



AWARD STATUS GUIDE

The award statuses may appear in the School and Student portals.

WAITLIST: The family applied for a student scholarship, and the application is in line for a scholarship award. Applications are processed as funds become available at a student's selected schools.

CONDITIONAL AWARD: The family has received a Conditional Award letter and funds are available for this student. The family must log in to their EmpowerXChange student portal and accept or decline their award within the time period specified in the Conditional Award letter. If the Conditional Award is not accepted on a timely basis, it is considered declined, and the funds will be reallocated to another student.

PROVISIONAL AWARD: The family has received a Provisional Award letter and funds are available for this student. The family must log in to their EmpowerXChange student portal and accept or decline their award within the time period specified in the Provisional Award letter. The selected school must also become recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education by July 15, 2019, or the award will not be finalized and no scholarship will be made. If the Provisional Award is not accepted on a timely basis, it is considered declined, and the funds will be reallocated to another student.

AWARD CONFIRMED: The family has accepted this award. A School Commitment Form (SCF) must be completed for this student by the school, and the student's acceptance and enrollment for the awarded school year must be verified by the school.

FUNDING CONFIRMED: The school has completed the SCF for this student, and the student's acceptance and enrollment has been verified by the school. This is the final state of the scholarship! A Funding Confirmation letter will be sent to the family stating the amount of the scholarship.

Other Award States

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED: The family has applied for a scholarship, but did not provide all necessary documentation. If an application is in this status, more information is needed from the family. The family has 10 days from when the request for more information is made to provide the information or the application will be considered incomplete and no scholarship will be awarded.

IDLE: A higher priority scholarship has been awarded at another school selected by the applicant.

For example, the student lists three desired schools in the Student Application in order of Priority 1, 2, or 3. These schools will be displayed in the EmpowerXChange student portal dashboard. If funds were matched with the student's Priority 1 school, the student will be displayed in an Idle status at the Priority 2 and 3 schools.

If the family declines a higher priority award, a student in Idle status will return to Waitlist status for their other schools.

EXPIRED: The Conditional Award or Provisional Award has expired due to inaction by the family and is no longer available to the student.

DECLINED: The family has declined the Conditional or Provisional Award. This action can be taken when an award is in the Conditional Award, Provisional Award, Award Confirmed, or Funding Confirmed statuses.

WITHDRAWN: The family has withdrawn the scholarship application for a school of their choice. This action can be taken when an award is in the Waitlist or Idle statuses.

NOT ACCEPTED/NOT ENROLLED: The school has verified that the student has either not been accepted or has not been enrolled at the school. No scholarship will be provided to a student who is not accepted and enrolled at a school.

NOT ELIGIBLE: The application has been verified, but the information submitted has shown that the student applicant(s) is (are) ineligible due to one or more criteria under the Invest in Kids Act.