



# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

VERITAS, MENS, SANCTITAS

5535 WEST STATE ROAD, BURBANK, ILLINOIS 60459



Catholic Schools  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

# What is Empower Illinois?

In August 2017, with bipartisan support, the House and Senate passed a comprehensive education funding bill that was signed into law by the governor. The law includes a provision for tax credit scholarships, which provide strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for low-income students in the state. Illinois students from low-income families may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice.

This legislation represents a major step forward that will help create more equity in school funding throughout Illinois, and for the first time provide real school choice for students and their families.



**EMPOWER  
ILLINOIS**

# Que es Empower Illinois?

En agosto de 2017, con el apoyo bipartidista, la Cámara de Representantes y el Senado aprobaron un proyecto de ley integral de financiación de la educación que fue promulgado por el gobernador. La ley incluye una provisión para becas de crédito fiscal, que ofrecen fuertes incentivos para que los donantes respalden becas escolares no públicas para estudiantes de bajos ingresos en el estado. Los estudiantes de Illinois de familias de bajos ingresos pueden usar estas nuevas becas para asistir a una escuela no pública de su elección.

Esta legislación representa un gran paso adelante que ayudará a crear más equidad en el financiamiento escolar en todo Illinois y, por primera vez, brindará opciones de escuelas reales para los estudiantes y sus familias.



**EMPOWER  
ILLINOIS**



# Empower Illinois

**Tax credit scholarships:** Students from low-income households in grades K-12 have the opportunity to receive tax credit scholarships for the 2019/20 school year. These scholarships are funded by donors who receive a credit on their Illinois state income tax as a result of their donation.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is working with Empower Illinois which will accept applications and grant tax credit scholarships.

Empower Illinois announced that its tax credit scholarship application system will open on

**Tuesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.** through their website, [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org). Please be aware that there has been a major change to the application process. To make the application easier for families and maintain the first come, first served nature of the scholarship, Empower Illinois has created a two-step application process.



# Empower Illinois

**Becas de crédito fiscal:** los estudiantes de hogares de bajos ingresos en los grados K-12 tienen la oportunidad de recibir becas de crédito fiscal para el año escolar 2019/20. Estas becas son financiadas por donantes que reciben un crédito en su impuesto sobre la renta estatal de Illinois como resultado de su donación.

La Arquidiócesis de Chicago está trabajando con Empower Illinois, que aceptará solicitudes y otorgará becas de crédito fiscal.

Empower Illinois anunció que su sistema de solicitud de beca de crédito fiscal se abrirá el **martes 15 de Enero a las 7 p.m.** a través de su sitio web, [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org). Tenga en cuenta que ha habido un cambio importante en el proceso de solicitud. Para hacer que la aplicación sea más fácil para las familias y mantener la naturaleza de las becas por orden de llegada, Empower Illinois ha creado un proceso de solicitud en dos pasos.



# How to Qualify?

Through the “Invest in Kids Act,” Illinois children from low-income households who want to attend private schools will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees for next school year\*.

<b>Persons in Household</b>	<b>Full Tax Credit Scholarship</b>	<b>75% Tax Credit Scholarship</b>	<b>50% Tax Credit Scholarship</b>
<b>2</b>	\$30,044	\$40,600	\$48,720
<b>3</b>	\$37,777	\$51,050	\$61,260
<b>4</b>	\$45,510	\$61,500	\$73,800
<b>5</b>	\$53,243	\$71,950	\$86,340
<b>6</b>	\$60,976	\$82,400	\$98,880
<b>7</b>	\$68,709	\$92,850	\$111,420
<b>8</b>	\$76,442	\$103,300	\$123,960

Income as reported above is based on Adjusted Gross Income (“AGI”) as reported on Federal Tax Return. It is NOT W-2 income or what is on your pay stub. You may find AGI on your tax return as follows:

**Form 1040 Line 37**

**Form 1040A Line 21**

**Form 1040 EZ Line 4**



# Quien califica?

A través de la "Ley de Invertir en los Niños", los niños de Illinois de hogares de bajos ingresos que desean asistir a escuelas privadas tendrán acceso a nuevas becas. Las becas ofrecidas a través de este programa podrían cubrir hasta el 100 por ciento de la matrícula y las tarifas elegibles para el próximo año escolar \*.

