Federal Grant Programs

The federal government provides grant funds for students attending colleges, career schools, and universities. Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid.* The major federal student grant programs are briefly described below.

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| Federal Pell Grant                     | • Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor’s, graduate, or professional degree; in some cases, students enrolled in a postbaccalaureate teacher certification program may receive a Federal Pell Grant  
  • A student who meets certain requirements might be eligible for a larger Pell Grant if his or her parent died as result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan or in the line of duty as a public safety officer  
  • Pell Grant lifetime eligibility is limited to 12 semesters or the equivalent                                                             | Up to $6,495 for the 2021–22 award year                               |
| Federal Supplemental Educational       | • Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor’s or graduate degree  
  • Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority  
  • Not all schools participate in this program  
  • Funds depend on availability at the school; check for the school’s deadline                                                                 | Up to $4,000 a year                                                  |
| Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                      |
| Teacher Education Assistance for        | • For undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, or graduate students who are enrolled in programs designed to prepare them to teach in a high-need field at the elementary or secondary school level  
  • Must agree to serve for a minimum of four years (within eight years of completing or ceasing enrollment in the program for which the student received the grant funds) as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a school or educational service agency that serves low-income students  
  • Must attend a participating school and meet certain academic achievement requirements  
  • Failure to complete the teaching service commitment will result in the grant being converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan that must be repaid | Up to $3,772 for grants first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2021, and before Oct. 1, 2022 |
| College and Higher Education (TEACH)   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                      |
| Grant                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                      |
| Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant      | • For students whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11  
  • Must be ineligible for a Pell Grant due to having less financial need than is required to receive Federal Pell Grant funds  
  • Must have been younger than 24 years old or enrolled at least part-time at a college or career school at the time of the parent’s or guardian’s death | Up to $6,124.79 for grants first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2021, and before Oct. 1, 2022 |
*Occasionally a student may have to pay back part or all of a grant if, for example, he or she withdraws from school early or doesn’t fulfill the requirements of the TEACH Grant service obligation.

For more information on grants, visit StudentAid.gov/grants. If you are looking for additional sources of aid that don’t need to be repaid, consider scholarships. Try StudentAid.gov/scholarships for tips on where to look and for a link to a free scholarship search tool.

Have questions? Contact or visit the following:

- StudentAid.gov
- a school’s financial aid office
- studentaid@ed.gov
- 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)