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Student Profile:

I am a first generation college student. I was raised by my grandparents who supported us on a fixed income. I knew by the age of 5 that I wanted to be a teacher. Because the financial burden of college is expensive, I attended a junior college first. Once I started classes at a 4 year university, I thought my dream of obtaining my Bachelor degree was gone. I worked a part time job the entire time I went to school. Without my TEACH grant, I would not have been able to afford college. The hours educator prep students have to put into the program are equivalent to a school day. Add in lesson planning, homework, and other courses. Working became difficult. My TEACH grant was a large factor to helping me financially.