

2011 – 2012 TEACH Grant Application – Mercer University

1. Review TEACH Grant program information at www.teachgrant.ed.gov. If you are interested in applying, go to the TEACH Grant Home Website by clicking on "TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve" or go directly to www.teach-ats.ed.gov.
2. At the TEACH Grant Home Website, click on "My TEACH Grant." Complete both the **2011-2012 TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling** AND the **2011-2012 TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve**. Be sure to list Mercer University as your school.
3. Complete the Mercer TEACH Grant Application below and return to your Financial Planning Office.

Only students who have been fully admitted by the Tift College of Education into one of the following 2010-2011 TEACH Grant Eligible degree programs are eligible to receive the TEACH Grant at Mercer University.

Undergraduate Programs: Middle Grades Education (Math, Science); Early Childhood/Special Education; Holistic Child; and Degree seeking students in the College of Liberal Arts or Townsend School of Music who have been fully admitted to **teacher candidacy** in Secondary Math, Secondary Biology, Secondary Chemistry, Secondary Earth Science,.

Graduate Programs: Masters of Art in Teaching (Middle Grades Math, Middle Grades Science, Secondary Education Math, Secondary Education Biology, Secondary Education Chemistry, Secondary Education Earth Science, Secondary Education Physics); and **Masters of Education** (Middle Grades Math, Middle Grades Science, Secondary Education Math, Secondary Education Science, Reading Specialist)

IMPORTANT NOTE> Although you may be enrolled in a TEACH Grant eligible program at Mercer, in order to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve you must teach in a high-need field. High-need fields are Mathematics, Science, Special Education, Reading Specialist, Foreign Language, Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition. **Elementary Education is no longer a high-need field in Georgia and does not qualify for TEACH Grant.**

Students enrolled in the Undergraduate Teacher Certification Only Program are NOT eligible to receive the TEACH Grant. Students seeking their second baccalaureate degree are NOT eligible to receive the TEACH Grant.

Name: _____ Mercer ID: _____

Major / Academic Program: _____ Concentration: _____

Mercer GPA: _____ *NOTE*> If you do not have a 3.25 Mercer GPA, you must submit documentation that you have scored in the 75th percentile on a nationally-normed standardized college admissions test – or – submit employment verification (graduate students only) to support that you are a current or former full-time teacher or retiree.

Expected Enrollment Fall 2011: _____ hours; Spring 2012: _____ hours; Summer 2012: _____ hours

Requested TEACH Grant Amount: \$ _____ (\$4000 maximum)

Have you received TEACH Grant at another school? Yes No. If yes, list school, date and amount: _____

List all baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate degrees received: Check here if none received.

Degree: _____ School: _____ Date: _____

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I certify that I plan to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field at a school that serves low-income students. If I fail to meet the service agreement outlined in the TEACH Agreement to Serve, I understand that my TEACH Grant will be converted to an unsubsidized loan with interest charged from the date the TEACH Grant was originally disbursed.

I certify that I will notify the Financial Planning Office immediately if I should withdraw from school or change my major / academic program.

I certify that I have been fully admitted into the academic program listed above. Date admitted: _____

I certify that I have completed a 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Date completed: _____

I certify that I have completed the TEACH Agreement to Serve. (NOTE> An Agreement to Serve must be completed each year that you apply for a TEACH grant.) Date completed: _____

I certify that I have completed TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling. (NOTE> Entrance Counseling must be completed each year that you apply for a TEACH grant.) Date completed: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Student Financial Planning, Mercer University–Regional Academic Centers, 1330 Edgewood Ave, Macon, GA 31207 (Fax: 478-301-5383)