

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 on January 13th at 8:00am
- You may submit **ONE** application per household. Include all children on this application
- 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 Tax Credit Scholarship Application/ Solicitud de Beca de Credito Tributario de Big Shoulders Fund

Eligibility Test

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Welcome to the Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application Eligibility Test. If you meet the minimum requirements for the scholarship, you **MUST CONTINUE** on to Step 1 and complete the full online application **IN ORDER TO SAVE YOUR ORIGINAL DATE-TIME STAMP.**

Bienvenido a la Solicitud para la beca de credito tributario de Big Shoulders Fund. Esta primera página es una prueba de su elegibilidad para la beca y le dará su hora y fecha oficial después de rellenarla. Si es elegible según esta prueba, hay que continuar con la solicitud y completar la solicitud en entero para ahorrar su hora y fecha oficial de entrega.

Income Guideline Chart

To be eligible for a tax credit scholarship, your income must be equal to or below the following based on your household size:

Para ser elegible para la beca de credito tributario, su ingreso tiene que ser igual or menos de lo siguiente según el número de personas en su hogar:

No. in Household	Max Income If... You did not receive a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2021/2022	Max Income If ... You received a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2021/2022
1	\$38,640	\$51,520
2	\$52,260	\$69,680
3	\$65,880	\$87,840
4	\$79,500	\$106,000
5	\$93,120	\$124,160
6	\$106,740	\$142,320
7	\$120,360	\$160,480
8	\$133,980	\$178,640
9	\$147,600	\$196,800
10	\$161,220	\$214,960
11	\$174,840	\$233,120
12	\$188,460	\$251,280
13	\$202,080	\$269,440
14	\$215,700	\$287,600
15	\$229,320	\$305,760

Enter Email Address / **Escriba su correo electrónico***

Re-enter email address / **Confirme su correo electrónico***

Enter number of people in household / **Ingrese el número de personas en su hogar***

Households are defined as an individual or group of individuals living together in a room or group of rooms in a housing unit. / El Tamaño del Hogar se define como todas personas que viven juntas en una unidad de vivienda.

Enter household income / **Ingrese el ingreso anual del su hogar***

Do not include \$, comma or decimals, No incluya \$, comas, ni decimos

Enter street address / **Ingrese su dirección***

Enter City / **Ingrese su Ciudad***

Enter State / **Ingrese su Estado***

Enter Zip / **Ingrese su código postal***

County / **Seleccione el Condado en el que vive***

Please review all information for accuracy, then click submit to determine if you meet the minimum requirements for a tax credit scholarship and to obtain your date-time stamp.

Por favor, repasa toda la información que haya entrada. Haga clic para determinar si esta elegible para solicitar para la beca de credito tributario y obtener su hora y fecha oficial.

Submit

If you continue on and complete the application, your date-time stamp is:

2021/12/24-11:27:09:0165

Please note that the time is in military time format. **In order to SAVE YOUR DATE-TIME STAMP, you MUST CONTINUE ON and complete ALL required fields on the Application.**

Failure to complete all of the requirements of Step 1 of the Application will result in the loss of your date-time stamp.

The information that you provided meets the minimum requirements to continue with STEP 1 of the Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application.

Since your date-time stamp is obtained, you may take your time with the remainder of the Application, but you must complete it all at this time.

Si continua y completa la solicitud, su hora de entrega es:

2021/12/24-11:27:09:0165

*Por favor tome nota que la hora de entrega esta en formato de tiempo militar. Para **SALVAR SU HORA Y FECHA OFICIAL DE ENTREGA**, necesita **CONTINUAR** y completar **TODAS** las preguntas en la solicitud.*

Si no completa todo lo que se requiere para Paso Uno de la solicitud, resultara en perdida de su fecha y hora oficial de entrega.

La informacion que usted pone en la solicitud satifase lo minimo requerido para completar Paso Uno de la solicitud para la beca de Credito Tributario.

Si obtiene su hora y fecha oficial de entrega, puede tomar su tiempo en responder a las preguntas que quedan en la solicitud pero las tiene que completar sin salirse de la pagina.

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Scholarship Application - Family Information/ *Solicitud de Beca – Información Familiar*

If you continue on and complete the application, your date-time stamp is:

Si continua y completa la solicitud, su hora de entrega es:

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Please note that the time is in military format. In order to save your date time stamp then you have to complete the application. / *Para que su hora de entrega se salve, entonces necesita completar la solicitud.*

Household Information/ *Información del hogar*

Disclaimer: Only parents/guardians listed here will receive information about your application and the children listed on your application. / Renuncia: solo le dará información acerca la solicitud a las padres/tutores listadas aquí.