Persons in Household	Full Tax Credit Scholarship	75% Tax Credit Scholarship	50% Tax Credit Scholarship
2	\$30,044	\$40,600	\$48,720
3	\$37,777	\$51,050	\$61,260
4	\$45,510	\$61,500	\$73,800
5	\$53,243	\$71,950	\$86,340
6	\$60,976	\$82,400	\$98,880
7	\$68,709	\$92,850	\$111,420
8	\$76,442	\$103,300	\$123,960

Los ingresos según lo informado anteriormente se basan en el Ingreso Bruto Ajustado ("AGI") según se informa en la declaración de impuestos federales. NO es ingreso W-2 o lo que está en su recibo de sueldo. Puede encontrar AGI en su declaración de impuestos de la siguiente manera:  
tax return as follows:  
Form 1040 Line 37  
Form 1040A Line 21  
Form 1040 EZ Line 4



# Step one Process for Empower Illinois

The first step will be to complete a brief online form: [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org)

- Your Name and contact information
- You will then be taken to a second page, where you will be asked the following questions:
  - Home address
  - Name(s) of child(ren)
  - Date(s) of birth
  - Preferred school
- Once the second page is submitted, you will receive a confirmation code that you should write down and save.
- After reserving your place in line, families will be **emailed** a unique link to complete the formal application. The application links will be sent on a rolling basis, over a few weeks, so please do not be alarmed if you do not receive a link immediately. After receiving the application email, families will have three days to complete the application and submit all required documents.

**Scholarship Helpline – (855) 318-1222** Their hours will be 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Central Time), Monday – Friday.

- Only one reservation and application are allowed per family — even if you are applying for several students.






# Primer Paso para Empower Illinois

El primer paso será completar un breve formulario en línea: [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org)

- Su nombre e información de contacto
- Luego, accederá a una segunda página, donde se le harán las siguientes preguntas:
  - Dirección de casa
  - Nombre (s) del niño (s)
  - Fecha (s) de nacimiento
  - Escuela preferida
- Una vez que se envíe la segunda página, recibirá un código de confirmación que debe anotar y guardar.
- Después de reservar su lugar en la fila, las familias recibirán un **correo electrónico** con un enlace único para completar la solicitud formal. Los enlaces a la aplicación se enviarán de forma continua, en unas pocas semanas, así que no se alarme si no recibe un enlace inmediatamente. Después de recibir el correo electrónico de la aplicación, las familias tendrán tres días para completar la solicitud y enviar todos los documentos requeridos.  
**Línea de ayuda para becas - (855) 318-1222 Sus horas serán de 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Hora central), de lunes a viernes.**
- Solo se permiten una reserva y una solicitud por familia, incluso si solicita varios estudiantes.



# First Page / Primera Pagina



**PAGE 1 of 2**  
(Página 1 de 2)

## Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Reservation

*(Reservación para la beca de Empower Illinois)*

Guardian/Parent First Name (Primer Nombre del guardián/padre)

Guardian/Parent Last Name (Apellido del guardián/padre)

Phone Number (Número de teléfono)

Email Address (Correo electrónico)

Confirmation of Email Address (Confirmación de correo electrónico)

SUBMIT TO TIME STAMP YOUR RESERVATION  
(SOMETE PARA OBTENER SU RESERVACIÓN CON LA SELLA DE TIEMPO)



## Lets Register

**Make sure you have a valid email address  
Remember there are 2 pages and select submit  
at the end.**

**Recordar usar un correo electrónico  
válido y la aplicación son dos páginas**



# Step two Empower Illinois

## **Step Two – Apply for the scholarship:**

### **What you need to apply:**

#### **Household Income Verification, specifically:**

- Form 1040 (Federal Tax Return; 2017 or 2018), pages one and two only
- If you do NOT file taxes, provide other evidence of income (e.g. W-2, recent pay stubs, Form 1099, official letter from employer, disability statement, or documentation of SNAP or WIC)

