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There are no words to express how thankful I am for the opportunity to attain my teaching certification. I'm even more excited to share that I am currently a Graduate student! I honestly would not have been able to attain these goals if it wasn't for the TEACH grant. Growing up my family was very poor. Going to college right away was difficult with the amount of responsibility given to me to help with my younger siblings. I later got married and had a daughter. It was through a long discussion with my husband that I wanted to go to school and attain my goal of becoming a teacher. As a middle class family we could not afford for me to attend. The TEACH grant made it possible. When I decided to return for Grad school, it was the TEACH grant that gave me the financial opportunity to attend. Without it, it would be impossible, especially since I am not a fan of debt. This summer I will have to step away from classes as there will be no financial assistance available. I will however look forward to continuing in the fall with my TEACH grant, and will graduate in December 2018!