

INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Get ready to donate on December 1! Illinois Letter ID Drive

You can support Catholic education by donating to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program! If you want to take advantage of a tax credit and our 1-for-1 Matching Program, we can help you get started.

Obtaining a Letter ID is the first step. Follow the link below to get started and see the other side of this flyer for easy, 3-step instructions to request your Letter ID. It takes up to 10 days to receive your Letter ID via the USPS once the state receives your request.

Starting Dec. 1, take advantage of the 1-for-1 match and double the impact of your gift! Your support provides access to a high-quality, faith-based education for thousands of Illinois students.

“YOUR
GENEROSITY
HAS PUT MY
ENTIRE FAMILY
AT EASE
KNOWING
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THE BEST
EDUCATION
POSSIBLE.”

—Parent, St. John Berchmans
School

Visit mytax.illinois.gov today to start!

If you have questions, please contact the Tax Credit Scholarship Hotline at **312.534.2617** or tcs@archchicago.org. You can also visit archchicago.org/tcs for more information.



TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Request a Letter ID in 3 easy steps

Step 1

Log on to mytax.illinois.gov to REQUEST LETTER ID

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the “Individuals” box on the left.

Step 2

Click on “Request a Letter ID.”

Step 3

Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:

- IL-PIN
- Most recent adjusted gross income
- IL driver’s license number
- IL state identification number

Click “Submit,” confirm your email address, then click “OK” and receive your confirmation.

Your Letter ID will arrive in the mail at the address on your previous year’s tax return within 7–10 business days. The Letter ID expires 90 days from the date it is issued. Please activate your account upon receipt of Letter ID. If you have questions, call 312.534.2617 or email investinkids@archchicago.org.

Wait until Dec. 1 to make your donation and take advantage of the 1-for-1 Matching Program. Please view bit.ly/TCSSteps to find further detailed instructions on completing your donation. As a reminder, under the Invest in Kids Act, corporate donors are not permitted to direct their donation to a specific school.



GIVE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Fund a Child's Future

The **Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program** helps children from low-income homes receive scholarships that cover up to 100% of a Catholic school's tuition. Thanks to this program, thousands of students are gaining knowledge in a faith-filled environment in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. Your support helps educate the next generation of Catholic student leaders and builds on a brighter future for all.

What is a Tax Credit Scholarship?

Tax Credit Scholarships cover tuition and fees for the 2023/24 school year. Children from low-income households may qualify for tax credit scholarships if their family income is less than \$79,500 per year.* Of the nearly 8,000 students who qualified last year, more than half remained on a waitlist for tuition assistance.

Cut tax liability

You can receive a credit for your state taxes equal to 75% of your Tax Credit Scholarship donation.

HOW IT WORKS

We use \$10K in this example, but any amount is needed.

DONATE \$10,000

After following the **step-by-step guide**, a taxpayer can donate \$10,000 to **Empower Illinois**, the Scholarship Granting Organization working with the archdiocese.

Designate the archdiocese's Catholic schools as the beneficiary.

TAX REWARD CAN EQUAL \$7,500

You are eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit on your state taxes -75 percent of your gift! This will reduce your 2022 tax liability (2023 if donation is made after Dec. 31).

CORPORATE MATCHING

Please confirm with your employer's matching gift office to see if your donation is eligible for corporate matching. Empower Illinois will provide the corporate matching gift funds to the designated school.

*Based on a family of four.

Donate now to educate a child in a Catholic school of your choice

Catholic schools have long set the standard for faith, excellence in education and service to society, providing spiritual growth and instruction to children, in order for them to overcome economic struggles and, in turn, contribute back to our communities.



Ensure a brighter future by investing in children from our most vulnerable communities and contribute to the Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

Your donation helps keep our schools open and guarantees that future generations will have the advantage of a quality Catholic education.

If you donate through Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, your donation will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling your donation's impact. Limitations apply.

A donation can be made using cash, check, appreciated stock or credit card.

Invest in kids now: 3 easy steps

1 REGISTER

This helpful [guide from Empower Illinois](#) will walk you through the process of obtaining a donor account. You will need the primary taxpayer's SSN and one of the following: IL Driver's License #, IL State ID #, or Adjusted Gross Income from the prior year's return.

2 RESERVE

Reserve your tax credit with the Illinois Department of Revenue. Refer to this [list of eligible schools](#) to determine where your school of choice is located and designate Empower Illinois as your Scholarship Granting Organization. You will receive your Contribution Authorization Certificate (CAC) via email. Once you have your CAC, you are ready to donate.

3 DONATE

Once you receive confirmation of your tax credit and your CAC, you have up to 60 days to donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization.

THANK YOU!

These simple steps make a difference in a child's life and will have a long-lasting, positive impact on our community because you have invested in Catholic education.

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