

Empower Illinois: Tax Credit Scholarships

As you may know, despite system errors and suspension of the applications on January 31st, certain applications were properly completed. Our Board and leadership teams have been discussing this issue and we all agree that the only way to manage it is to hold true to the fundamentals of what we believe. Through the generosity of private donors who will make up the additional operating expenses the organization will incur, Empower Illinois will be funding the scholarships out of Invest in Kids Act funds that otherwise would be allocated to covering administrative costs. With this approach, when we relaunch we will be able to maintain the same amount of funds that were available for scholarships at the time of our January 31st launch.

Empower Illinois does not yet have a date for the scholarship application relaunch, but we will provide at least one week notice before it relaunches.

We are working to ensure a secure and fair application process for everyone. The application will relaunch as a phased process, allowing families to secure their place in line with basic information while completing the application, including submitting all documentation, at a later, less time-sensitive time. Details are still being determined but we will share them with you as soon as they are finalized.

Once the application is finalized, we will provide updated documents, including an FAQ and step-by-step instructions on how to apply. All other aspects of our website are functional, including donation processing. To receive real-time updates, please sign up for our email communications through the website empowerillinois.org and follow us on [Facebook](#). Thank you for your patience!