#### **Proof of Residence (one of the following):**

- Illinois Driver's License with current address
- Illinois State ID with current address
- Utility bill with name and current address

#### **Evidence of Child's Age for Kindergarten and 1st Grade students only (one of the following):**

- Birth certificate
- Passport



# Paso Dos de Empower Illinois

**Paso dos: solicita la beca:**

**Lo que necesita aplicar:**

**Verificación de ingresos del hogar, específicamente:**

- Formulario 1040 (declaración de impuestos federales, 2017 o 2018), páginas uno y dos solamente
- Si NO declara impuestos, proporcione otra evidencia de ingresos (por ejemplo, W-2, comprobantes de pago recientes, Formulario 1099, carta oficial del empleador, declaración de discapacidad o documentación de SNAP o WIC)

**Prueba de residencia (uno de los siguientes):**

- Licencia de conducir de Illinois con dirección actual
- Identificación del estado de Illinois con dirección actual
- Factura de servicios públicos con nombre y dirección actual

**Evidencia de la edad del niño para estudiantes de Kínder y 1er grado solamente (uno de los siguientes):**

- Certificado de nacimiento
- Pasaporte



# Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program

# Program

- Invest in Kids Act enables donors and corporations to reserve a tax credit of 75% of their total donation, applicable to their state income taxes.
- Funds are distributed to support the education of eligible students from households in Illinois, paying up to 100% of the tuition and eligible fees at recognized non-public schools in Illinois.



# Program Overview

The Big Shoulders Fund is an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO); funds raised through the tax credit program will be sent directly to schools to support families receiving a scholarship award.





# Big Shoulders Fund – Year

- 11,694 applicants in two days
- 1,300 scholarships awarded
- Average award amount of \$6,000
- Approximately \$7.9 million in scholarships to 120 schools

As of November,  
2018.



# How / When / Where to Apply

## When?

- **BEGINNING JANUARY 22 at 8 am!**
- Applications are considered, and awards are made based on the order in which eligible applications are received – *first-come, first-served*.
- Mobile friendly application  
(recommended method)



# Eligibility / Potential Scholarship Levels

*Eligibility is largely determined by household income:*

Household Size	Federal Poverty Level (FPL) *	INCOME LEVELS FOR POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS *		
		100% of Tuition and Eligible Fees	75% of Tuition and Eligible Fees	50% of Tuition and Eligible Fees
1	\$12,140	up to \$22,458	\$22,459 to \$30,349	\$30,350 to \$36,420
2	\$16,460	up to \$30,450	\$30,451 to \$41,149	\$41,150 to \$49,380
3	\$20,780	up to \$38,442	\$38,443 to \$51,949	\$51,950 to \$62,340
4	\$25,100	up to \$46,434	\$46,435 to \$62,749	\$62,750 to \$75,300
5	\$29,420	up to \$54,426	\$54,427 to \$73,549	\$73,550 to \$88,260
6	\$33,740	up to \$62,418	\$62,419 to \$84,349	\$84,350 to \$101,220
7	\$38,060	up to \$70,410	\$70,411 to \$95,149	\$95,150 to \$114,180
8	\$42,380	up to \$78,402	\$78,403 to \$105,949	\$105,950 to \$127,140
		Less than 185% of Federal Poverty Level **	185% or more but less than 250% of Federal Poverty Level **	250% or more up to 300% of Federal Poverty Level **

\* Up to State mandated cap, with additional funds available for special needs and gifted students.

