

CONTRIBUTE TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES, RECEIVE A 75% TAX CREDIT

Your contributions to the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program formed under the Invest in Kids Act (IIK) (Public Act 100-0465) will help provide a historic opportunity to Catholic schools and families.

This new program offers access to a quality Catholic education for low-income and working-class students across the state at Catholic schools, including Alleman High School, Jordan Catholic School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, and Seton Catholic School.

You, as an approved Illinois individual or business taxpayer **can receive a tax credit in the amount of 75% of your total qualified contribution** made to one or more Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) during a taxable year. Please note that the SGOs will manage distribution of scholarship awards, not the State of Illinois, nor the Diocese of Peoria.

As an example, a taxpayer makes a qualified contribution of \$10,000 to an approved SGO. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit.

To participate, you must have a registered MyTax Illinois (<https://mytax.illinois.gov/>) account for filing either individual income tax or business income tax in order to apply for approval to make a contribution. Beginning January 2, 2018, MyTax Illinois will begin accepting applications from individuals and businesses for the 2018 tax year who wish to participate in this historic opportunity.

To apply, individuals and businesses must report their intention to make an authorized contribution to an approved SGO. **You are encouraged to create a MyTax Illinois account as soon as possible to avoid any processing delays when the application system goes live.**

You must request approval to make a contribution and receive the income tax credit prior to making your contribution. Approval to contribute will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis in a geographically proportionate manner based on enrollment in recognized non-public schools in Illinois.

Approval is granted automatically as long as the regional and statewide thresholds have not been met. **Up to \$75 million in tax credits will be awarded per calendar year, beginning in 2018 for taxes filed in 2019, but do not delay in requesting approval.**

For the purpose of awarding credits, Illinois will be divided into five regions. Contributing taxpayers will be required to select the region, SGO, and amount they wish to contribute. We are Region 3, the North Central Counties.

CONTRIBUTION AUTHORIZATION CERTIFICATES

Once your application has been submitted, and the Illinois Department of Revenue confirms that credits are available, they will issue you a Contribution Authorization Certificate (CAC). The CAC will be issued electronically to your MyTax Illinois account within three business days of approval of your application.

As an example, a taxpayer files an online application indicating he or she intends to contribute \$1,000 to the Empower Illinois SGO for the benefit of Region 3. As long as the regional or the total statewide maximums have not been reached, the taxpayer will receive a Contribution Authorization Certificate (CAC) from the Department authorizing his \$1,000 contribution to the SGO, which equates to a \$750 tax credit.

You must make your contribution to the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) within 60 days after

issuance of the CAC. You must also provide a copy of the CAC to the SGO. Within 30 days of receiving your contribution, the SGO will issue you a Certificate of Receipt (COR) through your MyTax Illinois account.

Note: An individual taxpayer making a contribution to an SGO may specify which school within the taxpayer's approved region he or she wishes his or her contribution to benefit. This could be Alleman High School, Jordan Catholic School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, or Seton Catholic School.

CLAIMING YOUR INCOME TAX CREDIT

Approved credits may be claimed beginning with the filing of your 2018 income tax return. You cannot take a tax credit under this Act if you claimed any portion of this contribution as a federal income tax deduction.

Individuals who are married and filing a joint return are considered one taxpayer for purposes of making qualified contributions.

As an example, if two married individuals each contribute \$1,333,333 intending at the time of the contribution to file separate returns, but subsequently file a joint return, the maximum credit allowed is \$1,000,000.

If you don't use all of your income tax credit, you cannot receive a refund. However, any credit amount that exceeds your tax liability for the year may be carried forward and applied to your tax liability in the subsequent five taxable years. Credits carried forward do not require additional approval. Credits are applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax liability. Credits cannot be carried back to a prior tax year.

Please note: To make a new Invest in Kids contribution, you must apply each year.

“Scholarships for Catholic education allow more families to experience the life-changing formation found at our Catholic schools, where we encourage all of our students to grow their God-given gifts and to become future leaders in our community.”

~ Father Mirabelli

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR,
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TO RECAP:

- Individuals and businesses will receive a 75% tax credit on their contribution.
- Individual donors can direct their donations to a specific Catholic school of their choice or a subset schools. If you'd like to do this, you must designate Region 3. Corporate donors cannot make this designation.
- Donations by individuals are capped at \$1 million.
- Donors must contact the Illinois Department of Revenue no later than January 1, 2018 in order to be eligible for the tax credit.
- Beginning January 2, 2018, donors can reserve tax credits on the Illinois Department of Revenue website: MyTaxIllinois (mytax.illinois.gov).
- The credit is non-refundable, but it can be carried forward for five years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on the Invest in Kids Act and how you can benefit, contact your tax professional, or reach out to any of our local Catholic schools.

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