# Department of Education

## **TEACH Grants**

# Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal

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#### **TEACH GRANTS**

(Higher Education Act of 1965, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 9)

(dollars in thousands)

FY 2025 Authorization: To be determined

Mandatory Budget Authority:1

	2024 Annualized CR	2025 Request	Change
TEACH new loan subsidies	\$38,920	\$39,188	\$268
TEACH net re-estimate	7,318	0	-7,318
TEACH net modification	0	0	0
TEACH Total net subsidy	46,238	39,188	-7,050

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The TEACH Grant program is intended to create incentives for postsecondary education students to teach in in-demand fields and high-need schools. The program awards annual grants of up to \$4,000 to eligible undergraduate and graduate students who agree to serve as full-time teachers in mathematics, science, foreign language, bilingual education and English language acquisition, special education, reading, or other in-demand fields and areas at a high-need school, for not less than 4 years within 8 years of graduation. To be eligible for a TEACH Grant award, students must meet certain academic achievement requirements, scoring above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25. In addition, teachers, retirees from another occupation with expertise in a field in which there is a shortage of teachers, or current or former teachers using a high-quality alternative route to certification are eligible to receive TEACH awards to obtain a graduate degree.

TEACH Grant recipients are required to meet the service obligation described above and certain reporting requirements. For students who fail to fulfill these requirements, grants are converted to Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans with interest accrued from the date the grants were awarded. All applicants must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve acknowledging that grants will be converted to loans if the required service obligation is not completed. For all grant recipients, loan conversion will occur only if the recipient asks the Secretary to convert their TEACH Grants to loans, or if the recipient fails to begin or maintain qualifying teaching service within a timeframe that would allow the recipient to satisfy the service obligation within the eight-year service obligation period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For budget and financial management purposes, this program is operated as a loan program under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990; budget authority reflects the estimated net present value of future Federal non-administrative costs for awards made in a given fiscal year.

Participating institutions of higher education must provide high quality teacher preparation and professional development services, including extensive clinical experience as part of preservice preparation; be financially sound; provide pedagogical coursework, or assistance in the provision of such coursework, including the monitoring of student performance, and formal instruction related to the theory and practice of teaching; and provide supervision and support services to teachers, or assistance in the provision of such services, including mentoring focused on effective teaching skills and strategies.

Total net subsidy costs for the past 5 fiscal years were:1

Fiscal Year	(dollars in thousands)
2020	\$19,399
2021	149,211
2022	170,480
2023	56,083
2024	46,238

#### **FY 2025 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

The estimated loan subsidy amount for fiscal year 2025 is \$39.2 million. Aid available in fiscal year 2025 is anticipated to reach approximately \$72.6 million. By the end of academic year 2022–2023, the TEACH Grant program was making awards at approximately 716 institutions. The fiscal year 2024 net upward reestimate of \$7.3 million is due to technical assumption updates, including death, disability, and bankruptcy. As part of the 2025 request, the Administration intends to work with Congress to ensure access to student financial aid for Dreamers.

In 2020, the Department published updated program regulations to codify many of the operational changes that allowed for a reconsideration process if a TEACH grant was erroneously converted to a loan. The regulations expand the fields in which grant recipients can work to fulfill their service obligation, simplify the employment certification requirements, require more information to be provided to recipients as part of entrance and exit counseling, create conversion counseling to education borrowers when their grants convert to loans, and provide processes to correct improper conversions of TEACH grants to loans. The Consider Teachers Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-49), signed October 13, 2021, incorporated many of the changes made in the final regulations and allowed grant recipients to fulfill their service obligation by working in a high need geographic area.

Consistent with the requirements of the Credit Reform Act of 1990, budget authority for this program reflects the estimated net present value of all future non-administrative Federal costs associated with awards made in a given fiscal year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subsidy costs include net reestimates (combined upward and downward) of prior cohorts and net modifications, which may produce significant annual fluctuations.

### **PROGRAM OUTPUT MEASURES**

Output Measures	2023	2024	2025
Recipients	23,433	23,716	24,003
Aid available to students (dollars in thousands)	\$70,892	\$71,749	\$72,618
Maximum award (in whole dollars)	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

#### PROGRAM PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

This section presents selected program performance information, including, for example, GPRA goals, objectives, measures, and performance targets and data. Achievement of program results is based on the cumulative effect of the resources provided in previous years, and those requested in fiscal year 2025 and future years, as well as the resources and efforts invested by those served by this program. Data on these measures is collected through the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).

#### **Performance Measures**

Goal: To ensure the TEACH Grant program helps recruit teachers.

**Objective:** Ensure that more TEACH Grant recipients are fulfilling their service obligation through qualified teaching service.

**Measure:** TEACH Grant recipients with one or more years of qualified teaching service after 6 or more years following their last TEACH award.

	Target: Total Percentage with	Actual: Total Percentage with
Fiscal Year	Teaching Service	Teaching Service
2016	37.0%	42.8%
2017	39.0	42.4
2018	41.0	37.8
2019	43.0	
2020	45.0	
2021	47.0	

**Additional Information:** The percentage of TEACH Grant recipients with 1 or more years qualified teaching service after 6 or more years following their last TEACH award has increased from under 30 percent before 2011 and surpassed 42 percent in 2016 and 2017. The rates observed for 2016 and 2017 are above targets established for this measure. The Department believes improvements in the certification process have made it easier for teachers to show participation and prevent unwarranted grant to loan conversions. Based on administrative program data, the Department projects that 52 percent of TEACH Grants awarded in fiscal year

2025 will convert to loans. 2019 performance data is expected to be available in December 2024 and will be included in the fiscal year 2026 Congressional Justification.

# **Distribution of TEACH Grant Awards by Type of Institution**

The table below shows the award year 2022–2023 distribution of TEACH Grant assistance by type of institution for awards, number of recipients, and average award.

Distribution of TEACH Grants by Type of Institution 2022–2023<sup>1</sup>

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Institution Type	Awards	Recipients	Average Award	Percent of TEACH Grant Awards
Public 4-Year	\$32,252,645	11,228	\$2,873	47.16%
Public 2-Year	0	0	0	0.00
Private 4-Year	25,160,767	8,617	2,920	36.79
Proprietary 4-Year	10,973,201	3,375	3,251	16.05
TOTAL	68,386,613	23,220	2,945	100.00

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Percentage may not total to 100 percent due to rounding.