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**Student Profile:**

I decided I wanted to become a teacher when I realized that there was a wide gap in the education I was receiving in high school compared to those who attended schools in high need districts. I believe it is imperative that good educators are placed in these districts and the TEACH grant helps incentivize this. Aside from encouraging young educators to work in high need districts, it helps to alleviate my student loan debt and makes it so I only have to work one job while at school. I am currently a Sunday school teacher, but without the TEACH grant I would be unable to work at the church because I would need to have a job that offered more hours. The TEACH grant enables me, and many other students to attend college and remained focused on our main goal, which is to educate the developing minds of America.