



**“Invest in Kids”**  
**What You Need to Know About the new Tax Credit Scholarship**  
**Fact Sheet for Parents**  
**APPLICATION SUBMITTAL OPEN JANUARY 31, 2018 at NOON, CST**

Elementary Campus  
 Preschool-Grade 5

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Middle School Campus  
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 Grades 6-12

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Through the “Invest in Kids Act,” Illinois children enrolled in private schools will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover 50 to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for the 2018-19 school year. Below is more information about how to apply, and if your family is eligible to receive a scholarship.

**Application process:** The website will begin accepting scholarship applications at noon on January 31, 2018. Go to [EmpowerIllinois.org](http://EmpowerIllinois.org) to apply. Make sure you identify Rockford Christian Schools as your qualifying school.

**Help applying:** We will offer assistance in our Bell School office beginning at noon on January 31, 2018 for any of you that need help or access to technology in order to apply for this scholarship program. Please note that you will need a copy of your 2016 (not 2017) Federal Tax Return in order to complete the filing process.

**Application deadline:** You will apply to Empower Illinois at [EmpowerIllinois.org](http://EmpowerIllinois.org), instead of the school directly. By law, Empower Illinois **will begin accepting applications at noon on January 31, 2018**. Scholarships will be awarded on a **first come, first served basis**, and based on availability of funds in the program, so it is very important that you apply early. This application deadline for this scholarship is a much earlier than Rockford Christian’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) process.

**How to qualify:** Eligibility to receive a scholarship is based on your family’s household income. For example, you could receive a tax credit scholarship if you make less than \$73,800 a year as a family of four (please see table below).

**Scholarship amount:** Your family could receive a scholarship that covers 50 to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year. See the chart below that shows how much you could receive to cover tuition based on your income.

Household size	100% Tuition & Fees	75% Tuition and Fees	50% Tuition and Fees
2	\$30,044	\$40,600	\$48,720
3	\$37,777	\$51,050	\$61,260
4	\$45,510	\$61,500	\$73,800
5	\$53,243	\$71,950	\$86,340
6	\$60,976	\$82,400	\$98,880

**Where can I get more information?**

Please go to [EmpowerIllinois.Org](http://EmpowerIllinois.Org) for additional information.

If you have questions, you may also contact:

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