Application for Federal TEACH Grant
Academic Year ___________
(Please use blue or black ink to complete form)

Student’s Name________________ Phone__________________________
Student ID #_________________ E-Mail___________________________

Grant Information
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to $4,000, per year ($16,000 total for 4-year program) in grants to undergraduate students who commit to: 1) teach full-time; 2) in high-need subject areas; 3) for at least four years within 8 calendar years of completing the program for which you receive the grant, and 4) at schools that serve students from low-income families. Graduate students may be eligible for $4,000 per year ($8,000 total) with the same commitment. If the commitment is not fulfilled, the grant is permanently converted to a loan to be repaid by the recipient. The loan is an unsubsidized Direct Federal Stafford Loan with interest calculated form the time of the grant disbursement.

For additional information, please visit: http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/teach

Section A: Student Eligibility
I certify that I meet or I will meet the student eligibility requirements as follows:

• I have completed (or will complete) the FAFSA for the academic year for which I am applying for the TEACH Grant.
• I have declared or intend to declare a major in a high need teaching field of Math Ed, Science Ed, Spanish Ed, Special Ed, Cherokee Ed, or Master in Reading Ed.
• I am enrolled in classes necessary for my major.
• I meet the following academic requirements:
  • Scored above the 75th percentile on an admissions test such as SAT, ACT, GRE, etc… OR
  • Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
• I will complete TEACH Grant counseling.
• I will sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay each year. (This will be available electronically on the US Department of Education website).
• I will teach for at least 4 years in a school serving low-income students (see annual directory at: https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp )
• I will provide documentation to the US Department of Education that I completed the teaching obligation and this will be certified by the elementary or secondary school’s chief administrative officer after 4 academic years of teaching service.

Section B: 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.

Student Signature_______________________________________ Date_____________________

This document is not a binding contract. This is used for internal use only to determine the initial eligibility for the grant.
Academic Certification of TEACH Grant Eligibility

_______________________________________               ________________________            ____________________
Student Name                           Social Security #            Student ID #

This form is to be completed by the Dean of Education or designee.

The above student has met the academic requirements necessary to establish eligibility to receive a Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant beginning with the term listed below:

• Semester/Year: __________________________________________
• As of the date below, this student is in the TEACH eligible major of ____________________.
• The student has scored above the 75th percentile on one of the batteries of the listed nations-normed admissions test:
  • Test Name: ___________________________________________
  • Date of Test: _________________________________________
  • Test Battery Used to Determine Eligibility: ______________
• OR Student currently has a 3.25 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) and falls into one of the two categories listed below:
  _____Student is a first semester freshman and had a 3.25 cumulative GPA from high school.
  _____Student has a college cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.
• OR Student is a graduate student, who is currently a teacher, and is either retiring or has expertise in a shortage area (math, science, special education, English as a Second Language or another high-need subject ____________________.

Name of Certifying Official______________________________     Title___________________________
Signature_____________________________________________     Date___________________________
Department___________________________________________     Phone ________________________

College of Education faculty and/or staff have discussed with me the academic and career implications once the TEACH grant is received. I wish to accept this grant.

Name of Student________________________________________ Date___________________________
Student Signature_______________________________________

Return Completed Form to:
Niagara University
Office of Financial Aid