

## ACI Distributes CIC/UPS Scholarships to Members

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ACI distributed \$78,000 in CIC/UPS Scholarships to assist students studying at ACI's [27 member colleges and universities](#).



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Member schools were sent \$3,000 each, thanks to a grant from the [Council of Independent Colleges](#) (CIC), Washington, D.C., through the CIC/UPS Educational Endowment.

"The CIC/UPS Educational Endowment has been a longtime contributor to ACI and the students we serve throughout Illinois," said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director. "We are grateful for their continuing support, and we know students appreciate the funds made available to them through this generous grant."

Nationally, CIC provided more than \$1.6 million in student scholarships through state-based associations such as ACI to make private colleges and universities more affordable and accessible to underserved students.

"Independent colleges and universities in this country are remarkably effective at educating and graduating low-income and first-generation students in less time, with less student debt," said Richard Ekman, president of CIC. "Helping these students afford a private college education is a truly critical need in our society."

The CIC/UPS Scholarship Program has made a private college education possible for more than 20,000 low-income and first generation students. This year's scholarships will assist 536 students nationwide, Ekman added.

"The UPS Foundation is honored to work with CIC to provide scholarships for students at independent colleges and universities," said Eduardo Martinez, president of the [UPS Foundation](#) and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS. "Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community."