\*\* Source: Federal Register

## **First Priority Group = all of the below applying before 4/1**

- Eligible student who received a scholarship from ANY scholarship granting organization during the previous school year
- Eligible students who are members of a household whose previous year's total annual income does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level
- Eligible students who reside within a focus district
- Eligible students who are siblings of students that are current Tax Credit Scholars

## **Second Priority Group**

- Anyone not in the First Priority Group that applies before 4/1/19

## **Third Priority Group**

- Anyone that applies on or after 4/1/19

## **Documents Needed for Applying**

- **Proof of income**
  - 2017 or 2018 1040(s) for all members of the Household
  - OR if not filing taxes – verified statement\* signed by parent/guardian (additional proof of income may be required)
- **Proof of address – one of the following**
  - ID
  - Utility bill
  - Lease
  - Deed
  - Paystub

\* We will provide verified statement on our website

***Web  
Site:***

[www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org](http://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org)

***Contact  
Information:***

Big Shoulders Fund SGO  
212 West Van Buren Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60607  
312.751.8337

e-Mail:

[SGOapp@bigshouldersfund.org](mailto:SGOapp@bigshouldersfund.org)

# St. Albert the Great School registration process

## ADMISSION PROCESS

Please submit the following items for admissions review:

- A completed Application for Admission form for each child applying to St. Albert the Great School
- A copy of the child's Birth Certificate, not a hospital certificate
- A copy of Baptismal Certificate for any religion, if not baptized please note this on the form; also certificates of other sacraments received
- For transfer applicants, grades K-8, copy of current report card from previous school must be included
- Non-refundable registration/application fee of \$50.00

### Recruitment

**\$500 tuition credit on April 1st**

**\*\*one recruitment discount per current family;  
Discount will be applied on April 1st of the school year if the recruited family is still enrolled at SATG.**



# Tuition

Kindergarten through 8th grade		
# Students	Yearly	Monthly
1 child	\$5050	\$561.11
2 children	\$7675	\$852.77

3% discount if tuition is paid in full by September 1st

REGISTRATION FEE:	The Registration Fee secures your seat for the upcoming school year and must be paid upon registering for school.
PRE-SCHOOL	\$50
1 CHILD K-8	\$50
2 CHILD K-8	\$75
3 CHILDREN K-8	\$100
4 CHILDREN K-8	\$125

# Materials Fees

<b>MATERIALS FEE:</b>	<p>The Materials Fee secures all consumables needed for the upcoming school year including technology usage and dues to the FSA.</p> <p>This fee must be paid by the 1st day of school in order for the child to attend classes. The Materials Fee is prorated in order to make it more affordable for families.</p>			
	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May (and thereafter)</b>
Preschool	\$100	\$150	\$175	\$200
K-8	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350
2 children	\$300	\$375	\$450	\$525
3 children	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700
4 children	\$500	\$625	\$750	\$875

# You didn't receive Empower II?

- 1. SATG Endowment:** Aid is determined by a Finance committee, with a structured plan put in place, on a case-by-case basis.
- 2. CARITAS Scholarship:** Aid is determined by need by the Archdiocese of Chicago, on a case-by-case basis.

To receive any of these scholarships you must apply online through FACTS management.

**This application will charge you a \$30 fee. You will need to upload your W2 and Form 1040.**

**These scholarships can only cover 50% of the tuition.**



# Facts Management steps:

**<https://factsmgt.com/>**



# Click on Parent Login on the top

Help & Support **Parent Log in** School Log in



K-12 Solutions ▾

Why FACTS ▾

Webinars & Resources ▾

About Us ▾

Parents ▾



## Elevating the Education Experience

FACTS provides solutions that elevate the K-12 experience for school administrators, teachers, and families.



[Watch Our Story](#)

# Drop down click on Payment Plans/Financial Aid



# If you have an account you may click sign in if you do not click Register



[es Español](#) [? Customer Service](#)



Have an account?

[Sign in](#)

Register

Add activity to your online account or to create a username and password

[Register](#)

[Having difficulties? Check our FAQs.](#)




NBSWEBPRD201  
v18.11.10102.11055

[Customer Service](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Privacy & Security](#)

© 2001-2019 Nelnet, Inc. and Affiliates. All Rights Reserved.

# When you click Register you will see the page below click search for my institution

[Español](#) | [Customer Service](#)



[Sign In](#) | [Customer Service](#)

## Institution Signup

[Return to Sign In Page](#)

To access your institution's sign in page, choose one of the following options.

