

TEACH Grant Exit Counseling at Athens State University
TEACH GRANT PROGRAM
Certification of Exit Counseling

Student Name _____

Student ID _____

I certify that each of the following statements is true:

- I have read and understand the information presented at the Athens State University website regarding the TEACH Grant Program.
- I have read and understand the information presented online at:
<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/images/gen/exitCounseling.pdf>.
- I agree to teach as a highly-qualified teacher in a high-need field, at a low-income elementary or secondary school for at least four (4) years within eight (8) years of completing the program for which the TEACH grant was awarded.
- I am able to identify low-income schools at the federal website
<https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSwebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>.
- I am able to identify documented high need fields at the deferral website
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc>.
- I understand Teach Grant recipients who have completed or ceased enrollment in a Teach Grant eligible program may request a “suspension” of the eight (8) year period for completion of the service obligation based on:
 - Enrollment in a TEACH Grant eligible program or a state approved teacher certification program
 - a condition covered under the Family and Medical Leave Act
 - call or order to active duty status for more than 30 days as a member of the Armed Forces reserves or National Guard.
- I understand suspensions cannot exceed a combined total of three (3) years except for military service which is unlimited. A suspension must be requested prior to being subject to condition that converts the recipient’s TEACH grant to a loan.
- I understand the TEACH Grant will convert to a Direct Unsubsidized loan if:
 - I, regardless of enrollment status, request the conversion.
 - Within 120 days of ceasing enrollment, I fail to notify the US Department of Education that I am employed, or intend to pursue employment, as a full-time teacher in accordance with the Agreement to Serve.
 - Within one year of ceasing enrollment I have not:
 - Been determined eligible for a suspension
 - Re-enrolled in a TEACH Grant eligible program
 - Begun teaching service in accordance with Agreement to Serve.
 - I complete the course of study and
 - I do not actively confirm to the US Department of Education, at least annually, my intention to satisfy the Agreement to Serve.
 - I fail to begin or maintain qualified employment within a time frame that would allow me to complete teaching service.
- I have read and understand the terms and conditions of a Direct Unsubsidized loan by completing the Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling session at www.dl.ed.gov.

Student Signature _____

Printed Signature _____ DATE _____