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## **Student Profile:**

I am from a small town in south eastern Kentucky, the kind you hear about people never leaving. I left my small town to pursue a High School Mathematics Education degree at NKU, on scholarship. When I decided that the students that really needed me were the Middle Grades ones, who often get the short end of the stick, I changed my major. In my decision to change my major, I forfeited a \$5000 scholarship for Mathematics because I declared Middle Grades Math and English Education-which no longer counted as a math degree. I have worked incredibly hard in my college career, and previous to it, to become the best teacher I can be. Not for myself, not for the money, but for the students that deserve it. I hope to one day teach in underserved populations in Eastern Kentucky; none of that would be possible without the TEACH Grant I applied for and received at the beginning of my Junior year. I begin student teaching next semester and will soon be a certified teacher. It's not about how much money we get from this grant, it's about how big of an impact we can make on our future students. Help us to continue to make a difference.