☐ I have a Registration Code

☐ Search for my Institution

A-AD-0-8F  
18.11.10102.11055

[Top of Page](#) | [Customer Service](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Privacy & Security](#)  
© 2001-2019 Nelnet, Inc. and Affiliates. All Rights Reserved.





Insert either the zip code or the city and state then click search

[Sign In](#)

[Customer Service](#)

## Institution Signup

[Return to Sign In Page](#)

To access your institution's sign in page, choose one of the following options:

☐ I have a Registration Code

☒ Search for my Institution

### Institution Search

Enter ZIP code, City or State to see a listing of institutions in that area.

60459

or

Burbank

IL

[Search](#)



# Click on St. Albert the Great School



[Sign In](#) [Customer Service](#)

## Institution Signup

To access your institution's sign in page, choose one of the following options.

☐ I have a Registration Code

☒ Search for my Institution

### Institution Search

Enter ZIP code, City or State to see a listing of institutions in that area.

60459 or Burbank IL

Click on the name to access the sign in page for your institution.

Institution Name	City	State	ZIP
<a href="#">Queen of Peace High School</a>	Burbank	Illinois	60459
<a href="#">St Albert the Great Catholic School</a>	Burbank	Illinois	60459
<a href="#">St Laurence High School</a>	Burbank	Illinois	60459

1

Page size: 10

3 items in 1 pages

Filter names starting with: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z | [Show All](#)



# Click on Create a username and password

St Albert the Great Catholic School



[es Español](#)

[? Customer Service](#)

## Welcome to St. Albert the Great!

We are pleased to offer FACTS Payment Plans and Grant & Aid Financial Needs Assessment on the same platform.

Enrolling in a FACTS tuition payment plan allows you to select a payment option that best suits your financial needs. The plans listed below are offered by your school. Depending on the start and end date of each plan, they may not always be offered.

### Payment in Full:

FACTS is a quick, secure method for paying your tuition balance in full.  
Payment Methods Offered: Credit Card, Automatic Bank Draft, Invoice

### Semi-Annual Payments:

Spread your tuition balance over semi-annual installments.  
Payment Methods Offered: Credit Card, Automatic Bank Draft, Invoice

### Three Payments:

Spread your tuition balance over three installments.  
Payment Methods Offered: Credit Card, Automatic Bank Draft, Invoice

### Monthly Payments:

Spread your tuition balance over monthly installments.  
Payment Methods Offered: Credit Card, Automatic Bank Draft, Invoice

### Weekly Payments:

Spread your tuition balance over weekly installments.  
Payment Methods Offered: Credit Card, Automatic Bank Draft

### Every Other Week Payments:

Spread your tuition balance over every other week installments.  
Payment Methods Offered: Credit Card, Automatic Bank Draft

## Have an account?

[Sign in now.](#)

[Sign in](#)

## New Account

[New user? Create an online account.](#)

[Create a username & password](#)

[Having difficulties? Check our FAQs.](#)



You will need to use a valid email address then click create a new account



## Create Account

Please enter your e-mail address.

E-mail Address\*

**Next**

Cancel

[Do not have an e-mail address?](#)



Insert your contact information click next



## Create Account

### Contact Info

#### Name

Prefix	-- None --
First Name*	Jennifer
Middle Name	
Last Name*	Franco
Suffix	-- None --

#### Address

Country*	United States
Address Line 1*	5535 State road
Address Line 2	Apartment, Suite, Unit, Building, Floor, etc.
City*	Burbank
State*	Illinois
ZIP/Postal Code*	60459
Time Zone*	Central Time

#### E-mail

E-mail 1	jfranco@gmail.com
E-mail 2	
E-mail 3	

E-mail correspondence will be sent to all e-mails provided

#### Phone Numbers

At least one phone number is required.

Daytime Phone	US	( 123 )	456	- 789	Ext.	
Evening Phone	US	( )		-		Ext.
Mobile Phone	US	( )		-		

I certify that I am the subscriber to the provided cellular or other wireless number. To stay informed and receive promotional offers, I authorize the company and its representatives and agents to contact me regarding my account at any current and future numbers that I provide using automatic dialing systems, artificial or prerecorded messages, and/or SMS text messages. I understand that my service may be charged by my service provider(s). By clicking 'Next' below, you agree to such contact related to your account.

