Financial Aid Programs for Teaching Certification

TN State and Federal Programs

- **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](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](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](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](http://www.aft.org/tools4teachers/federal-programs.htm).

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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.