

College of Education Financial Assistance Opportunities



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Scholarships

The College of Education offers over 15 scholarships for undergraduate students and seven for master's level students.

- UMW has one central scholarship portal for students to apply for all scholarships.
- Please complete a FAFSA to determine eligibility for need-based awards.

education.umw.edu/student-resources/scholarships



TEACH Grant Funding

Provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant:

- You must complete the TEACH Grant counseling that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation. You must complete counseling each year that you receive a TEACH Grant.
- You must also sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve in which you agree to (among other requirements) teach in a high-need field; at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families; and for at least four complete academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which you received the grant.

For more information, visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>. To see the list of eligible schools in your area, visit <https://studentaid.gov/app/tcliDirectorySearch.action>.

Loan Forgiveness Programs

U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) loan forgiveness programs for public school teachers who teach in high-needs schools.

- **Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF):** The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.
- **Teacher Loan Forgiveness (TLF):** Under the TLF Program, if you teach full-time for five complete and consecutive academic years in a low-income school or educational service agency, and meet other qualifications, you may be eligible for forgiveness of up to \$17,500 on your Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans and your Subsidized & Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans.

education.umw.edu/wp-content/blogs.dir/81/files/2019/10/PSLF-vs-TLF-Loan-Forgiveness-Chart.pdf

Post-Baccalaureate Only Scholarship Opportunities

- **Military Scholarship:** Provides qualified active duty service members, their spouses, or honorably discharged veterans the opportunity to receive a 25% military tuition scholarship. Contact graduate@umw.edu for additional information. Supporting documentation is required. To apply, visit umw.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-program-military-scholarship-application.
- **UMW Virginia Teacher Scholarship:** Provides a 15% tuition scholarship to Virginia residents who are educators working in a public or non-public PreK-12 school, located in Virginia. To apply, visit umw.edu/admissions/graduate/va-teacher-scholarship.