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The TEACH grant has alleviated the stress I feel both during work and school. Becoming a teacher is something I never thought I would be able to do because of the money required to pay off student loans. However, the TEACH grant has allowed me to go into this profession with a vision of a brighter future for my family and I. I will be able to encourage those students who were like me and didn't think college was an option. The TEACH grant made it possible for me to think that going to college isn't just for the rich people or those crazy enough to get themselves into thousands of dollars in debt. The TEACH grant isn't going to waste and isn't unappreciated for those like me. Please think of the next generation who will soon become the future leaders of this nation and will be making decisions for you.