Create a username and password you will also need to complete three security questions



[Return to Sign In Page](#)

## Create Account

### Online Account Profile

#### Username and Password

Username\*

Password\*

Re-Enter Password\*

- Do not include spaces in your username or password
- You may use your e-mail address for your username
- Passwords must contain at least 8 characters
- Passwords must contain at least one letter and one number
- Passwords must contain at least one special character
- Passwords are case sensitive

#### Security Questions

Password Reset Question\*

Telephone ID Question 1\*

Question 1 Answer\*

Telephone ID Question 2\*

Question 2 Answer\*

-- Select --

-- Select --

-- Select --

?

?

?

Submit

Back

Cancel



To apply for financial aid select start application underneath the  
FACTS grant and Aid

St Albert the Great Catholic School



Home

My Profile

Financial Accounts



Signed in as Jennifer



Hello Jennifer



Payment Plan & Billing

[View Details](#)

Jennifer Franco #5133794759

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

[Set up a Payment Plan](#)



FACTS Grant & Aid

Apply for Financial Aid with FACTS

[Start Application](#)



Jennifer Franco



[jfranco@gmail.com](#)



[Register to receive text services on your mobile phone.](#)



[Want to allow a friend or family member to pay toward your balance?](#)

[Add an Authorized Party.](#)

[Have another activity you want to link?](#)



NBSWEBPRD204

v18.11.10102.11055

[Customer Service](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Privacy & Security](#)

© 2001-2019 Nelnet, Inc. and Affiliates. All Rights Reserved.

Select the 2019-2020 school year click continue

Español | Customer Service



Home My Profile Financial Accounts

Signed in as Jennifer

Welcome, Jennifer Franco

What term are you applying for aid?

☒ 2019-2020

☐ 2018-2019

Continue | Cancel

LIVE HELP

Top of Page | Customer Service | Terms of Use | Privacy & Security  
© 2001-2019 Nelnet, Inc. and Affiliates. All Rights Reserved.







## Grant & Aid - What To Expect

### Application Fee

There is an estimated one-time non-refundable application fee of \$30.00 per household. This may change based on your selected school(s). The same application can be applied to multiple institutions provided they use the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment services. We accept all major credit cards (Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover).

### Navigation

You will see the progress of the application on the left (desktop) or top (mobile) of your screen. The status of each section is represented with the following icons.



Complete



Errors that must be corrected

The form is automatically saved as you progress through by clicking the "Previous", "Save & Continue", or "Save & Exit" buttons.

### Required Documentation

Depending on your application some or all of the following documents may be required.

- Copy of IRS Federal Form 1040, 1040A or 1040-EZ U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, supporting schedules, and business returns.
- Copies of W-2 Wage and Tax Statements.
- Copies of supporting documentation for household Nontaxable Income.

A complete list of required documents will be available once you have submitted your application along with instructions on how to upload your documents.


[Begin Application](#)



## Grant & Aid - Application Form

APPLICATION ID: 3502714  
2019-2020

- 1 Schools
- 2 Applicant
- 3 Students
- 4 Taxable Income
- 5 Nontaxable Income
- 6 Change of Income
- 7 Monthly Expenses
- 8 Annual Expenses
- 9 Assets & Liabilities
- 10 Additional Questions
- 11 Review
- 12 Payment Details

### Schools

Please list all schools and organizations where you would like to apply for financial aid or will pay tuition in the 2019-2020 school year.

☒ St Albert the Great Catholic School  
Burbank, IL 60459

### Organizations

☒ Chicago Archdiocese (required) [?](#)  
Organization associated with St Albert the Great Catholic School

[+ Add School / Organization](#)

**Save & Continue**

Save & Exit

[? Help](#)

[What to Expect](#)

[FAQ](#)



# St. Albert the Great School

<https://vimeo.com/301557966>



Questions??  
Preguntas??

Thank you for Coming!  
Gracias por venir!

