

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY FOR A TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

FAMILIES OF K-12 STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

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 application is a two-step process. First, reserve your place in line by completing a brief online form. After reserving your place in line, families will be emailed a unique link and use their reservation code to complete the full application.

## THE PROCESS

- 01.** Go to EmpowerIllinois.org beginning Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 P.M. to begin your application.

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- 02.** Complete the form with your name and contact information to timestamp your application.  
*Note: This step will determine your place in line for the first-come, first-served scholarships*

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- 03.** Also submit your home address, the names of your children, their dates of birth, and your preferred school.  
*Note: Only one reservation and application are allowed per family - even if you are applying for several students.*





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- 04.** Take note of your confirmation code after completing your reservation.

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- 05.** Wait to receive an email link to your unique application where you will complete it and upload all required documents. Emails will be sent on a rolling basis and may take several weeks.

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- 06.** You will have 3 days to complete your application once your link has been sent. Complete it at a time convenient for you and be sure all documents are provided.

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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

-  A copy of your family's 2016 or 2017 federal tax return. If the family did not file a tax return, please visit [our website](#).
-  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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