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# TEACHING *can be* VERY REWARDING

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**Beginning in January 2009**, Xavier is participating in the federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant program. Through the program, federal TEACH grants worth \$4,000 a year are available for undergraduate and graduate education students. That's \$16,000 toward an undergraduate degree or \$8,000 toward a master's degree.

In return, you agree to teach a high-need subject in a public or private elementary or secondary school serving low-income students anywhere in the U.S. for four years. Afterward, your grant remains just that—a grant. You'll never have to pay it back. Your pledge requires you to teach ESL or one of the high-need subjects offered as majors at Xavier: special education, reading, math, science and foreign language. High-need schools are typically in city and rural school districts. Most of the schools in the Cincinnati Public Schools, Norwood, Mt. Healthy and Princeton districts, and many in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, qualify for the program.

Recipients who are unable to complete the teaching requirement are expected to pay back the funds, which convert to an unsubsidized Stafford loan with interest. To qualify:

- Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before being awarded the grant.
- Applicants must be enrolled as undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or graduate education students.
- Participants must meet academic achievement levels required for graduation, including a 3.25 GPA.
- Participants must complete their four years of service within the first eight years after graduating.
- Participants must be designated "highly-qualified teachers," as defined by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, while performing the teaching service.

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