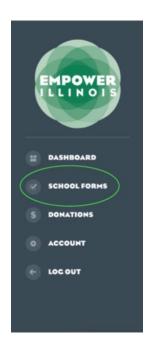


# HOW TO COMPLETE THE SCHOOL COMMITMENT FORM

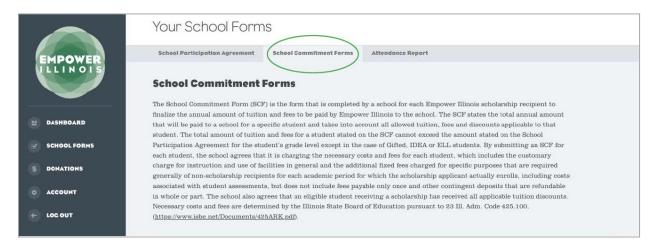
### 1. LOC INTO YOUR EMPOWER XCHANGE PORTAL.

Log in to your EmpowerXChange portal by visiting https://app.empowerillinois.org/sign-in.
 Instructions for how to claim your account can be found <a href="https://app.empowerillinois.org">here.</a>
 EmpowerXChange, please email <a href="mailto:scholars@empowerillinois.org">scholars@empowerillinois.org</a>.

# 2. ONCE YOU ARE LOCCED IN, CLICK SCHOOL FORMS.



# 3. ONCE IN SCHOOL FORMS, CLICK THE "SCHOOL COMMITMENT FORM TAB."

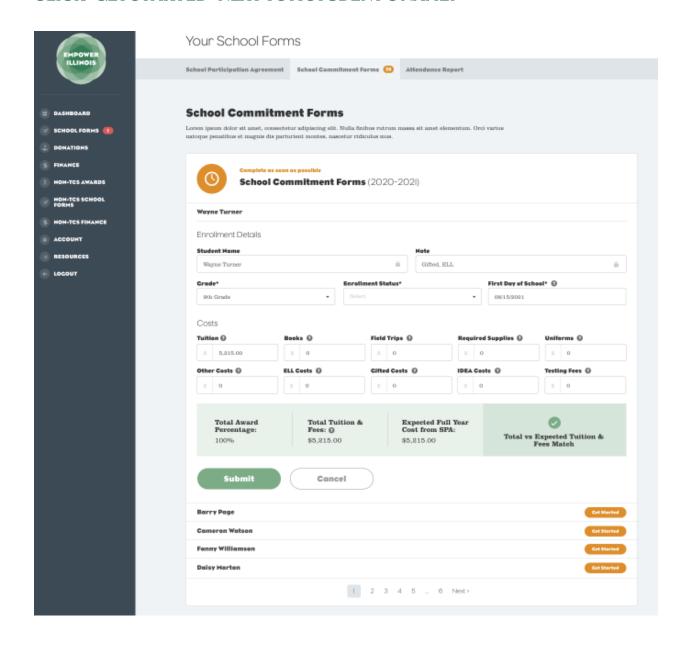








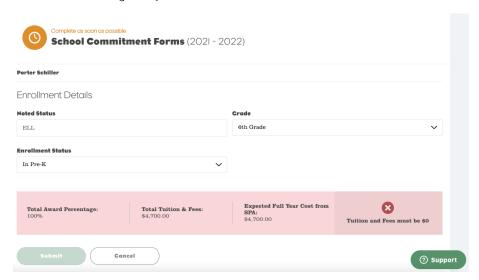
# 4. YOU WILL SEE ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE IN "AWARD CONFIRMED" STATUS. CLICK "CET STARTED" NEXT TO A STUDENT'S NAME.



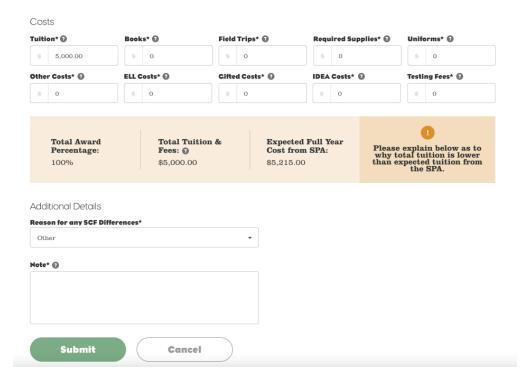


## **5. VERIFY ENROLLMENT**

- For each student, you will need to verify enrollment status by choosing "Enrolled" from the
  dropdown and complete the tuition and fees for each student. The tuition amount should prepopulate from your school's SPA.
- If the tuition and fees for that student match the amount listed on your school's SPA, you will be prompted to click the Submit button.
- If the tuition and fees are higher than your schools SPA amount or the student's enrollment status makes them ineligible, you will be unable able to submit.



If the student's tuition and fees are lower than the expected SPA amount, you will be asked to
provide a reason for the discrepancy. You can choose from the dropdown and add notes in the
box provided.











### **Cost Descriptions:**

- Field Trips: Charges for field trips made during school hours or made after school hours if the field trip is a required or customary part of a class or extracurricular activity.
- Required Supplies: Charges for supplies required for a particular class.
- Uniforms: Uniform costs should only be included if they are paid for by the school directly. No reimbursements will be made to parent for uniform or any other costs.
- Other costs: Any other fee that the qualified school charges as a prerequisite for participation in curricular or extracurricular programs.
- ELL Costs: English-Language learners (ELL) means (1) all children in grades pre-K through 12 who were not born in the United States, whose native tongue is a language other than English, and who are incapable of performing ordinary classwork in English; and (2) all children in grades pre-K through 12 who were born in the United States of parents possessing no or limited English-speaking ability and who are incapable of performing ordinary classwork in English.
- Gifted Costs: These are children and youth with outstanding talent who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with other children and youth of their age, experience, and environment. A child shall be considered gifted and talented in any area of aptitude, and, specifically, in language arts and mathematics, by scoring in the top 5% locally in that area of aptitude.
- IDEA Costs: Student with intellectual disabilities, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), serious emotional disturbance (referred to in this chapter as "emotional disturbance"), orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities with a current IEP.
- Testing Fees: Testing costs are dependent upon the type of assessment. Please contact the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) at assessment@isbe.net to determine the cost of testing your school's tax credit scholarship recipients.
- Total Tuition and Fees: This amount is the sum of the provided fees for this student. Fees should be zero if the student is not enrolled, has accepted another SGO, or is currently in Pre-K, as they are not eligible for a TCS scholarship.

If you have any questions regarding the School Commitment Forms, please email schools@empowerillinois.com or contact us at 800-616-7606.





