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Rep. Brady Will Not Award General Assembly Scholarship

Bloomington, IL... State Representative Dan Brady has chosen not to award the General Assembly Scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year. This is the second year in a row that Brady has suspended the program in his 88th Legislative District. "This is a tough decision for me because I believe the scholarship program has greatly benefited students in my district," said Rep. Brady. "But I believe suspending the program is the right thing to do considering the state's financial crisis."

The Illinois General Assembly Scholarship program allows each legislator to grant tuition waivers for two, four year scholarships to one of Illinois' state universities. The scholarships can be divided so that eight students receive a one year tuition waiver. Brady said the unfunded mandate costs universities between \$75,000 and \$150,000 per legislator, per year.

"There is no revenue source for General Assembly Scholarships. The costs are solely absorbed by the state universities. These are costs that the universities have had to pass on to students and their families who are paying tuition, and that's just not fair," said Rep. Brady.

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