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All Chicago Launches Student Emergency Fund
Fund Will Help College Students Experiencing A Financial Crisis Stay in School

Chicago, IL – All Chicago CEO Nonie Brennan announced today the launch of its new Student Emergency Fund. The fund supports Chicago college students at risk of dropping out of school due to an unexpected financial crisis.

“The Student Emergency Fund is a great example of All Chicago’s singular focus on effectively channeling resources to meet specific community needs,” Brennan said, adding, “In the face of rising college costs, the fund provides us with a tangible opportunity to really make a difference for young people who are struggling to get the education they need to succeed in the future.”

The fund provides critical and timely financial assistance to maintain a student’s stability during a crisis or transition. The fund covers expenses like housing, transportation, school fees, and other expenditures that will prevent or avert a crisis.

All Chicago is collaborating with six non-profit partners to identify students most in need of financial support through a crisis. The partners were selected because of their experience and track record of success in supporting students towards college graduation, and are:

- Chicago Scholars
- Companies that Care/Aim High
- Embarc
- Genesys Works Chicago
- North Lawndale College Prep
- OneGoal

Students can apply for funding if they are active with one of the above schools or organizations, and don’t have the financial resources to meet the need of their crisis.

The fund was developed due to research commissioned by All Chicago’s Learning Center. The research showed that 25% of students who dropped out needed as little as \$1,000 to stay in school, and that 92% of teachers know students who dropped out of school for financial reasons. All teachers, administrators, and students surveyed agreed that a Student Emergency Fund would effectively help low-income college students stay in school and graduate.

About All Chicago: All Chicago effectively combines immediate resources with long term strategies to address the complex issue of homelessness. We provide critical financial assistance to people experiencing an emergency that could lead to homelessness or other crises. We analyze, recommend, and implement sustainable housing solutions for Chicago. We research leading practices and offer educational opportunities for all those working to end homelessness. Learn more at allchicago.org.

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