



2023 YEAR END TIMELINE AND FAQs TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP FAMILIES

IF MY CHILD HAS A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR (2023-2024), IS IT GONE?

Scholarships that have already been awarded for the 2023-2024 school year will not be impacted. Empower Illinois will also continue to issue awards through the end of the year, as funds become available. Unfortunately, there will be no tax credit scholarships available for the 2024-2025 school year at this time, even if your student currently receives an award.

ARE YOU STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR?

Yes. If a family has not yet applied for the 2023-2024 school year (starting this fall), they will have until 5pm on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, to submit a reservation**, which is part one of the two-step application process. They will have until 5pm on **Friday, December 8, 2023, to submit part two of the application**. We encourage all families to submit a reservation and complete their application as soon as possible to secure their place in line for a 2023-2024 tax credit scholarship.

MY CHILD IS STILL ON THE WAITLIST, WHEN WILL I KNOW IF THEY HAVE RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR (2023-2024)?

Empower Illinois will **continue to issue tax credit scholarships until December 28, 2023**, as funds become available. We encourage families on the waitlist, particularly those with a close waitlist number or an application with a "Waitlist – Verified" status to regularly check their EXC portal to accept the scholarship as soon as possible.

WILL MY CHILD BE ABLE TO STAY AT THEIR SCHOOL WITH A TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP AFTER THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR?

Unfortunately, because the Illinois legislature failed to renew the Tax Credit Scholarship Program, there will be no tax credit scholarships available for the 2024-2025 school year at this time, even if your student currently receives an award. Other scholarship funding may be available from participating schools or other foundations.