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Hello and thank you for your interest in

the para to teacher tuition support

program. You have just taken the first

step in advancing yourself toward a

career in teaching. You came to this

website because you enjoy what you do

and you want to make a difference in the

lives of children who need it most.

Motivated by your love for working with

students with disabilities, you may now

have the opportunity to pursue your

ambition and earn a degree as a special

education teacher.

The para to teacher tuition support

program is a state-funded grant program

that provides financial assistance for

paraprofessionals who are serving

students with disabilities in Florida's

public schools. The tuition support

program can help offset the costs of

returning to college while allowing you

to choose the college or university

program that best suits your needs.

Designed with the working paraprofessional

in mind, our program can provide

financial assistance towards completing

your degree.

You just need to decide which

Florida-based college or university you

plan to attend by viewing the

interactive map on our webpage. Once you

have applied and been accepted to one of

the special education teacher

preparation programs you can then apply

 for our tuition support, but please

carefully review our program

requirements. Admittance is dependent on

funding and available space in the

program. Once in the program, we've got

you covered.

Returning to school is rewarding and can

provide access to opportunities. It's

also not as intimidating as you think. As

a 36-year-old mom of three children, I

left behind a career as a television

news producer and took a job as a

paraprofessional in an elementary school

and went back to college to finally

finish my bachelor's degree. I did it, and so can you, so why not go for it? Your

time may be now.

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