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Student Profile:

I always wanted to be a teacher in my hometown of Carrollton, Kentucky. I heard all of the people encouraging me to do something that I could make more money doing, but teaching is truly a calling and that was the path I had chosen. My passion is math and I wanted to teach high school students, so a math major is a requirement in our state. I opted for alternative certification which requires a Master's degree immediately. Kentucky has a documented shortage of math and science teachers and this is the route that many of us must take. Masters degrees are expensive around \$15,000 dollars for the alternative route and with a teacher's annual salary in between \$36,000 and \$39,000 you can see there is not a lot of room in that budget for an education costs. Unlike the private sector teachers are in a profession that our employee requires a Masters but does not help pay for the cost associated. I had other choices – I could have worked in the mathematical field and not had any financial issues but that is not what I wanted. The TEACH grant made it possible for me to take the alternative route and start teaching immediately in a rural, impoverished school system. I feel like I am making a difference in the lives of these children and unfortunately may have not had this opportunity unless this was available to me.