

Draft Email to School Districts

(for superintendents, principals, counselors, and communications staff)

Subject: Scholarship Opportunity for Students: Children of Displaced Energy Workers

Dear [Superintendent/Principal/Counselor Name],

I'm reaching out to share an important scholarship opportunity that may benefit students and families in your district.

The **Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship Program**, administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), provides **one year of tuition and mandatory fees at any Illinois public university or community college** for eligible students. Students may receive the scholarship more than once.

Who Is Eligible?

Students may qualify if their parent or guardian lost their job due to the closure or reduced operation of a coal plant, gas plant, or coal mine on or after September 15, 2016.

Importantly:

- Dependents remain eligible **even if the displaced worker has since found new employment.**
- Eligible students include children, adopted children, and stepchildren of displaced energy workers.
- The scholarship may be used for undergraduate or graduate study.
- No proof of financial need is required beyond submitting the application.
- Application deadlines occur three times per year (fall, spring, and summer terms).

Why This Matters for Your District

Your district is located within a region affected by energy facility closures or reduced operations. Families in your community may qualify but may not be aware this opportunity exists — particularly if the displaced worker has since transitioned to another job.

School districts play a vital role in ensuring students have access to every available pathway to higher education.

How You Can Help

We respectfully ask that you:

- Share information about this scholarship with families through email or newsletters

- Post the opportunity on your website and social media channels
- Encourage counselors to notify potentially eligible students
- Share this information with local partners, including community organizations and labor groups

Learn More & Apply

Full program details, eligibility requirements, documentation guidance, and application information are available at:

www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/DEWDTSP.html

If you have questions or would like assistance sharing this opportunity, please feel free to contact [insert contact information].

Thank you for helping ensure students in energy transition communities can access the educational opportunities they deserve.