

South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program



Mission

The mission of the South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school seniors into the teaching profession and help them develop leadership qualities.



Preparation

Teaching Fellows participate in advanced enrichment programs at Teaching Fellows Institutions, have additional professional development opportunities, and are involved with communities and businesses throughout the state.



Fellowship

Teaching Fellows receive up to \$24,000 (up to \$6000 a year for four years) while they complete a degree leading to initial teacher certification*. Fellows agree to teach in a South Carolina public school one year for every year they receive the Fellowship**.

* Teaching Fellows must first obtain a degree that allows for teacher certification. They may then defer their service for up to three years while they pursue an advanced degree. **Graduates can receive loan forgiveness for service as a teacher, media specialist, occupational therapist, school counselor/mental health counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, or speech pathologist.

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Teaching Fellows Institutions



Comprehensive Identification Process

- Anyone interested in teaching should apply.
- Application
 - Available on Oct. 1
 - Interview/Presentation
 - Writing Sample



Application

- Eligibility

- U.S. Citizen – Not DACA
- Legal Resident of SC
- Any student graduating from high school during the 2023-24 academic year
- Applicants **do not** have to be Teacher Cadets

- Application

- Opens October 1, 2023
- Students apply on Kaleidoscope
 - Edit up until 12/1/23
 - Plan to teach - a “no” response will stop the process
- Follow directions!
- Transcript showing cumulative GPA **and class rank** (counselor uploads)
- ACT/SAT test scores (student uploads **all scores** - pdf or screenshot) – could help students exempt PRAXIS Core!
- Two References – current teacher and one other complete a reference survey

We superscore so students should upload all ACT and SAT scores. We strongly recommend that applicants take the ACT and/or SAT.

Timeline

Important Dates

October 1–December 1 Application window

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December 7, 2023 - Supplemental materials due (transcripts, reference surveys)

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December 12-15, 2023 - Applications scored

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January, 9, 2024 - Letters **mailed** to all applicants; up to 500 students will be invited to participate in the second stage of the application process, the interview

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February, 24, 2024 - Interview Day at regional locations across the state or online

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The final number of students awarded a Teaching Fellowship is dependent upon the South Carolina FY 2024 budget, which is set by the General Assembly.

Award notifications will be made in early spring 2024.



Final Thoughts

Surety

Teaching Fellow awardees are required to identify a surety who is willing to cosign the promissory note.



Payback Provisions

Teaching Fellows agree to teach in a SC public school one year for every year they have accepted funds. Fellows have five years from graduation to complete this requirement. Students who do not graduate in good standing from the program or who do not teach in a SC public school are required to repay the amount they accepted plus interest.



Just to recap!



- Window opens on October 1 and closes on December 1
- Any interested senior or junior graduating early may apply. This is not just for Teacher Cadets!
- identification process is comprehensive- more than just GPA, Class Rank, Test Scores
- Counselors must upload transcripts by December 7th- watch your email, check SPAM folders
- Students are responsible for downloading/printing/delivering to you a letter asking that transcript be uploaded.
- Students are responsible for uploading PDF or screenshot of ACT/SAT scores with name/score/test date visible.
- We will calculate scores using GPA, Class Rank, and/or test scores (similar to Life Scholarship). Strongly recommend students take both ACT and SAT.

And now...

Some quick
information about our
partner, TeachSC!



TeachSC

Elevating the teaching profession and attracting the next generation of SC teachers.

CACRO September 2023



TeachSC Background



- The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is leading this initiative using ~\$1M in ESSER funds over three years.
- The initiative is a collaboration of education preparation programs, school districts, government agencies, associations, community organizations, and nonprofit stakeholders, and is **FREE** for all participating partners and future educators.

Why is TeachSC Needed?

- **Teacher Shortage + COVID = Recruitment & Retention Crisis (Over 1,400 Vacancies - a 39% Increase!)**

What is the TeachSC Platform?

TeachSC.org is a centralized hub for prospective teachers to explore the profession and get free support on their journey to the classroom.

Where would you like to start?



All About Salary & Benefits

Get all your questions answered—starting salary, vacation, career opportunities and more.

[Get the Report](#)



Guide to Getting Certified

This guide walks you through the steps you'll take to earn your teaching certification.

[Download It](#)



Guide to Alternative Certification

Learn about alternative certification, with step-by-step instructions to get started.

[Download It](#)



Teaching Program Requirements

Find out what application materials you'll need, how to request transcripts and more.

[Start](#)

SC Preparation Program Explorer and Checklists

FREE 1-on-1 support for future teachers

Want to teach? Get tools to help you research the profession, find a teaching program, apply and get certified.

Video: Site Tour

Get Started



Clemson University
Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs

0% Complete
0 / 7 Steps
0 / 15 Tasks





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^	Meet program eligibility requirements	0 / 3
^	Begin university application	0 / 2
^	Finish university application	0 / 2
^	Accept offer	0 / 1
^	Apply for financial aid	0 / 1

On-demand Application Help

Researched reports, step-by-step guides, and easy-to-use templates to help you apply to an EPP!