Parent/Guardian 1 First Name

Madre/Padre/Guardián Nombre *

Parent/Guardian 1 Last Name

Madre/Padre/Guardián Apellido *

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

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

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

test@gmail.com

Correspondence will be sent to this email address / Toda la correspondencia será mandado al correo electrónico del padre 1

Parent/Guardian 2 First Name

(Optional) Madre/Padre/Guardián

Nombre

Parent/Guardian 2 Last Name

(Optional) Madre/Padre/Guardián

Apellido

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

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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 *

City/ Ciudad *

State / Estado *

☐ Illinois

Only Illinois residents qualify for this scholarship program. / Solo los residentes de Illinois califican para este programa

Postal Code/ Código Postal *

5 digit format required

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

If your county is not listed, choose "other" and explain in Comments Section on the last page of this application. / Si su condado no está en la lista, elija "other" y explique en la Sección de Comentarios en la última página de esta solicitud.

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

If you live in Chicago, your school district is City of Chicago SD 299. If you need help determining school districts, please refer to below link for further assistance. If your school district is not listed, choose "other" and explain in Comments Section on the last page of this application. / Si vive en Chicago, su distrito escolar es City of Chicago SD 299. Si necesita ayuda para determinar su distrito escolar, consulte el enlace a continuación para obtener más ayuda. Si su distrito escolar no está en la lista, elija "other" y explique en la sección de Comentarios en la última página de esta solicitud.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/PublicSchoolDistrictLookup.aspx>

Number in Household / Número de personas en el hogar *

Please select... ▼

The number of people in your household equals the total number of people living together in a room or group of rooms in a housing unit. This may include grandparents or other individuals living with you and includes college students who may not live with you full time if you financially support them. Most often, household number should equal the number of people listed on your Federal Tax Return (you, spouse – if applicable, and all dependents). If your household size does not match your tax return, you must explain in the comments section on the last page. You will be required to provide proof of income for all household members 18 years or older and not in high school. / El número de personas en su hogar son todas las personas que viven juntos en una unidad de vivienda. Este puede incluir sus abuelos u otro familiares que viven en su hogar. También puede incluir estudiantes universitarios que no viven contigo, pero para quien se lo da le apoya financieramente. El número de personas en el hogar debe corresponder con el número listado en sus tasas – la forma federal 1040. Si el número no corresponde o no presentas tasas, por favor explique la discrepancia en los comentarios al final de la solicitud.

Family's 2020 or 2021 Annual Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Amount FROM YOUR TAX RETURN

/ Cantidad del ingreso bruto ajustado anual (AGI en inglés) de la familia del 2020 o 2021 *

\$

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 or 1040-SR, the AGI is on line 11. Please include the exact AGI as listed on your Tax Return and do not round. Please include details in the comments section at the end of this application for any exceptions or changes in income. Providing 2020 income is recommended, but if your 2021 income bracket goes down, please enter your 2021 income and include an explanation in the comments section at the end of this application explaining why your 2021 income is lower. To review the Income Chart, click link below. / Solo escribe números. No incluya el signo \$, comas o decimales. Necesita incluir los ingresos de todos los dependes que vivan en su hogar que tengan 18 años o mas. Si usted relleno la forma 1040 o 1040-SR, el AGI esta en la linea 11. Por favor incluya el AGI como este en su forma y no redondear. Incluya detalles en la seccion de comentarios al final de la solicitud si tiene excepciones o cambios en sus ingresos. Sometiendo los ingresos del 2020 es recomendado, pero si sus ingresos del 2021 los pone en una categoria de ingresos mas baja, por favor someta sus ingresos del 2021 y debe incluir una explicacion en la seccion de comentarios, que esta al final de la solicitud, donde tiene que explicar porque sus ingresos del 2021 son menos que los del 2020. Para ver la Tabla de Ingresos, presione

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UyhvvBgEZaxJLQ4VEmZVVL3TcTTqmiDU-cTVvRQuwTU/edit?usp=sharing>

Number of Children Applying for Scholarship/ El número total de niños para los cuales está solicitando *

Please select... ▼

If you are applying for multiple children, please indicate the number here. / Si está solicitando para varios niños/niñas, por favor indique el número aquí.

Please review all information for accuracy. Your date-time stamp is secure, but you must complete this application to retain it. / Ya se ha obtenido su hora y fecha oficial de entrega. Por favor, toma su tiempo con el resto de la solicitud. Tenga en cuenta, hay que someterla en una vez para ahorrarla.

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

Your date/time stamp is obtained. Therefore, you may take your time with the remainder of the application, but you must complete the entire application at this time to retain your time stamp. / **Ya se ha obtenido su hora y fecha oficial de entrega. Por favor, toma su tiempo con el resto de la solicitud. Tenga en cuenta, hay que someterla en una vez para ahorrarla.**

Note: Subject to available funding, we are required to award scholarships in the order that your children are listed on this application. / **Ojo:** Todas estudiantes son otorgados becas en el orden de que se los lista los estudiantes en esta solicitud. La otorgación de las becas es sujeta a la disponibilidad de fondos a la escuela escogida.

Child #1 Information

Student First Name / Nombre del Estudiante *

Official first name only, as it appears on school records. Do not include middle names, middle initials, etc. / Escriba su nombre como es escrito en los registros escolares. Por favor, no incluya su segundo nombre, las iniciales, etc.

