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Because of my love of science and my passion for working with kids, I knew becoming a high school science teacher was what I wanted to do. Financial supports, such as the TEACH grant, is what has enabled me to learn about the complex practice of education in such a stimulating and inspiring program. Of course I didn't pursue a career in education for financial reasons. New teacher salaries are modest and I will need to begin repaying my student loans after graduating in June. Because of the financial support I have received through the TEACH grant, my financial stress is reduced, leaving more energy and time for me to focus on being the best educator I can be. In summary, financial support like the TEACH grant does two important things. First, it increases the financial freedom of new teachers to enroll in quality and comprehensive teacher education programs that will prepare them for the complex profession they are entering. Second, it reduces the financial stress on new teachers, so they can dedicate more of themselves to being great teachers. These two things lead to better trained and more focused teachers, and ultimately improved student learning.