

# Sample Email for Schools to Send to Families

Subject: Scholarship Opportunity for Students Impacted by Local Energy Plant or Mine Closures

Dear Families,

We want to make you aware of an important scholarship opportunity for students whose families may have been affected by the closure or reduced operation of a coal plant, gas plant, or coal mine in Illinois.

The **Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program**, offered through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), provides **one year of tuition and mandatory fees at any Illinois public university or community college**. This scholarship is available to **children, adopted children, and stepchildren** of eligible displaced energy workers. The scholarship can be received more than once.

## Who is eligible

Your student may qualify if a parent or guardian:

- Lost their job due to the closure or reduced operation of a **coal plant, gas plant, or coal mine**
- Experienced this job loss **on or after September 15, 2016**
- Has since found new employment — **reemployment does not affect eligibility**

## What the scholarship covers

- One year of tuition and mandatory fees
- At any Illinois public university or community college
- For undergraduate or graduate study
- Students may apply more than once.

## What documentation is needed

Families must upload **proof of job loss** related to a qualifying facility closure or reduction. Acceptable documents include:

- A letter or certification from the employer
- A union representative's letter or certification
- Unemployment insurance records

- Any employer-generated list showing laid-off or terminated workers

Documentation must include the **effective date of separation**.

## **No financial-need documentation required**

Families do **not** need to submit proof of financial need. Applying for the scholarship is considered an indication of need.

## **Application deadlines**

There are typically **three deadlines each year** for fall, spring, and summer consideration. Families should check the [ISAC website for the most up-to-date dates](#).

## **How to apply**

Students must create an account in the ISAC Student Portal and complete the online application.

More information and the application link can be found at:

[www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html](http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html)

If you believe your student may be eligible, we encourage you to review the program details and apply. This scholarship can significantly reduce the cost of college and support students as they continue their education.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our office or reach out to ISAC directly.