

THE EDUCATION FREEDOM TAX CREDIT

Expanding School Choice for Illinois Families



Not Yet Opted In

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AMERICAN
FEDERATION
for CHILDREN

1,924,749

students eligible for EFTC scholarships
(92.5% of Illinois K-12 students)

1,932,918

taxpayers with enough tax liability to
claim the full \$1,700 credit
(31.6% of filers)

\$1,700

dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit for
donors, after the tax credit launches in
January 2027

HOW IT WORKS

1

MAKE A DONATION

Give to a qualified scholarship
granting organization (SGO).

2

SGO AWARDS A SCHOLARSHIP

Donations turn into
scholarships for students who
need them.

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STUDENT RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP

For education expenses:
tuition, tutoring, technology,
and more.

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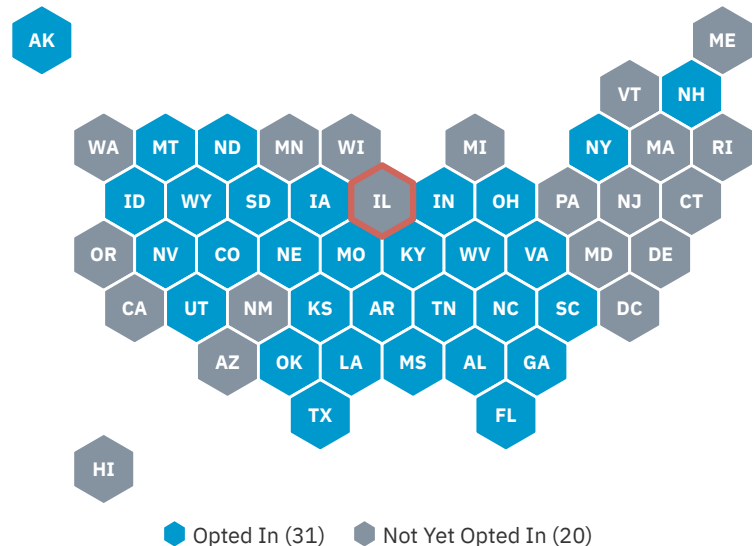
DONOR CLAIMS THE CREDIT

At filing, the donor claims the
dollar-for-dollar federal credit.

ILLINOIS BY THE NUMBERS

- **Illinois has the 5th-largest eligible student population** in the country: 1.9 million students.
- **Illinois has not yet opted in.** Its 1.9 million eligible students can receive scholarships only if the state opts in.
- **Renewing school choice in Illinois.** The state currently has no ESA, voucher, or tax credit scholarship program, and so the EFTC would bring private school choice to Illinois families.
- **Most families qualify.** The income limit is 300% of area median income, which averages about \$344,000 for a family of four in Illinois.
- **Students in public, private, and charter schools are eligible,** in addition to homeschool students in Illinois.

WHICH STATES HAVE OPTED IN



SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS FOR ILLINOIS STUDENTS

If Illinois taxpayers with \$1,700 of tax liability redirect the full credit to an SGO, the dollars add up fast:

\$328.6 million

in scholarships every year if **10%** of taxpayers with \$1,700
of tax liability participate

\$985.8 million

in scholarships every year if **30%** of taxpayers with \$1,700
of tax liability participate

Eligible-student estimates: AFC analysis of U.S. Census, HUD, ACS, and Household Pulse data. Taxpayer and scholarship-dollar estimates: Education Reform Now, based on Census/IRS 2022 data. Opt-in status: federalsscholarships.com, as of July 2026.