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Student Profile:

As a low-income minority student, I have to face financial difficulty and language barrier when pursuing my dream of becoming a middle school math teacher. TEACH Grant as not only a material support but an invaluable spiritual gift strengthens my willpower and confidence to overcome the barriers of finance and language. As a fairy, TEACH Grant has accompanied me on my academic journey and has contributed to helping my dream come true. To show my gratitude, I try to learn well and participate in community activities to help other students. Therefore, I was and have been a math tutor at Portland State University, Portland Community College, Scott K-8 School, and Beverly Cleary School. I always help students with all my math ability and love for teaching. I got a 3.98 GPA in my undergraduate program with a 4.0 GPA in mathematics. At present, I am maintaining a 4.0 GPA in my graduate program. I believe financial assistance through TEACH Grant and scholarships combined with my love for teaching, ability for mathematics, and accumulated experience in tutoring like a tsunami that may sweep away any obstacles on my academic path to attain the dream of becoming an effective, professional teacher in future.