Student Last Name/ Apellido del Estudiante *

Month of Birth / Mes de nacimiento

*

Day of Birth / Día de nacimiento *

Year of birth / Año de nacimiento *

Did the student receive a Tax Credit scholarship in the 2021-22 school year? ¿Recibió el estudiante una beca de crédito fiscal en el año escolar 2021-22? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Did the student's sibling receive a Tax Credit Scholarship in the 2021-22 school year? ¿Recibió un hermano o hermana del estudiante una beca de crédito fiscal en el año escolar 2021-22? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No/ Not applicable

Gender/ Género *

- ☐ Female
☐ Male

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

- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black/African American
☐ Hispanic/Latino
☐ Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander
☐ White

Grade for **2021/22** School Year/ Grado para el año escolar 2021/22 *

Please select... ▼

Grade for **2022/23** School Year/ Grado para el año escolar 2022/23 *

Please select... ▼

To qualify for Kindergarten, must be 5 by 9/1/2022. Only students in grades K-12 are eligible for a scholarship./ Para calificar para Kinder, debe cumplir 5 en o antes del 9/1/2022.

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

Please select... ▼

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

Please select... ▼

If you need help determining which school you are applying to, please refer to below link for further assistance. If the school you are interested in is not listed, we are not accepting applications for that school at this time. / Si necesita ayuda para determinar a qué escuela está aplicando, consulte el siguiente enlace para obtener más ayuda. Si la escuela en la que está interesado no está en la lista, eso quiere decir que no estamos aceptando solicitudes para esa escuela en este.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VpTQvmSXZLgglxIAHTkbbF4_MVikORzRE308fJpJv3M/edit?usp=sharing

Are you currently parishioners at the church affiliated with the above named school? ¿Actualmente son feligreses en la escuela mencionada arriba? *

☐ Yes ☐ No / Not applicable

If not applicable, please select "no." Your scholarship application will not be influenced on whether or not you are a parishioner. Su solicitud de beca no será afectada si usted es feligrés o no. Esta información solo ayuda a determinar la cantidad de su beca.

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

Has this student qualified for services under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 2? / ¿Este estudiante califica para servicios bajo la Ley Federal de Educación para Individuos con Discapacidades, 2? *

☐ Yes, and I understand that Supporting Documentation is Required during Step 2 of the application
☐ No

*Eligibility: Requires determination as set forth by the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that a student is a child with a disability. This determination is made through comprehensive testing and **requires documentation**. This is further defined as a child who has a disability as determined by one of the 14 disability categories in the 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: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Parent-Rights.aspx#>.*

Para la traducción en español, consulte a <https://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org/en-espanol/> y a su escuela.

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, and I understand that Verification by the School is Required during Step 2 of the application
☐ 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: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ACCESS-for-ELLs.aspx>*

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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, and I understand that Verification by the School is Required during Step 2 of the application.
- ☐ No

"Gifted and talented" 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>

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

- ☐ Yes, & I will provide verification documentation upon request
- ☐ 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

Test Form

Please review all information for accuracy. Your date-time stamp is secure, but you must complete this application to retain it. / Ya se ha obtenido su hora y fecha oficial de entrega. Por favor, toma su tiempo con el resto de la solicitud. Tenga en cuenta, hay que someterla en una vez para ahorrarla.

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Scholarship Application - Comments & Certification / [Solicitud de Beca – Ingresos y Certificación](#)

Your date/time stamp is obtained. Therefore, you may take your time with the remainder of the application, but you must complete the entire application at this time to retain your time stamp. / Ya se ha obtenido su hora y fecha oficial de entrega. Por favor, toma su tiempo con el resto de la solicitud. Tenga en cuenta, hay que someterla en una vez para ahorrarla.

Comments/Other Information / [Comentarios/Otra Información](#)

Please include any other relevant comments. Please include comments if your Household Income, Household Size, or Address changed or is not equal to supporting documentation/ Por favor incluya cualquier otro comentario relevante. / [Por favor explique aquí si su Ingreso Anual Ajustado, el número de personas en su hogar, o su dirección no corresponde a sus comprobantes.](#)

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 Application and the information therein, along with student scholarship information, with the appropriate state agencies, schools, and related operating entity (e.g. diocese) 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 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 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/ Escriba el nombre y apellido del padre o tutor

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[Submit](#)

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Thank you for completing the Sneak Peek of the Big Shoulders Fund Invest in Kids/ Tax Credit Scholarship Application. This form is for sneak peek purposes only and is not a valid application. Your date/time stamp will NOT be obtained until you complete the actual application that goes live at 8am on January 13, 2022.

Gracias por completar nuestra muestra de la solicitud de Big Shoulders Fund Invest in Kids Act/Beca de Credito. Este adelanto de nuestra solicitud es solo para practicar y no es una solicitud valida. Su hora de entrega oficial NO sera otorgada hasta completar la solicitud oficial que estara disponible a las 8 AM el 13 de Enero del 2022.