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"Among those who completed at least some education beyond high school, 43 percent acquired at least some debt to finance that education, and 53 percent of those who completed at least a bachelor's degree acquired at least some debt in the process." (FederalReserve.gov)
Going into University, I already had the assumption that I was going to have student debt from loans. I assumed I would be paying off those loans through my entire career. Then when I decided I wanted to be a teacher, I realized I wouldn't be making a very big salary, but that's not what I am going into this field for. I want to be a teacher because I want to inspire students to want to be good people and to want to do something good with their lives. I was fully prepared to go into student loan debt so that I may be able to do that. Then, I found out I was eligible to receive a Federal TEACH Grant. All I had to do was fill out some forms online and agree to teach at a low-income school for four years, and I would get some of my tuition paid for. (I had already planned on teaching at a low-income school because all of the schools in my area are.) In receiving this grant I have, so far, been able to stay out of major debt. The TEACH Grant has been a big relief for me; with it, I don't have to worry about my financial future and I am able to focus on preparing myself to educate the children who are the future of our country.