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Student Profile:

My passion for teaching is harmonized by my passion for learning. This passion guided me to become a leader and a voice for the education field. These leadership skills influence young students to become strong leaders for the future. I want my students to know that their education is valuable and it will take them to places they have never imagined, just like mine has done. I wanted to become an educator to help guide students to become confident and brave to take on the world after leaving my classroom. Without the TEACH grant willing to support education, students, such as myself, would be unable to pursue educational degrees. With the help from the TEACH grant, I am able to pursue my dreams. This grant reduces my student loan debt and provides the supplies needed for the classroom. I am able to work less at my job and to spend more time working in the classroom, which develops new teaching styles, lessons, and student relationships. I love spending extra time with my students to create relationships. I eat lunch with my students and play with them at recess. Without the TEACH grant, I wouldn't have the opportunity to make real-life connections in the field. I know I would not become the educator I am today without the financial assistance that TEACH grant brings. I am able to focus on becoming the best teacher possible without worrying about financial aid. The TEACH grant provides many opportunities for future teacher.