



Associated Colleges of Illinois

The Future We Lead.

Help empower and transform the lives of students, their families,
and foster an independent college education for all.

EMPOWER

ACI empowers diverse, first-generation and low-to-moderate income students through:

- boot camps
- career mentoring
- partnerships
- peer mentoring
- scholarships

ACI empowers member colleges and universities through:

- professional development
- promotion and endorsement
- scholarship support

TRANSFORM

ACI transforms Illinois higher education by:

- distributing \$70 million in need-based scholarships in its 70-year history
- distributing \$7 million in need-based scholarships since 1990
- supporting an education system of nearly 70,000 students at member institutions
- supporting an education system with 24,000 alumni working at 148 Illinois companies
- supporting member institutions whose value is \$3.7 billion to Illinois economy

CHANGE

ACI and its members change student outcomes by producing:

- civic-minded citizens
- college graduates
- critical thinkers
- ethical alumni
- multi-skilled employees
- nimble, adaptable workers
- skilled communicators
- team players
- well-rounded lifelong learners

Learn how you can help

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Founded in 1952, Associated Colleges of Illinois (ACI) supports member colleges and universities by advancing independent liberal arts and sciences education and helping underserved students succeed in college, career and life. ACI does this through fundraising to support scholarships, emergency financial aid and programs for diverse, low-income and first-generation students.

ACI OPPORTUNITIES

- **Boot camps:** Career preparation and life skills for diverse, first-generation students
- **Career mentoring:** Upper-class students develop mentoring relationships with business professionals to help launch careers
- **Partnerships:** Corporate and organizational partnerships enhance career fairs, micro-internships, tech learning and more
- **Peer mentoring:** Peer-to-peer support for diverse, first-generation students in their early college years
- **Professional development:** Ongoing training and education for staff at member colleges and universities
- **Scholarships:** Funding shared with member institutions, provided to diverse, first-generation students

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Become a volunteer mentor to students
- Help develop partnerships
- Host an awareness event
- Serve as a presenter for a boot camp or conference

GIVING TO ACI

- Visit <https://acifund.org/giving/> or use the QR code. Gifts accepted include cash, credit card payments, insurance, pledges, securities, trusts, and wills and bequests
- Become a program sponsor



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ACI member colleges and universities

Augustana College • Aurora University • Blackburn College • Dominican University • Elmhurst University • Eureka College
Illinois College • Illinois Wesleyan University • Judson University • Knox College • Lewis University • McKendree University
Millikin University • Monmouth College • North Central College • North Park University • Olivet Nazarene University • Principia College
Quincy University • Rockford University • Saint Xavier University • Trinity Christian College • University of St. Francis • Wheaton College

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