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Statement from Mayor Rahm Emanuel on the Illinois DREAM Fund

“The DREAM Fund will give families and students across Chicago and Illinois a better chance to achieve the American Dream and I applaud today’s unveiling of the Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship allowing students to apply for scholarships and encouraging them to continue to pursue their education regardless of their legal status. This fund will help remove the biggest barrier to immigrants pursuing higher education: cost.”

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Mayor Emanuel has raised \$275,000 in private donations for the Illinois DREAM Fund. With this contribution, nearly 100 DREAM youth would be able to complete their first year in City Colleges of Chicago’s College to Career program; ensuring that they have the skills to meet the demand for careers in growing fields.