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I have always had a love for young minds and a love for teaching; however, I realized my passion for teaching when I began learning skills and strategies that I wish I had learned in school. Learning them made me wonder what else students could be missing out on, especially in low income areas with little resources. The TEACH grant has not only helped me lower my student loan debt, but has also placed a foot in the door for me to teach in a low income area and help those students who need every opportunity possible given to them in school. Without this grant, I may not have pursued my master's degree in reading; therefore, I would not have been able to offer my future students the extensive amount of literacy knowledge I have gained this past year. This knowledge has prepared me to not only be a strong teacher, but on how to build a love of learning and a strong self-efficacy into every student I encounter.