

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program is off to a great start. The first day alone around \$36 million was reserved for private school scholarships in Illinois. There is still time to reserve your Illinois state tax credit, but the process does take some time, so you are encouraged to act as soon as possible. A link to a helpful guide is listed below:

To donate:

https://empowerillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Tax_Credit_Scholarship_Program-121817.pdf

To Apply:

Families wishing to apply for scholarships can begin doing so on **January 24, 2018**. Applications will be processed through empowerillinois.org. To be considered for a 2018-2019 scholarship, K-12 students must come from a household with income **below 300 percent** of the federal poverty level (\$73,800 for family of four). Prior to April 1, priority will be given to students from households below 185 percent of the federal poverty level (\$45,510 for family of four) or students who reside in a "focus district" (low-performing public schools.) The following is a check list of documents you will need:

- 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, 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.

For more information on applying for Invest in Kids scholarships consult:

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