

ACI Distributes CIC/UPS Scholarship Funds to Members

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THE COUNCIL OF
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ACI distributed \$81,000 in CIC/UPS Scholarships to assist students studying at ACI's 27 member colleges and universities.

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

Called the CIC/UPS Scholarship, each member will present a \$3,000 scholarship to a student whose background reflects one or more of the characteristics of these student populations: first-generation, low-income, minority or new American students.

"The CIC/UPS Educational Endowment is a significant contributor to ACI and the students we serve throughout Illinois," said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director. "We are grateful for their continuing support. These funds are critical this year as students return to campuses this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic downturn that has resulted."

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. The CIC/UPS Scholarship Program has made a private college education possible for more than 21,000 low-income and first generation students.