

Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application Guide

This guide is to assist you in completing the Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship application. Please note the following...

- This is a **SAMPLE** of the Big Shoulders Fund application.
 - The live application can be found at www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/apply on January 22nd at 8:00am
 - You may submit **ONE** application per household.
- Please have **all documents readily available** when completing the application as you cannot save and return to it.
- This application is a sample and is **subject to change**
- Please visit www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org or email sgoapp@bigshouldersfund.org with **questions**

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Big Shoulders Fund will only accept one submission per household. Do not submit multiple applications for the same household.

Income Guidelines Chart

No. in Household	Max Income If... You did not receive a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2018/2019	Max Income If ... You received a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2018/2019
1	\$36,420	\$48,560
2	\$49,380	\$65,840
3	\$62,340	\$83,120
4	\$75,300	\$100,400
5	\$88,260	\$117,680
6	\$101,220	\$134,960
7	\$114,180	\$152,240
8	\$127,140	\$169,520
9	\$140,100	\$186,800
10	\$153,060	\$204,080
11	\$166,020	\$221,360
12	\$178,980	\$238,640
13	\$191,940	\$255,920
14	\$204,900	\$273,200
15	\$217,860	\$290,480

Enter email address

Re-enter email address

Enter number of people in household

Enter household income

Enter street address

Enter city

Enter state

Enter zipcode

Select County you live in

Click Submit

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Thank you! You may be eligible to apply for a Tax Credit Scholarship with Big Shoulders Fund. Your date/time stamp for this application has been recorded. Please [Click Here](#) to continue on to our application. You must complete the entire application to qualify.

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Click Next

Once you've reached this page, this is your official date/time stamp.

YOU HAVE NOT FINISHED THE APPLICATION. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE REST OF THE APPLICATION TO HAVE A VALID SUBMISSION. Please continue on to fill out the rest of the application.

Big Shoulders Fund Invest in Kids/ Tax Credit Scholarship Application for 2019-20 School Year (Solicitud de Beca Invertir en Niños/Crédito Tributario de Big Shoulders Fund Para el Año Escolar 2019-20)

Scholarship Application - Family Information (Solicitud de Beca – Información Familiar)

Household Information (Información del hogar)

Parent/Guardian 1 First Name
(Madre/Padre/Guardián Nombre) *

Enter First Name

Parent/Guardian 1 Last Name
(Madre/Padre/Guardián Apellido) *

Enter Last Name

Parent/Guardian 1 Phone
(Madre/Padre/Guardián Número de Teléfono) *

Enter Phone Number

(###) ###-####

Parent/Guardian 1 Email (Madre/Padre /Guardián Correo Electrónico) *

Enter Email Address

Correspondence will be sent to this email address

Parent/Guardian 2 First Name
(Optional) (Madre/Padre/Guardián Nombre)

Parent/Guardian 2 Last Name
(Optional) (Madre/Padre/Guardián Apellido)

Complete parent/guardian 2 if applicable

Parent/Guardian 2 Phone (Optional)
(Madre/Padre/Guardián Número de Teléfono)

(###) ###-####

Parent/Guardian 2 Email
(Optional) (Madre/Padre/Guardián Correo Electrónico)

Home Street Address, including apartment number, if applicable
(Dirección de domicilio, incluido el número de apartamento, si corresponde) *

Enter Home Address

City (Ciudad) *

Enter City

State (Estado) *

Illinois Select Illinois

Only Illinois residents qualify for this scholarship program.

Postal Code (Código Postal) *

Enter zip code

5 digit format or a ZIP+4 format required

County in which you currently reside / **Condado en el que reside actualmente ***

Select County you reside

If your county is not listed, choose "other" and explain in Comments Section on the last page of this application.

School district in which you currently reside / **Distrito escolar en el que reside actualmente ***

Select school district you currently reside in **For example, Chicago**

If you need help determining school districts, please refer to <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/PublicSchoolDistrictLookup.aspx> for further assistance. **is CSD 299** and explain in Comments Section on the last page of this application.

Family's 2017 or 2018 Annual Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Amount FROM YOUR TAX RETURN / **Cantidad del ingreso bruto ajustado anual (AGI en inglés) de la familia del 2017 o 2018 ***

Enter Annual Gross Income (AGI) Amount from Tax Return. DO NOT include

\$ sign, commas, or decimals. Round to the nearest dollar
Numbers only. Do not include \$ sign, commas, or decimals. You must include the income for anyone you are claiming in your household who is 18 years and over. If you filed Form 1040, the AGI is on line 37. If you filed Form 1040A, the AGI is on line 21. If you filed Form 1040EZ, the AGI is on line 4. Please include details in the comments section at the end of this application for any exceptions or changes in income.

/Solo números. No incluya el signo \$, comas o decimales. Si completó el formulario 1040, el AGI está en la línea 37. Si completó el formulario 1040A, el AGI está en la línea 21. Si completó el formulario 1040EZ, el AGI está en la línea 4.

