



# MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

## Do you pay MO state income taxes?



### Missouri allows you to re-direct half of the taxes you are required to pay towards Catholic education.

The **Bright Futures Fund** provides Catholic school scholarships to qualified students funded with purchased tax credits. When you file your taxes, you get 100% credit for the amount you reserved and paid. Help us fund over \$12 million in scholarships by reserving tax credits for up to half of your annual liability at no extra cost to you. By re-directing taxes, we can practice good stewardship and actively support a brighter future for students through Catholic education.

## HOW TO RESERVE TAX CREDITS IN 5 EASY STEPS

### Step 1

**GO TO BRIGHT FUTURES FUND.ORG**

Click on "MOScholars Program- Reserve MOScholars Tax Credits".

### Step 2

**ESTIMATE YOUR LIABILITY BASED ON WHAT YOU OWED THE PREVIOUS YEAR**

Fill out all fields for the MOScholars Tax Credit Reservation System. You can reserve tax credits for up to half of what you will owe.

### Step 3

**CHOOSE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND**

Select **Bright Futures Fund** from the EAO (Educational Assistance Organization) drop down menu.

### Step 4

**RESERVE YOUR TAX CREDIT AMOUNT BEFORE DECEMBER 31**

Click "submit" and you will receive an email from the MO State Treasurer's office. **Print and save your confirmation number.**

### Step 5

**WRITE A CHECK TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND**

**Write a check to the Bright Futures Fund for the amount of the tax credits reserved.** Mail the check within 30 days of your reservation and no later than December 31 to: **Bright Futures Fund, P.O. Box 419037, Kansas City, MO, 64141.** After your funds are received and verified, you will receive an email receipt from the State Treasurer's Office. **Include the receipt and an MO-TC form with your state income tax filing.**

- Reserved tax credits are equal to 100% of an eligible contribution and can be used for up to 50% of the donor's annual tax liability.
- For the current MO-TC form, visit [BrightFuturesFund.org](http://BrightFuturesFund.org) OR search MO-TC at: <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/>
- Tax credits may be carried forward for four (4) additional tax years. Tax credits are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be sold.

*Reserve tax credits now. When you file next year, you will have already paid half and will have directed your tax dollars towards quality Catholic education. Minimum contribution is \$500. Please call or visit website for more details.*

## BrightFuturesFund.org



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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10



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## HOW TO APPLY FOR A MOSCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP

Go to **BrightFuturesFund.org**. Click on **MOScholars Program** then **MOScholars Scholarships**. Click the button for your diocese. Fill out the pre-qualification form to see if you qualify to move on to the formal application.

### Qualifying Paths

To qualify, your student must meet one or more of the state designated criteria. Scholarships are verified by F. A.C.T. S, granted in order according to state rules based on available funding.

- ▶ Siblings of current MOScholars recipients
- ▶ Students with an approved IEP 'individualized education plan' developed under federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or an individual service plan (ISP) that is developed in cooperation with a local education agency under IDEA, specifically those provisions pertaining to parentally placed private school children found in 20 U.S. Code 1412 (a) (10) and 34 CFR 300(b).\*
- ▶ Attended a public school as a full time student for at least one semester during the previous twelve (12) months.
- ▶ Are eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade
- ▶ Must meet MOScholars income eligibility guidelines

Please refer to **BrightFuturesFund.org** or the MO State Treasurer's website for current eligibility requirements.

MOScholars Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026)			
Household Size	Annual Income		
	100%	200%	300%
1	\$28,953	\$57,906	\$86,859
2	\$39,128	\$78,256	\$117,384
3	\$49,303	\$98,606	\$147,909
4	\$59,478	\$118,956	\$178,434
5	\$69,653	\$139,306	\$208,959
6	\$79,828	\$159,656	\$239,484
7	\$90,003	\$180,006	\$270,009
8	\$100,178	\$200,356	\$300,534

\*Any IEP or ISP that is proffered for program eligibility must be dated within the last 12 months of the date of the student's application to the program. Students with ISPs that are not developed under IDEA are not eligible.

### Qualifying Schools 2026-2027

Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph

- Bishop Hogan Memorial - Chillicothe
- Bishop Leblond High School - St. Joseph
- Cathedral School - St. Joseph
- Cristo Rey High School - Kansas City
- Holy Cross
- Holy Rosary - Clinton
- Nativity of Mary
- Notre Dame de Sion School
- Our Lady of Hope
- Our Lady of the Presentation
- Our Lady's Montessori School
- Rockhurst High School
- St. Andrew the Apostle
- St. Charles Borromeo
- St. Elizabeth
- St. Francis Xavier - St. Joseph
- St. Gabriel the Archangel
- St. Gregory Barbarigo - Maryville
- St. James - Liberty
- St. James - St. Joseph
- St. John La Lande
- St. Mary - Montrose
- St. Michael the Archangel High School
- St. Patrick
- St. Peter
- St. Pius X High School
- St. Regis Academy
- St. Teresa Academy
- St. Therese North
- St. Thomas More
- Visitation

Questions about scholarships?  
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