements above. If you have additional questions about this program, please contact our office at 864-231-7555. You can also send an email to aid@andersonuniversity.edu. Please allow 1 business day for a response.

Comparison of Requirements

S.C. Teacher's Loan

GPA:

- 2.75 undergrads
- 2.75 entering grads
- 3.50 continuing grads

Score/Rank:

- *Entering freshmen:* Top 40% and SAT 1021 (2 part) or 1650 (3 part) ACT 18.
- *Upperclassmen:* Pass Praxis core or have SAT of 1100 (2 part) OR 1650 (3 part) or ACT of 22 to exempt Praxis
- *Graduates:* No score requirement

If previously certified to teach, must be seeking **"Initial certification in different critical subject area"**

Forgiveness:

(Receive whichever is greater – must be in S.C. public school)

20% or \$3,000 per full teaching year

33.3% or \$5,000 per year if critical subject and geographic area

Amount:

- \$2,500 freshmen or sophomore
- \$7,500 junior, senior or graduate
- \$27,500 aggregate maximum

S.C. Career Changer's Loan

GPA & Score/Rank:

First Year: Waived

Continuing: Requirements are the same as those for the S.C. Teacher's Loan except for the following:

If previously certified to teach, must be seeking **"Initial certification in different critical subject area."**

The Career Changers is only for someone changing careers to become a teacher.

Must have possessed a BA degree **AND** must have been employed full-time for at least 3 years

Forgiveness:

Same as S.C. Teacher's Loan

Amount:

- \$15,000 per year
- \$60,000 aggregate maximum

For both the S.C. Teacher's Loan and the S.C. Career Changer's Loan, you **must** enroll at least half-time (6 credit hours for undergrads and 3 credit hours for graduates).

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GPA or Score:

Score above the 75th percentile on SAT, ACT, or GRE or have a 3.25 GPA **(checked after each semester)**

Yearly Requirements:

- Complete FAFSA
- Complete Initial/Subsequent Counseling
- Complete Agreement to Serve
- Enroll **full-time** in an eligible program (See List)

Forgiveness:

-Must teach in high-need subject area at an elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students.

-Must teach at least 4 academic years within 8 calendar years after completing program for which receiving TEACH Grant.

If BOTH requirements are not fulfilled, the grant converts to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan and interest is charged from the original date the grant was disbursed.

Amount:

- \$3,772 for full-time (Changes Oct. 1 each year)
- \$16,000 undergrad maximum
- \$8,000 graduate maximum