TOPICS INCLUDE:









-  Testing requirements & prep
-  Financial aid & affordability
-  Resumes & recommendations
-  Essays, interviews, cover letters, and more!



Reports & How-to Guides

Get access to researched reports and step-by-step guides to help you apply to a teaching program—from studying for tests to getting excellent letters of recommendation and everything in between.

Where would you like to start?

 <h4>All About Salary & Benefits</h4> <p>Get all your questions answered—starting salary, vacation, career opportunities and more.</p> Get the Report	 <h4>Guide to Getting Certified</h4> <p>This guide walks you through the steps you'll take to earn your teaching certification.</p> Download It	 <h4>Teaching Program Requirements</h4> <p>Find out what application materials you'll need, how to request transcripts and more.</p> Start	 <h4>Prepare for Certification Tests</h4> <p>Find out what exams you'll need to get licensed, and explore study materials and tools.</p> Start Prepping
 <h4>Pay for Your Teaching Program</h4> <p>Get to know your financial aid options when it comes to paying for a teaching program.</p> Read More	 <h4>Stellar Essays & Cover Letters</h4> <p>Learn how to craft your personal statement or cover letter, and download our template.</p> Get Started	 <h4>Craft a Winning Resume</h4> <p>Need a fresh resume to apply to a job or a teaching program? We've got you covered.</p> Get Started	 <h4>Get Strong Recommendation Letters</h4> <p>Follow these guidelines to ask for a letter of recommendation.</p> Get the Tips

Free 1-on-1 Support for Students

Talk to a current teacher for answers & advice!

- 📖 Visit bit.ly/CoachMeTeachSC
- 📅 Choose a coach, day/time, and format that works for you
- 📞 Get free, personal advice!

[My advisor] was extremely helpful... I really appreciated her insight as it **helped me pave a path** towards my teaching career.

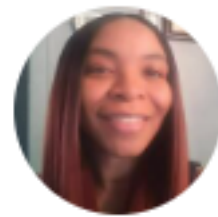
I feel more confident to start the application process.



Alexandria Murray



Sharolyn Simmons



Tyeesha Pruitt



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\$1K Scholarships and \$100 Fee Reimbursements

Exclusive opportunities to make applying and enrolling more affordable.

1. Sign up at TeachSC.org
2. Submit application
3. Complete two 5-minute forms on TeachSC.org
4. Get rewarded! 💰



“I grew up and worked with amazing teachers in a low-income community.

They demonstrated what it is to be an inspiring and effective teacher for students.”

- Lidia Loera

Use your \$100 payback to cover:

- University application or transcript fees
- Testing registration, preparation, or score reports

...We NEED You!

CERRA will email you a toolkit to help you share these incredible resources with your students! In addition we are providing nomination cards and flyers today.

Be the GOAT

(Greatest Of All Teachers)

Calling all students who are interested in a career that makes a difference in their community.

As a current student, you are inspired by teachers everyday. TEACHSC can help you with the steps to become the teacher the students of the future will need!

It's all free. We've got you.

Sign up for a TEACHSC account to get:

- 1-on-1 advice tailored to the needs of students like you.
- Custom tips and how-to guides for finding the right educator preparation program.
- Interactive checklists to help with your educator preparation program applications.
- \$100 fee reimbursements when it comes time to apply.
- Exclusive \$1,000 scholarship opportunity and other financial aid resources.



Get Started: onch.org/TeachSCGOAT

Tips for High School Students

- Research undergraduate programs**
Find everything you need to know about educator preparation programs, like tuition, duration, and endorsement areas.
- Prep for Testing**
Most educator preparation programs require an approved test. You may have already taken this exam—the ACT and SAT count! If you haven't taken the ACT or SAT, or if you need a higher score, you can also take the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam.
- Get Financial Aid**
Graduating seniors have tons of financial aid opportunities! Check out all of your financial aid options, including FASFA, Teaching Fellows and Call Me Mister by using our Financial Aid guide.
- Try classroom experiences**
High school students can try out teaching before they commit by tutoring, working for summer or after-school programs, joining a teacher cadet program, or volunteering in or observing a classroom.

Have you ever considered teaching?

(name of future teacher)

Someone thinks you might be the GOAT (Greatest Teacher of All Time)

It takes a special person to become a teacher. You've been nominated because of your outstanding qualities. South Carolina needs future teachers like you! Inspire the next generation, make a real difference in this world.

TBH, *(nominator's name)* thinks you've got what it takes.

TEACH SC.ORG

TeachSC has everything you need to get you into a teaching program!

- ✓ 1-on-1 advice
- ✓ Financial aid support
- ✓ Checklists to help you apply

Guidance to find the best teaching program for you!



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