



Did you know you can provide direct scholarships for eligible K-12 students and receive a powerful **75% credit** on your Illinois state taxes? You can do this through the



INVEST IN KIDS

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is Step 1:

How to request your LETTER ID

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LOG ON TO [MYTAX.ILLINOIS.GOV](https://mytax.illinois.gov)

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify
- If you do NOT have an account, click the 'Individuals' tab

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CLICK ON 'REQUEST A LETTER ID' UNDER THE MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

3

ENTER YOUR SSN AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- IL - PIN
- Most Recent Adjusted Gross Income
- IL Driver's License Number
- IL State Identification Number

4

CLICK 'SUBMIT' THEN ENTER AND CONFIRM YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

CLICK 'OK' TO SUBMIT AND RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION

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YOUR LETTER ID WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON YOUR LAST YEAR'S TAX RETURN.

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE IT WITHIN 7-10 BUSINESS DAYS

HOW THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND 2:1 MATCHING WORKS

For example, if you donate \$2,000 to SCL, a tax credit of 75% or (\$1,500) of your donation goes toward the bottom line of your taxes. Your \$2,000 donation is then eligible for the 2:1 match and SCL gets \$6,000. So with \$500, you're able to send a qualified student to school for a year.

3 Steps to making your donation

- 1 Request your LETTER ID
- 2 Reserve your tax credit on 12/1/20
- 3 Make your donation

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Instructions for Steps 2 and 3 to follow.
- It takes two weeks to obtain an Illinois Tax Letter ID if you do not have one. If you are considering donating, please start the process now. Obtaining a Letter ID does not commit you to any donation.
- Once you receive your LETTER ID, please **do not donate prior to December 1, 2020**. Every dollar donated to this program through Empower Illinois starting December 1st and **designated to St. Catherine Labouré School** will be matched with two dollars through a generous donor. We need to take full advantage of the matching offer!

In the 2019-20 school year, over \$160,000 in scholarships were granted to SCL students through the Empower Illinois program, but this was not enough to fully fund the needs of all the students that qualified for the program. Please help us make it possible to grant scholarships to all families in need this year!