

STUDENTS: HOW TO APPLY FOR A TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

FAMILIES OF K-12 STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS BEGINNING JANUARY 31, 2018.

The Tax Credit Scholarship will cover up to 100% of private school tuition up to a maximum of the average Illinois cost to educate, which is roughly \$13,000.

Students with unique learning needs, including those who are gifted, English language learners, or those with special education qualifications, may be eligible to receive larger scholarships – up to double – roughly \$26,000.

Tax Credit Scholarships are need based and do not take academic performance into consideration.

THE PROCESS

01. Families submit a complete application. See below for what an application requires.

02. Families are notified of their application status.

03. Students begin school admission and enrollment process.*

04. Scholarship award notifications are sent to families beginning in February and continue until available funds are used.

05. Funds will be distributed to schools at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Empower Illinois will work directly with schools and organizations to distribute funds.

- The school admission process is separate from the scholarship process. A scholarship does not guarantee admittance.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST



A copy of your family's 2016 federal tax return. If the family did not file a 2016 tax return, please contact us at info@empowerillinois.org



Proof of Illinois residency, such as:

- Current utility bill
- Current driver license



Documentation of the student's age (applicable to students entering kindergarten and first grade only), such as:

- A copy of the student's birth certificate
- Federal or State ID
- A passport



If available, a letter of acceptance or enrollment at an eligible, participating, non-public school.

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