

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
***Nacogdoches, Texas***

**Institution Contact Information:**

**First Name:** Carrie                      **Last Name:** Baker  
**Title:** Educator Preparation Program Manager  
**Email:** cabaker@sfasu.edu

---

**TEACH Grant Recipient**

**First Name:** Kara                      **Last Name:** Gordon

**Student Profile:**

I had no clue I wanted to be a teacher until my Junior year of high school. I combined my love for babies and leadership into one and enrolled at SFA as an Early Education major. After my 1st fall semester I changed my major to Deaf Education and I am now more in love with teaching than ever. The TEACH grant helps me pay for my school independently. Coming from a single parent household college was a goal I wasn't sure how I would accomplish. I am also a first generation college student so it is important to me that I continue on this path towards my bachelors degree. Without the TEACH grant that dream would be taken from me and all of my work would have been for nothing.