



## **Police, Fire, and Correctional Officers Scholarship Program for dependent children of disabled employees**

*I get asked the question almost every day, “will this legislation affect my family’s future? **THE ANSWER IS YES** it is going to affect us all in different degrees.*

In an effort to negotiate in good faith, reasonable relief, with pension reform for the municipalities that have allowed the development of unfunded liabilities. The Mayors, City Managers and Organizations that represented the cities, selfishly chose to turn down agreed on legislation that would have developed over a million dollars in relief as of the date of this letter. Senator Terry Link (D-Waukegan) fully displayed his irritation with Illinois cities when he talked about a “misleading” flyer passed out blasting this relief bill then walked out of a meeting lasting over 9 hrs. When the cities refused allow protection for the payments agreed on.

*The spin off effect of this act is being felt by our members and their dependents as well.*

### **Example.**

A disabled member of a fire department asked Illinois Professional Firefighters Association for help.

It seems his daughter is attending an Illinois University, working diligently toward a clinical psychology degree. All the paper work and conditions to make her eligible for police, fire, and correctional officer’s scholarship program for dependent children of disabled employees. All the terms of this act have been met and “invoice Vouchers” have been issued for the 2009-10 academic year, by the “Illinois Student Assistance Commission”. After receipt of these Vouchers, the University was told that the Illinois Comptroller cannot write a (bad) check. The monies must be in the account before a check can be issued.

### **IPFA is addressing many questions:**

1. What is this child to do?
2. What is the University to do?
3. **What’s being done to rectify this problem?**
4. Will monies come available for this fund?
5. If there are no funds, why not temporally suspend the scholarships.
6. How can these students plan their future?
7. Is this a violation of our Illinois Constitutional Grantees?

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*We understand the state is out of money. The government “kicking the can forward” is creating these problems, then offers no alternative to resolve them. These students work hard, their Mom or Dad became disabled in the line of duty and the state made this program available for them. A lot of effort is required to get these funds, If there is no money stop the program. Like the pensions, is this another broken promise by our governmental agencies?*

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