



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:

- career mentoring
- emergency financial aid
- internships
- peer mentoring
- scholarships

ACI empowers member colleges and universities through:

- idea sharing
- partnerships
- promotion and endorsement
- scholarship support

TRANSFORM

ACI transforms Illinois higher education by:

- distributing over \$70 million in need-based scholarships in its 70-plus year history
- distributing over \$7 million in need-based scholarships since 1990
- supporting an education system of nearly 45,000 students at member institutions
- supporting an education system with 23,702 alumni working at 234 Illinois companies
- supporting member institutions whose value is \$3.13 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

Associated Colleges of Illinois

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

- Career preparation: Internships, networking 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 micro-internships, tech learning, cost savings and more
- Peer mentoring: Peer-to-peer support for diverse, first-generation students in their early college years
- Emergency financial aid: Assistance when students need it most
- 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

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 • Benedictine University • 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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