



EMPOWER ILLINOIS

Families of K-12 students can apply for scholarships beginning January 24, 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.

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

The Application Process

The application process will take about 15-20 minutes. Use the checklist below to gather everything you will need before you begin.

Application Checklist:

- A copy of your family's 2016 federal tax return. If the family did not file a 2016 tax return, please contact Empower Illinois.
- Proof of Illinois residency, such as:
 - Current utility bill
 - Current driver license
- Documentation of the student's age, such as:
 - A copy of the student's birth certificate
 - Federal or State ID
 - A passport
- The student's prior semester report card (unless beginning school for the first time)
- If available, a letter of acceptance or enrollment at an eligible, participating, non-public school.

The Complete Scholarship Process

1. Families submit a complete application (including documents).
2. Families are notified of their application status.
3. Students begin school admission and enrollment process.*
4. Scholarship award notifications are sent to families beginning in February and continue until available funds are used.
5. 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.

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