

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 and is subject to change.
- The live application will be found at [www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org](http://www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org) on **January 12, 2023 at 8:00am**
- Use this guide to take notes on the required information so that you may be prepared to submit the application in full on **January 12, 2023 at 8am.**
- You may submit **ONE** application per household. Include all children entering K-12 on this application

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# Big Shoulders Fund.®

## Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application/ Solicitud de Beca de Credito Fiscal de Big Shoulders Fund

### Eligibility Test

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Submit your online application on January 12, 2023 at 8:00AM.

Be sure to apply as soon as the application opens, scholarships are awarded in date-time stamp order.

You will receive your date-time stamp upon completion of Page 1, the Eligibility Test. You will need to complete all of the 5-page Step 1 application in order to save your date-time stamp

### Income Guideline Chart

You are eligible for a Tax Credit Scholarship if your income is less or equal to Max Income listed in the row of the table below that corresponds with your household size.

*Es elegible para la Beca de Credito Fiscal si su ingreso es menos o igual el Ingreso Maximo segun la tabla.*

No. in Household	Max Income If... You did not receive a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2022/2023	Max Income If ... You received a Tax Credit Scholarship for 2022/2023
1	\$40,770	\$54,360
2	\$54,930	\$73,240
3	\$69,090	\$92,120
4	\$83,250	\$111,000
5	\$97,410	\$129,880
6	\$111,570	\$148,760
7	\$125,730	\$167,640
8	\$139,890	\$186,520
9	\$154,050	\$205,400
10	\$168,210	\$224,280
11	\$182,370	\$243,160
12	\$196,530	\$262,040
13	\$210,690	\$280,920
14	\$224,850	\$299,800
15	\$239,010	\$318,680



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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 click 'Submit' to secure your Date-Time stamp and advance to the next step of the Tax Credit Scholarship Application.

*Haga clic para btener su Hora y Fecha Oficial y continuar con el resto de Paso 1 de la Solicitud.*

**Submit**



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### Eligibility Test

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*Test Form*

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

**2022/12/27-14:36:42:0434**

This is a SNEAK PEEK of the Big Shoulders Fund Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application Eligibility Test. When the application opens on January 12, 2023 at 8am, you will have obtained your application date-time stamp at this step, but will then need to continue on to complete all the required fields on the Application. For SNEAK PEEK purposes, this date-time stamp is for example purposes only and is not valid. Please click NEXT to continue to complete the SNEAK PEEK application.

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

**2022/12/27-14:36:42:0434**

*Esta es una prueba de elegibilidad de solicitud de beca de crédito fiscal de Big Shoulders Fund Big Shoulders Fund. Cuando se abra la solicitud el 12 de enero de 2023 a las 8 a.m., habrá obtenido el sello de fecha y hora de su solicitud en este paso, pero luego deberá continuar para completar todos los campos obligatorios en la Solicitud. Para propósitos de SNEAK PEEK, este sello de fecha y hora es solo para fines de ejemplo y no es válido. Haga clic en SIGUIENTE para continuar y completar la solicitud de SNEAK PEEK.*

Next

Page 2 confirms that 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 Step 1 Application.

DO NOT HIT THE BACK BUTTON ON YOUR BROWSER. DOING SO WILL CAUSE YOU TO LOSE YOUR DATE-TIME STAMP.

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Click next to continue with the application



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Parent/Guardian 1 First Name  Parent/Guardian 1 Last Name   
Madre/Padre/Guardián Nombre \* Madre/Padre/Guardián Apellido \*

Parent/Guardian 1 Phone  Madre/Padre/Guardián Número de Teléfono \*  
(xxx) xxx-xxxx

Parent/Guardian 1 Email  Madre/Padre/Guardián Correo Electrónico \*  
test@test.com  
Correspondence will be sent to this email address. / Toda la correspondencia será mandada al correo electrónico del padre 1

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

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

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 \*

All email correspondence will be sent **ONLY** to Parent/Guardian 1

Parent/Guardian 2 info is *optional*. Only parent/guardians listed in Parent 1 or Parent 2 are able to receive application info via phone call

Page 3 requests your household information

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

Please select... ▾

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, please refer to the 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 de información 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/Public-School-District-lookup.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 15 years or older and not in high school. / El número de personas en su hogar son todas las personas que viven juntas 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 taxes – la forma federal 1040. Si el número no corresponde o no presentas taxes, por favor explique la discrepancia en los comentarios al final de la solicitud.

