The Education Assistance Program (EAP) was established in 1982 by the Civil Service Employees Council of SIU Carbondale to provide financial assistance for dependents of SIU civil service employees who attend SIU. The Education Assistance Program is financed by employee contributions, income from an endowment fund, and proceeds from fund raising activities sponsored by the Civil Service Council. Visit [www.cscouncil.siu.edu](http://www.cscouncil.siu.edu) for more information. Below are some current scholarship recipients and the impact the scholarship has had on them.

Name: **Madison Lingle**  
Hometown – Anna, IL  
Major - Pre-Nursing

"The Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund is helping me to achieve my goal of becoming a CRNA, a nurse anesthetist. The scholarship this program has awarded me alleviates the financial stress of paying for out of pocket expenses, such as textbooks, and various materials required for my labs."

Name – **Haley Gaertner**  
Hometown – Carbondale, IL  
Major – Cinema & Photography

"The timing of the awards seem to be such that they always tended to cover course fees, but more importantly the timing was perfect to offset costs of class project supplies and/or class field trips each semester."

Name – **Jordyn Keith**  
Hometown – Alto Pass, IL  
Major - IST

“Growing up in southern Illinois, my dream was to become a Saluki just like my parents and my grandmother. I am so thankful for the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund and those who contribute - because of their generosity, I am now a third generation Saluki!”
Name – Clayton Houghland
Hometown – Pinckneyville, IL
Major – Civil Engineering

"I would like to thank the Civil Service Council for their monetary support these last four years. I appreciate the hard work of the council and all who support the fundraisers. This money was used to pay for my books each semester. I will be graduating in May with a degree in Civil Engineering."

Name – Dylan Houghland
Hometown – Pinckneyville, IL
Major – Civil Engineering

"I would like to thank the Civil Service Council for awarding me the Education Assistance Award my first year. The money was used to pay for my books. I am hoping to receive this award for the next three years while I earn a degree in Civil Engineering."

Name – Addison Bogard
Hometown – Carterville, IL
Major – Radiological Sciences

"I am truly grateful for the Civil Service Council Education Assistance fund as it has helped offset educational and travel expenses in my Sonography major. This monetary support is very much appreciated."

Name – McLain Baker
Hometown – DuQuoin, IL
Major – Psychology

"McLain Baker is a third generation Saluki, striving to excel towards a B.S. in Psychology. We are thankful for this Scholarship which will lessen the burden of textbook expenses, allowing her to focus solely on her studies."
Name – **Zack Liddell**  
Hometown – Carterville, IL  
Major – Finance  

"The Educational Assistance funding is an investment in my future and greatly appreciated. It reduces the financial stress associated with attending college."

Name – **Abigail Barnes**  
Hometown – Tamaroa, IL  
Major – Pre-Nursing  

"As I sit here worrying about how I am going to get through college, my mind is eased by knowing that with the help of the Civil Service Assistance Fund scholarship, I will be able to get through. The struggle of college debt is a real thing. With the help of scholarships like this one, some of that worry goes away. This scholarship gives me the money to pay for classes I may have had to pass on because I could not afford them. The generosity of this scholarship and all of its donors means a lot and I am grateful for the opportunity to receive this award."

Name – **Drew Moore**  
Hometown – Carbondale, IL  
Major – Pre-Physical Therapy Assistant  

"The EAC award is a huge help toward my expenses in college. I really appreciate the hard work of the council to make the award possible."

Name – **Ryne O’Rourke**  
Hometown – DuQuoin, IL  
Major – Mechanical Engineering  

"I am sincerely grateful to receive the civil service educational assistance award. This funding helps me afford my textbooks that are generally expensive in my field of study, Mechanical Engineering. I plan on graduating in December 2020 and want to start my career somewhere in Southern Illinois. Once again, thank you for the reward!"