



**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

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***President***

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Financial Aid Administrators

**From:** Monty Hickman, Associate Director of Financial Aid  
Student Development Services

**Subject:** **TEACH Grant**

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program provides assistance to students who plan on becoming teachers and teachers who are seeking a graduate degree. Students could receive a total of \$16,000 for undergraduate (\$4,000 per year) and \$8,000 for graduate study.

While this grant will do much to assist with the teacher shortage, there are some factors to consider before offering this grant to your students. The TEACH Grant recipient must:

- Serve as a full-time teacher for at least four academic years within eight years after completing the course of study for which they received the grant.
- Must teach at a public or private non-profit elementary or secondary Title I (low income) school.
- Be a highly qualified teacher in a high need field.

If the recipient does not meet **ALL** grant obligations, the grant becomes a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. This type of loan accrues interest from the date the grant is disbursed. The recipient must teach all four years and in a Title I school. Recipients are **not** given partial grant/loan forgiveness/credit for time under four years.

Please consider all information provided before deciding to offer the grant to your students. Participation in the TEACH Grant program is not mandatory. If you believe your students will not meet the criteria of the TEACH Grant, you may choose not to offer the grant.

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For more information regarding the TEACH Grant and a list of low income schools, please visit [www.teachgrant.ed.gov](http://www.teachgrant.ed.gov).

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