**Family's 2021 or 2022 Annual Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Amount FROM YOUR TAX RETURN**

**Cantidad del ingreso bruto ajustado anual (AGI en inglés) de la familia del 2021 o 2022 \***

\$

**Using numbers only and not including dollar signs, commas or decimals, you will now enter your family's 2021 or 2022 Annual Adjusted Gross Income amount from your 1040 federal tax return. Your income should equal all income received by adults (persons 18 & over) in your household.**

**Providing your 2021 income is recommended, but if your 2022 income is less than your 2021 income, please enter your 2022 income. At the end of the application, include an explanation in the comments that your 2022 income is lower than your 2021 income, and your 2021 income.**

**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. Note: Awards will be made to the children listed on this application in the order in which they are listed on this application. Subject to available funding, Child #1 will be first in line for an award, followed by Child #2, then Child #3, etc. / Indique el número de hijos por la cual está solicitando. Nota: Las becas se otorgarán a los niños que figuran en esta solicitud en el orden en que aparecen en esta solicitud. Sujeto a los fondos disponibles, el niño #1 será primero en la fila para recibir una beca, seguido del niño #2, luego el niño #3, etc.

Note that if you live in the city of Chicago you will select City of Chicago SD 299 which is the first option on the dropdown. You may verify your Public School District on our website at [bigshouldersfundsgo.org](http://bigshouldersfundsgo.org)

You will now select the number of individuals in your household, which is defined of the number of people who live within your household, and for whom you financially support.

You will now select the number of children you are applying for. Please remember you are completing one application for your entire family. Choose the total number of children for whom you're applying.

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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**Big Shoulders Fund requires verification of 2022-23 Tax Credit Scholarship for applicants who indicate they received 2022-23 TCS. This verification will be part of Step 2. Students who received a TCS award from Big Shoulders Fund will not require verification.**

**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 2022-23 school year? ¿Recibió el estudiante una beca de crédito fiscal en el año escolar 2022-23? \*  
 Yes  
 No

Did the student's sibling receive a Tax Credit Scholarship in the 2022-23 school year? ¿Recibió un hermano o hermana del estudiante una beca de crédito fiscal en el año escolar 2022-23? \*  
 Yes  
 No/ Not applicable

Gender/ Género \*  
 Female  
 Male

Race/Ethnicity (choose as many as apply) / Raza/origen étnico (seleccione todas las que corresponden) \*  
 American Indian/Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black/African American  
 Hispanic/Latino  
 Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander  
 White

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

Grade for 2023/24 School Year/ Grado para el año escolar 2023/24 \*  
  
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 Kínder, debe cumplir 5 años el 9/1/2022. Sólo estudiantes en grados K-12 son elegibles para una beca.

c1 County where school you are applying to is located / Condado donde se encuentra la escuela a la que está aplicando. \*

Child1 Schools

**Awards will be made to the children listed on this application in the order in which they are entered on this application. Subject to available funding at their school of choice, Child #1 will be first in line for an award, followed by Child #2, then Child #3, etc**

Page 4 requests your child's information.

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s2 School Name to which you are applying for this scholarship / Nombre de la escuela por la cual está solicitando esta beca \*

Academy of St. Benedict the African

**Please see the Eligible School list at [bigshouldersfund.org](http://bigshouldersfund.org) to verify your school of choice and the county where it is located.**

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

Yes  No / Not applicable  
If not applicable, please select "no." An awarding decision for your scholarship application is not influenced by your status as a parishioner or as a non-parishioner. Su solicitud de beca no será afectada si usted es feligrés o no.

Has this student qualified for services under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act / ¿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 applicat  No

Has this student been identified as an English learner, as defined by State of Illinois subsection (d) Section 14C-2 of the School Code, 1.2? / ¿Es este estudiante un aprendiz de inglés, como se defi 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 applicati  No

Has this student been identified as a gifted and talented child, as defined by State of Illinois Sectio 14A-20 of the School Code, 1.1? / ¿Este estudiante es un niño con inteligencia o talento excepcion 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 applicati  No

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.

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**Please read the following questions carefully. If you respond "Yes" to any of the following, you may be asked to verify any special status you have indicated for your student.**

Please remember that one application is for your entire family. If not all of your children are listed in the one application, hit the previous page button to change the number of children you are applying for to ensure that all of your children are accounted for within one family application. Once you applied for all of your children, click next page.

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

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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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If the household income, household size or address that you have entered on the application do not match your proof of your income or residency documents, please include any comments or explanations of the differences here.

On Page 5, you will read the certification and authorization section to ensure that your application is true to the best of your ability. Once you have read the certifications and authorizations you will enter your first and last name and click submit.

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