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Student Profile:

I believe the TEACH grant helps me to become the best teacher I can. I enrolled in a teacher education program after four years of teaching. Despite being able to teach both abroad and in private schools, I lacked a credential and any formal education pedagogy. I know it would not have been difficult to continue teaching and to get certified with a little extra effort. Yet, it was my deep desire to think rigorously and critically about teaching that drove me to enter a master's/credential program. I wanted to do more than just meet a minimum standard, but to provide my student's with thoughtful, engaging, relevant, and rigorous curricula. The assistance the TEACH grant has provided allows me to focus on my education, and becoming the best teacher for my students instead of stressing over finances.