Number in Household / Número de personas en el hogar *

Select number in your household = people you live with

If your household size does not match Line 6 of your Federal Form 1040, you must explain in the comments section on the last page. Households are defined as an individual or group of individuals living together in a room or group of rooms in a housing unit. Note: you will have to include proof of income for all members included here as part of your household who are 18 years and over .

Number of Children Applying for Scholarship * **Select the number of children you are applying**

for. This will pre-populate the number of individual child forms on the next page.
If you are applying for multiple children, please indicate the number here.

Select next page

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Scholarship Application - Student Information/ Solicitud de Beca – Información del Estudiante

Note: Subject to available funding, we are required to award scholarships in the order that your children are listed on this application.

Child #1 Information

Student First Name (Nombre del Estudiante) *

Enter student first name

Student Last Name (Apellido del Estudiante) *

Enter student last name

Month of Birth *

Day of Birth *

Year of birth *

Birthdate Calculated

0/0/0

Select birth month and date

Enter birth year

Did the student receive a Tax Credit Scholarship in the 2018-19 school year? *

- Yes
 No

Select yes or no

Did the student's sibling receive a Tax Credit Scholarship in the 2018-19 school year? *

- Yes
 No

Select yes or no

Gender (Género) *

- Female
 Male
 Choose not to disclose

Select gender

Grade for 2018/2019 School Year (Grado para el año escolar 2018/2019) *

Please select... ▾

Select student grade for 2018/2019 school year

Grade for 2019/2020 School Year (Grado para el año escolar 2019/2020) *

Please select... ▾

Select student grade for 2019/2020 school year

To qualify for Kindergarten, must be 5 by 9/1/2019. (Para calificar para Kínder, debe cumplir 5 en o antes del 9/1/2019.)

Race/Ethnicity (choose as many as apply) / Raza/origen étnico (seleccione todas las que correspondan) *

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black/African-American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander
- White
- Choose not to disclose

Select student race/ethnicity

County where school you are applying to is located (Condado donde se encuentra la escuela a la que está aplicando.) *

Please select... ▾

Select county where school is located

School Name to which you are applying for this scholarship? (Nombre de la escuela por la cual está solicitando esta beca) *

Please select... ▾

Select name of school you're applying too

If you need help determining which school you are applying to, please refer to <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/> for further assistance. If the school you are interested in is not listed, we are not accepting applications for that school at this time.

Is the child for which you are applying for this scholarship currently enrolled at above named school? (¿El niño por el que está solicitando esta beca está actualmente inscrito en la escuela mencionada anteriormente?) *

- Yes
- No

Select yes or no

Has this student qualified for services under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 2004? (¿Este estudiante califica para servicios bajo la Ley Federal de Educación para Individuos con Discapacidades, 2004?) *

- Yes
- No

Select yes or no

Eligibility: Determination by IDEA that a student is a child has a disability. This determination is made through comprehensive testing and **requires documentation**. A child who has a disability as determined by one of the 14 disability categories in IDEA and who needs special education and related services because of the disability; or a child aged three through nine who is experiencing developmental delay. For more information visit: Students with Disabilities <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Parent-Rights.aspx#>. Para la traducción en español, consulte <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/en-espanol/>

Has this student been identified as an English learner, as defined by State of Illinois subsection (d) of Section 14C-2 of the School Code, 1.2? (¿Es este estudiante un aprendiz de inglés, como se define en la subsección (d) del Estado de Illinois de la Sección 14C-2 del Código Escolar, 1.2?) *

- Yes
- No

Select yes or no

"English learner" 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. **Documentation will be required to verify "English Learner" status.** For more information visit: ELLs - <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ACCESS-for-ELLs.aspx>. Para la traducción en español, consulte <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/en-espanol/>

Has this student been identified as a gifted and talented child, as defined by State of Illinois Section 14A-20 of the School Code, 1.1? ¿Este estudiante es un niño con inteligencia o talento excepcional, como se define en la Sección 14A-20 del Código Escolar del Estado de Illinois, 1.1? *

- Yes
- No

Select yes or no

"Gifted and talented children" means 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. (Source: P.A. 94-151, eff. 7-8-05; 94-410, eff. 8-2-05.) **Documentation will be required to verify "gifted and talented" status.** For more information about "gifted and talented," please visit: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Gifted-Education.aspx>. Para la traducción en español, consulte <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/en-espanol/>

Is this student a foster child? ¿Este estudiante es un niño en adopción temporal? *

- Yes, & I will provide verification documentation upon request
- No

Select yes or no

Foster children are deemed to have a household income that does not exceed 185% of the poverty level. Se considera que los hijos adoptivos tienen un ingreso familiar que no supera el 185% del nivel de pobreza

When you select how many students you are applying for, the application will automatically populate the children's application for each child. Once you fill it out for all children, you'll see the next button at the bottom of the page.

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[Contact Information](#)

Attachments/Document Upload section /Adjuntos/Sección de Carga de Documentos

Please attach a .pdf or .jpeg of the required documents. Please black out or cover all social security numbers for you and your children BEFORE making a copy of this information and uploading it here. Please limit your attachments to only what is needed, as we are unable to receive attachments exceeding 40 MB. Adjunte un .pdf o .jpeg de los documentos requeridos. Por favor, tache o cubra todos los números de seguro social de usted y sus hijos ANTES de hacer una copia de esta información y súbala aquí.

