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The TEACH Grant made it possible for me to fund part of my education. With this financial assistance, I was able to focus on my studies more and worry less on making payments. If it wasn't for this grant, I wouldn't have considered starting the program when I did because of my financial instability. However, this grant gave me the opportunity to pursue my career at the right time.