

Because of the sexualization, indoctrination, racial division, and godless ideologies being regularly taught to impressionable children in K-12 public schools, it's critical that Christian parents, grandparents and Christian church leaders rescue children from these tax-funded indoctrination camps in order to disciple and train them in the way of the Lord.

Here's How You Can Help Rescue Children From Public Schools

"The education of children for God is the most important business done on earth. It is the one business for which the earth exists. To it all politics, all war, all literature, all money-making, ought to be subordinated; and every parent especially ought to feel, every hour of the day, that, next to making his own calling and election sure, this is the end for which he is kept alive by God – this is his task on earth."

– R.L. Dabney, Theologian, 1820-1898



Great Opportunities for Illinois Churches, Businesses, Individuals & Families!

Every Christian church wants to prepare children for life and service to God. This is a biblical mandate according to: Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 1:8-9; Proverbs 22:6; Matthew 22:21; Colossians 2:3,8; Isaiah 54:13; Proverbs 10:27; Jeremiah 10:2; Proverbs 13:20; Proverbs 9:10; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Proverbs 6:20-23; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Proverbs 1:8-9 and Luke 6:39-40.

An excellent way to assist in this critical mandate is for your church to start a **Christian Education Scholarship Program**. The idea is simple to implement and can have a tremendous immediate impact on children and families, and the culture in general over time.

Tax-deductible donations are designated to the church's scholarship program which are distributed to schools (that have not succumbed to the ways of the world) chosen according to church-approved guidelines. Applications for tuition assistance are made available to families and approved by a qualified church committee.

In other words, members of the church would make donations to offset the cost of a solid Christian education for families within the church. The goal is to lessen the financial burden for parents sincerely seeking biblical Christian education for their children.

More information on how to start a Christian Education Scholarship Program can be found at www.Christedu.org.

Half Price Schools is an initiative of Salem Radio Chicago – AM 560 The Answer and AM 1160 Hope for Your Life. It provides families with a quality Christian education for half the price through a partnership directly with select schools in the Chicago area. There's even potential for a school not yet on their list to be included. For more information, call 847-472-8921 or visit halfpriceschools.com.

Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO) are approved 501 (C)3 organizations that receive contributions from individuals and businesses to provide scholarships to eligible students. See next items.

Tuition Scholarship Opportunities for Individuals & Businesses

There is a wonderful opportunity for individuals and businesses in Illinois to provide tuition scholarships to children whose families are unable to afford to send their children to a private Protestant or Catholic school, plus they can receive a 75% tax credit!

Illinois enacted the **Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program** in 2017. This program offers a 75% state income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). As long as the 5 regional areas or total statewide maximums have not been reached (\$100,000,000), individuals and businesses can contribute at any time. The SGOs then provide tuition scholarships for students whose families apply and meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.

This Act is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2024, but some lawmakers want to keep the program going and even expand it. However, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker is proposing to reduce the tax credit to 40%. This would be a mistake. Let your state lawmakers know that you support this program, and then take advantage of this great opportunity while you still can!

The process is as follows:

Set up a **My Tax Illinois Account** at mytax.illinois.gov. You will be sent a letter ID through the mail to finalize the account. Once completed, go back to the mytax.illinois.gov web site to access your account. Click on the blue **Accounts** tab, click on **Individual**, click on **Contribute to Invest in Kids**.

It will require you to name an SGO to make your pledge. A few are listed on the inside flap or you can find a list of them at the Illinois Department of Revenue web site. <https://tinyurl.com/49yh6mpa>

You will be contacted by email to access your **Contribution Authorization Certificate**. Lastly, go to the SGO web site of your choice to upload your **Contribution Authorization Certificate** and make your donation.

NOTE: You do not pledge to the state, but rather to the SGO.

SGO Opportunities List for Individuals & Businesses

- **Empower Illinois** is an SGO. Families whose previous year's total annual income does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level are eligible. More than \$126 million has been raised and over 16,000 tuition scholarships have been granted since 2018. The average scholarship amount granted in 2020 was \$6,297 per student. Visit empowerillinois.com.

The needs are greater than the scholarship money available, however. In 2020, for example, 22,142 students applied through Empower Illinois, but only 5,505 were awarded scholarships. This is where churches, individuals and businesses can step up to meet the need!

- **Children's Tuition Fund** is an SGO that aids Protestant schools by raising support, identifying families in need within their community, and awarding scholarships to deserving students. Visit childrenstuitionfund.org.
- **Big Shoulders Fund** is an SGO inspired by Cardinal Bernadin to support Catholic schools and children in the neediest areas of inner-city Chicago. Visit bigshouldersfund.org.

Children at the Crossroads Foundation is an SGO that supports The Francis Xavier Warde Catholic School in Chicago.

- **Donate Directly to Your Local Christian School**
- **Some Christian schools have their own scholarship programs.** Contact your local Christian school to inquire about making a donation to help a family who can't afford the entire tuition cost on their own. This type of donation is still tax deductible, but not a tax credit.

Contact IFI if you have questions. 708-781-9328.

**"It is so important that our churches, our Christian schools and we, as individuals,
do not allow non-Christian influences to influence our beliefs."**

– Jonathan Falwell, Liberty University Campus Pastor

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