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**Student Profile:**

I fell in love with teaching during the summer before my senior year of high school. I taught in-coming 7th grade students pre-algebra and enjoyed mentoring students, learning new ways to make mathematics more accessible, and started to realize who I wanted to be as an active citizen of this country. I have been working towards being a math teacher for the past five and a half years. This year that dream is becoming reality as I am working towards my Secondary Teaching Credential in Mathematics and my Masters in Education. The TEACH grant is a large part of making that dream a reality for me and so many others as it reduces student loan debt and allows us teachers to focus our time and energy on our students without having to think as much about our financial stress. As I prepare to become a teacher, the knowledge of having the TEACH grant has allowed me and my peers to focus on what is most important (our students) and become the best teachers we can be.