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2010-2011 TEACH Grant Request Form

Student's Name _____
 Student ID# _____

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GRANT INFORMATION

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which the Grant was received.

IMPORTANT: If you fail to complete the service obligation, all amounts of the TEACH Grant received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

SECTION A: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

I certify that I meet the following requirements:

- I have completed a 2010-2011 FAFSA, although I understand I do not have to demonstrate financial need
- I meet the eligibility requirements for federal student aid
- I am a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen
- I am enrolled in a bachelors or masters degree program (those pursuing a post-baccalaureate teaching certificate only are not eligible)
- I am enrolled in an eligible TEACH Grant Program of study at WCU and I plan to complete the coursework to begin a career in teaching (see list of eligible TEACH Grant programs)
- I have a 3.25 cumulative GPA
- I have completed a TEACH Grant counseling session online at www.teach-ats.ed.gov

I certify that I will meet the following requirements:

- I will sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay online at www.teach-ats.ed.gov each year after being notified I've been awarded the grant via my WCU email address
- I will complete 4 years as a full-time teacher within 8 years of completing my program in a school serving low-income students within a high-need field & I will provide documentation to the U.S. Department of Education

SECTION B: STUDENT CERTIFICATION

- I understand that the TEACH Grant has a four-year service obligation that I must fulfill as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field within a school that serves students from low-income families for the award to remain a grant
- I understand that if I fail to meet all of the conditions of the award or if the conditions are not documented as required, the award will be permanently convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and that I will be responsible to repay the loan with interest calculated from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement
- I understand that once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to grant
- I will notify the Financial Aid Office immediately if I do not want to receive the TEACH Grant award. I may cancel or reduce my award at any point up to 14 days after funds have been disbursed

Student Signature _____

Date _____