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ABLE Grants give hope where there was none

I am writing in support of the Access to Better Learning and Education Grant. The ABLE Grant is an important program that has offered many students an opportunity to realize their dreams ("Students deserve access to private-college grants," letter, March 6).

As a past recipient, I can attest to the benefits. I recently graduated from Keiser University in West Palm Beach as valedictorian of my class and earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration, with concentration in international business.

I live with my mother, who fully depends on my support to provide for the family. The ABLE Grant was one of the few opportunities available to me to help ease my financial struggles with tuition payments.

I cannot stress enough how many others find themselves victims of life's circumstances and are in need of the opportunity that was afforded to me. Support of the ABLE Grant benefits the community at large at a minimal cost to the state by assisting in providing higher education to many who may not otherwise have the means.

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