

FEDERAL STUDENT GRANT PROGRAMS

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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.

Federal Grant Program	Program Details	Annual Award (subject to change)
Federal Pell Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree; in some cases, however, students enrolled in a postbaccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Federal Pell Grant Federal Pell Grant lifetime eligibility is limited to 12 semesters or the equivalent 	Up to \$5,730
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 colleges participate in the FSEOG program Funds depend on availability at the college; apply by your college's deadline 	Up to \$4,000
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, or graduate students who are or will be taking coursework necessary to become elementary or secondary teachers Must agree to serve, for a minimum of four years (within eight years of completing academic program), 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 college 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 \$4,000
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Federal Pell Grant due only to having less financial need than is required to receive Pell funds Must have been less than 24 years old or enrolled at least part-time at an institution of higher education at the time of the parent's or guardian's death 	Up to \$5,311.71 For grants first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2014, and before Oct. 1, 2015

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- studentaid@ed.gov
- 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) toll free
- 1-800-730-8913 (toll-free TTY for the hearing impaired)