

#### 4. More information about funding- Continued

##### Scholarships for Children of Certain Deceased, Disabled or POW/MIA Veterans

In North Carolina there are other Scholarships for Children of Veterans. This information was taken from <http://www.nc4vets.com/education>

“Scholarships for Children of Certain Deceased, Disabled or POW/MIA Veterans Provided Under Chapter 165, Article 4, General Statutes of North Carolina

- In appreciation for the service and sacrifices of North Carolina’s war veterans, a four-year scholarship program at approved schools in North Carolina has been established for the qualifying natural or adopted (before age 15) children of certain class categories of deceased, disabled, combat or POW/MIA veterans.

- To qualify, the applicant must:

- At time of application, applicant must be under age 25, domiciled, and resident of North Carolina.

- Veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina at time of said veteran's entrance into that period of service in the armed forces during which eligibility is established.

**OR**

- The applicant is the natural child, or adopted child prior to age 15, who was born in North Carolina and has been a resident of North Carolina continuously since birth.

- The veteran’s disabilities must have occurred during a period of war.

**5. Action-** You have completed the FAFSA application; visited the financial aid counselors at UNCP; searched for financial aid online; so now what do you do? Complete Applications!

#### 6. Complete applications

- Make a copy of your blank applications to complete first before you actually type on the original. This is your guide for copying. Keep a financial aid binder. You will have the information organized that may be requested on the application being completed.
- Make sure your essay addresses what the application asks, is clear and understandable. Include in your essay information about how you will use the funds to contribute to society and in your community. The ultimate goal of scholarships and grants is to help you so you will be better able to contribute and give back to

others. Save your essays in your word processing program.

**7. ASK without fear-** Do not be afraid to ask for assistance.

**\*WE SUPPORT YOU!** The Reading Education program will be there to support you in your search for Financial Aid. Do not be afraid to ask for help.



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### INFORMATION ON FUNDING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

This brochure includes information to assist your financial assistance search to fund graduate school. There are many funding sources available and a few sources are mentioned in this document

Scholarships and grants:

- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (*TEACH*) Grant;
- other possible scholarships/ fellowships/ grants.

#### How do I start my Search for Funding?

1. **Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> site. The FAFSAM is used by the university's financial aid office to evaluate **not only financial need**, but other resources the university has for which you **may be eligible**.
2. **Contact the UNCP Financial Aid Office:** <http://www.uncp.edu/fa/> . This is a **vital step**. Get information about any scholarships or grants for which you may be eligible.

3. **Do your own research for financial aid!** Financial Aid Internet Web Sites you can use in your search for financial aid for school this information are found here:

- FastWeb: <http://www.fastweb.org/>
- Broke Scholar: <http://www.brokescholar.com>
- Financial Aid Org: <http://www.finaid.org/>
- Collegenet: <http://www.collegenet.com/>
- College Board Organization: <http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/fundfind01.html>
- Sallie Mae: <http://www.salliemae.com/>
- College Foundation of North Carolina: <http://www.cfnc.org/index.jsp>

#### 4. More information about funding:

##### **Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program:**

This information was taken from: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>

“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.

**CONDITIONS:** 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 you received a TEACH Grant.

**IMPORTANT:** If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education (ED). You will be charged interest from the date the grant was disbursed.

##### **Student Eligibility Requirements**

To receive a TEACH Grant you must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). You do not have to demonstrate financial need.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate, post baccalaureate, or **graduate student** in a postsecondary institution that has chosen to participate in the TEACH Grant Program.
- Be enrolled in course work that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such course work. Such course work may include subject area courses (e.g., math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher).
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

**High-Need Field:** High-need fields are Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition, Foreign Language, Mathematics, **Reading Specialist (The Licensure that you will have from your MAEd is licensure as a Reading Specialist. You would qualify.)**, Science, Special Education, etc. Others are listed in ED’s annual *Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing*. To access the listing, visit: [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc).

**Schools Serving Low-Income Students:** Schools serving low-income students include any elementary or secondary school that is listed in ED’s annual directory of designated low-income schools for teacher cancellation benefits.

- The term “highly qualified teacher” is defined in Section 9101(23) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* or in Section 602(10) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*.
- Your teaching service must be in a high-need field
- You must comply with any other requirements that ED determines to be necessary.”

#### **Other Funding for Underrepresented Populations:**

These foundations/organizations below are possible sources for students from underrepresented populations to find funding for graduate degrees. Please contact these sources and research their websites for possible scholarships/grants/fellowships.

- United Negro College Fund, Inc.  
8260 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive  
P.O. Box 10500  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
<https://www.uncf.org/> or 1-800-331-2244
- American Indian Graduate Center Scholars (AIGCS)  
Christa Moya, MCRP  
Director of Financial Aid & Student Services  
Toll-Free Phone: 1-800-628-1920  
Fax: 1-505-884-8683  
4520 Montgomery Blvd NE Suite 1-B  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109  
<https://www.aigcs.org/>
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF)  
<http://www.apiasf.org/>  
Toll-Free Phone: 1-866-274-4677  
Fax: 1-202-530-0643
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)  
<http://www.hsf.net/>  
Toll-Free Phone: 1-877-473-4636  
Fax: 1-415-808-2411