

# 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](http://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org) on January 14th 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**
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## Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application

### 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.

Income Guideline Chart

No. in Household	Max Income If... You did <u>not</u> receive a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2019/2020	Max Income If ... You received a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2019/2020
1	\$37,470	\$49,960
2	\$50,730	\$67,640
3	\$63,990	\$85,320
4	\$77,250	\$103,000
5	\$90,510	\$120,680
6	\$103,770	\$138,360
7	\$117,030	\$156,040
8	\$130,290	\$173,720
9	\$143,550	\$191,400
10	\$156,810	\$209,080
11	\$170,070	\$226,760
12	\$183,330	\$244,440
13	\$196,590	\$262,120
14	\$209,850	\$279,800
15	\$223,110	\$297,480

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

Enter email address

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

Re-enter email address

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

Enter number of people in household

*Households are defined as an individual or group of individuals living together in a room or group of rooms in a housing unit.*

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

Enter household income  
*Do not include \$, comma or decimals.*

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

Enter street address

Enter City / **Ingrese su Ciudad\***

Enter city

Enter State / **Ingrese su Estado\***

Enter state

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

Enter zipcode

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

Select County you live in

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.

Submit

Click Submit

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YOU HAVE NOW OBTAINED YOUR APPLICATION DATE-TIME STAMP. 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.

Next

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 to fill out the rest of the application; you may take your time with the remainder of the application**

# Big Shoulders Fund Invest in Kids/ Tax Credit Scholarship Application Step 1 for 2020-21 School Year

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

Your date/time stamp is now 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.

### Household Information/ *Información del hogar*

Disclaimer: Only parents/guardians listed here will receive information about your application and the children listed on your application:

(Madre/Padre/Guardián Nombre) \*

Enter First Name

(Madre/Padre/Guardián Apellido) \*

Enter Last Name

All email correspondence will be sent to parent 1

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)

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

Disclaimer: only parents listed here will receive information about your application

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

**Number in Household / Número de personas en el hogar \***

**Select number in your household = people you live with**

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 you 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. / **Si Need spanish translation**

**Family's 2018 or 2019 Annual Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Amount FROM YOUR TAX RETURN /Cantidad del ingreso bruto ajustado anual (AGI en inglés) de la familia del 2018 o 2019 \***

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

**\* 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. / **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.

**Select next page**

## Big Shoulders Fund Invest in Kids/ Tax Credit Scholarship Application Step 1 for 2020-21 School Year

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

*Your date/time stamp is now 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.*

*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 \*

  

Select birth month and date

Enter birth year

Did the student receive a Tax Credit scholarship in the 2019-20 school year? *¿Recibió el estudiante una beca de crédito fiscal en el año escolar 2019-20?* \*

Yes

Select yes or no

No

Did the student's sibling receive a Tax Credit Scholarship in the 2019-20 school year? *¿Recibió un hermano o hermana del estudiante una beca de crédito fiscal en el año escolar 2019-20?* \*

Yes

Select yes or no

No/ Not applicable

Gender (*Género*) \*

Female

Male

Choose not to disclose

Select gender

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

Select student grade for current school year (2019-2020)

Grade for 2020/2021 School Year/ *Grado para el año escolar 2020/2021* \*

Select student grade for next school year (2020-2021)

To qualify for Kindergarten, must be 5 by 9/1/2020. *Para calificar para Kinder, debe cumplir 5 en o antes del 9/1/2020.*

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 to

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.

Are you currently parishioners at above named school? ¿Actualmente son feligreses en la escuela mencionada arriba? \*

Yes  No

Select yes or no

If not applicable, please select "no." Your scholarship application will not be influenced on whether or not you are a parishioner. This information only helps to determine the amount of your scholarship. (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

Select yes or 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  
 No

Select yes or no. All "yes" answers will require documentation from school

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. All "yes" answers will require documentation from school

"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. All "yes" answers will require documentation from school

"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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**Scholarship Application - Comments & Certification / Solicitud de Beca – Ingresos y Certificación**

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

**Comments/Other Information / Comentarios/Otra Información**

Please include any other relevant comments/ Por favor incluya cualquier otro comentario relevante

**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, related diocese, governing bodies, 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 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

Enter parent first and last name

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Click submit

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