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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TEACH GRANT

The TEACH Grant program provides federal grant assistance to students who plan to become highly qualified teachers of high-need subjects in designated low-income elementary or secondary schools. The most important fact for you to know when considering whether to apply for this grant is that it has a service requirement: as a TEACH Grant recipient, you will have to teach under the conditions listed above for at least 4 years in the 8 year period after completing your program of study. **Failure to meet the service requirement will result in the grant converting to an unsubsidized loan, with interest accruing from the time the grant was received.**

Application requirements for the TEACH Grant include:

- Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA),
- U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen status.
- Academic requirements: an SAT score above the 75th percentile or a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.
- Completion of the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (online at http://www.teach-ats.ed.gov).
- Completion of TEACH Grant counseling each year, (online at http://www.teach-ats.ed.gov).

For a complete description of the TEACH Grant program and a list of application requirements, visit the U.S. Department of Education Web site at http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp. If you meet the requirements for the grant and agree to the teaching service requirement, you may receive up to $4,000 a year (up to $16,000 for undergraduate study or $8,000 for graduate study).

In addition to the federal requirements for the TEACH Grant Program, you have the responsibility of meeting with your education advisor each term to plan your academic coursework. If you are not an education major you will also have to meet with the advisor for your academic major. Failure to meet with your advisor(s) will result in discontinuation of the TEACH Grant. If the grant is discontinued for this or any other reason, you will still have the responsibility of fulfilling the service obligation for all TEACH Grant funds previously received.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION:

I understand that I must plan to teach full time in a high-need field in a public or private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools designated by the U.S. Department of Education as having a high concentration of students from low-income families. I further understand that I must perform this service as a highly qualified teacher for four years within the eight years immediately following completion of my degree.

NAME: _____

(Last) (First) (M.I.) BSU ID

SIGNATURE: _____DATE:_____

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