## Ohio University Athens, Ohio

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## **Student Profile:**

I have known I have wanted to be a teacher since the 8th grade. I am passionate about helping others. I am a Special Education: Mild to Moderate major, and I want to help my future children achieve whatever they want to be, and I want to help them reach their fullest potential in life. I have always struggled to pay for college. I have payed out of pocket for college for my first 3 years of college, and I have worked full-time while being a full time student these past two years of school. Even with my full-time job during the year, I depend on the TEACH grant to help me pay for college, so I can focus on my lesson plans for my kids. If the TEACH grant were to be taken away, I don't see how I could pay for college and still remain a full-time student and remain in the classroom for my field experience. The TEACH grant has taken a huge burden off my chest this past year, and I can't imagine my continuing my education without it.