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**Student Profile:**

I have had a passion for teaching since I was in early elementary school, and since then I did everything I could to accomplish this dream. As I got older I realized that teaching was more than just helping students to learn what they needed to pass from one grade to the next, but rather, teaching shapes the future of this country one student at a time. I want to be able to make a difference in each and every one of the lives of my students by not only helping them grow academically, but also by helping them become respectable, responsible citizens who can make a difference in this world. To accomplish this, I needed a university that would equip me with the tools for success. The TEACH grant allowed me to be able to afford a university that would provide me with the learning I needed in order to become the most effective teacher possible in every way. Had it not been for the TEACH grant, I may have attended a university which was only sub-par in training future educators. As a current educator, the TEACH grant has also allowed me to focus my time and energy on my students instead of having to worry about the overwhelming debt from student loans had financial assistance not been available.