

ACI Distributes CIC/UPS Scholarships to Member Colleges and Universities *ITW also awards grant to support ACI program*

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ACI has distributed \$83,200 in CIC/UPS Scholarships to assist students attending members colleges and universities. The scholarships were made possible by a grant from the [Council of Independent Colleges](#) (CIC) in Washington, D.C., through the [CIC/UPS Educational Endowment](#).

"The funds we distribute to our members are vital for the students who benefit from these scholarships," said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director. "We hear from many students about how this scholarship made a difference in their ability to meet tuition costs and continue their degree programs."

Nationally, CIC provided more than \$1.4 million in student scholarships through state-based associations to make private colleges and universities more affordable and accessible to underserved students.

"The Council of Independent Colleges is proud to support nearly 450 low-income, first-generation, minority, and new American students in 26 states through the CIC/UPS Scholarships," said Marjorie Hass, CIC president. "Through our partnership with ACI, these scholarships help individual students pursue their education at one of Illinois' superb independent colleges and universities."

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

Grant to ACI from Illinois Tools Works Foundation

[ITW Foundation](#), Glenview, Illinois, awarded \$10,000 to ACI's [Peer Mentoring Program](#). The program operates on 11 ACI-affiliated campuses. It works to help first-generation, low-income students through the critical first year in college, and helps them remain in college and earn degrees.



This is the seventh year the ITW Foundation has provided a grant to support the ACI Peer Mentoring Program.