



Financial Aid Programs for Teaching Certification

T N S T A T E A N D F E D E R A L P R O G R A M S

- The **Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program** provides up to \$4,000 per academic year with a maximum lifetime limit of \$16,000. Academic requirement: student must have at least a 3.25 GPA for each term. **Agreement to serve/promise to pay:** The student must teach full-time for at least four years within eight years of completing program as a (1) highly qualified teacher; (2) at a [Title I school](#); (3) in a specified “high-need” subject area. If service is not met, the grant must be repaid as an [Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loan](#), with interest from the date(s) of original disbursement. More information is available at <http://www.teachgrant.ed.gov>.
- The **Tennessee Teaching Scholars Program** is available for juniors, seniors, and post-baccalaureate students pursuing teacher certification. Open only to Tennessee residents that are not currently licensed or employed in a teacher position. More information is available at http://www.collegepaystn.com/mon_college/tn_teach_sch.htm.
- The **Tennessee Math and Science Teachers Loan Forgiveness Program** provides financial assistance to Tennessee public school teachers seeking an advanced degree in math or science, or a certification to teach math or science. More information is available at http://www.collegepaystn.com/mon_college/math_science.htm.
- The **Federal Stafford and Perkins Loan Forgiveness Program** is available to teachers that have been employed for five consecutive years in a low-income school, public or private. Application cannot be made until all 5 years of service have been completed. More information is available at <http://www.aft.org/tools4teachers/federal-programs.htm>.

This information has been compiled by the UTC Financial Aid Office. Please refer to the websites listed for more information on applying for each of these programs.