Proof of Income (only need to attach ONE):

- A. Page 1 of your 2017 or 2018 tax return (MUST SAY "Form 1040 U.S. INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN" across the top of the page or it is not the correct page we need),

- C. Sworn statement that you did not file with the IRS. Attaching ineligible documentation (i.e. only a W-2) or the wrong form is not sufficient proof of income or household size and will result in your application being delayed. A link to the sworn statement document can be found here: <http://bit.ly/swornstatement18>

Comprobante de ingresos (solo debe adjuntar UNO):

- A. Página 1 de su declaración de impuestos de 2017 o 2018 (DEBE DECIR "Form 1040 U.S. INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN" en la parte superior de la página o no es la página correcta que necesitamos),

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- C. Declaración jurada de que no declaró con el IRS (Servicio de Rentas Internas). Someter solo la forma W-2 o la forma incorrecta no es suficiente para comprobar su ingreso o el tamaño de su familia y resultara en rechazo de su aplicación.

No file selected.

Proof of Address (only need to attach ONE): A) Current utility bill, B) Rental agreement or deed, C) Current Illinois driver's license or State of Illinois identification card, OR D) Stamped U.S. Postal Service change of address form. If the address on your tax return is your current address and you are using that as proof of address, attach it again here. **Comprobante de domicilio (solo es necesario adjuntar UNO):** factura de servicios públicos o contrato de alquiler actuales, licencia de conducir de Illinois actual o tarjeta de identificación del Estado de Illinois, o formulario de cambio de dirección del Servicio Postal de EE. UU. sellado.

No file selected.

Proof of income: Page 1 of your 2017 or 2018 tax return **MUST SAY** "Form 1040 U.S. INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN" across the top of the page or it is not the correct form we need.

If you don't file taxes you may upload a signed sworn statement that can be found at www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/apply

If applying via mobile device, you can take photos of documents while completing application.

Please refer to application documents guide for instruction to upload photos/files into document

After Big Shoulders Fund has received a significant number of applications, we will no longer require the submission of attachments for proof of income and proof of address. We may reach out to you for additional information in the future, if funds become available.

To qualify for this scholarship, we will verify the "Number in Household" and your "Annual Adjusted Gross Income." If these figures differ from the attached files included for this application, please explain here. Please include any other relevant comments. (Para calificar para esta beca, verificaremos el "Número de personas en el hogar" y su "Ingreso Bruto Ajustado Anual". Si estas cifras difieren de los archivos adjuntos incluidos en esta aplicación, explique aquí.)

Certification & Authorization / Certificación & Autorización

- I certify that the information provided on the application and all supporting documentation submitted at any time is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I give information that is not true or if I withhold information and my student(s) receive a scholarship for which they are not eligible, I can be lawfully punished for fraud and the scholarship will be denied or revoked.
- I understand that any information I provide at any time may be verified, which may include computer file matching, public records search, or IRS transcripts. I may be required to provide other information and/or documentation, and that failure to provide this information when requested will result in the denial of this application.
- I authorize the release of personal and financial information for the purpose of determining eligibility and for research. I authorize the release of information concerning my child's educational records(i.e., transcripts, GPA, enrollment verification, grades, and test scores) to Big Shoulders Fund for research and tracking purposes.
- I authorize Big Shoulders Fund to share summary information from this form and the information therein with the appropriate state agencies and schools for audit and reporting purposes. I understand that summary information without identifying individual students or families may be shared with donors and other interested parties.
- I agree to follow the rules and responsibilities as they apply to the program as set forth in the Parent/Guardian Guidebook.
- I understand if I am deemed eligible and my student(s) is awarded a scholarship, that I and the student are not automatically entitled to a scholarship in following years.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to reapply for scholarship funds and document my eligibility on behalf of my student(s) whenever I am required to do so.
- I understand if I enroll my student(s) in a private school before receipt of an official scholarship award letter, I may be responsible for tuition, and if I do not receive a 100% scholarship, I will be responsible for the difference between total cost to attend the school and any scholarship my children may receive.
- I understand that by submitting this application, I am agreeing to allow Big Shoulders Fund to share my name and my school(s) name(s) and contact information as listed on this application with the school(s) listed on this application.
- I understand that if my student receives a scholarship, there may be additional fees owed to the school not covered by this tax credit scholarship.
- I understand that that all scholarship awards are paid directly to the school.
- I understand the number of scholarships awarded through this program will depend on available funding.
- I understand that Big Shoulders Fund does not discriminate because of race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, nationality or political belief.

La traducción en español de la Certificación y Autorización está disponible en <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/en-espanol/>

I attest that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge *

Type first and last name of parent/guardian

Enter First and Last Name

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Submit

Click submit

[Contact Information](#)

If any numbers you've entered differ from the documents you've uploaded for Number in Household or Annual Adjusted Gross Income, please explain here