

TURN MO STATE INCOME TAXES INTO CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS!

The state of Missouri allows any individual or business to re-direct up to half of what you owe in state income tax to an education fund. The **Bright Futures Fund** provides Catholic school scholarships, funded with tax dollars you have to pay anyway, to qualifying families. Choose and know where your tax dollars go!



Scan the QR code to learn more about the MOScholars program.



How to Participate in 5 Easy Steps

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE

Step 1

GO TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND WEBSITE

Go to BrightFuturesFund.org and click "Reserve your MO tax credits here".

Step 2

ESTIMATE YOUR TAX LIABILITY BASED ON WHAT YOU OWED LAST 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 a 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 OR search MO-TC at: <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/>
- > Tax credits may be carried forward for four additional tax years. Tax credits are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be sold.

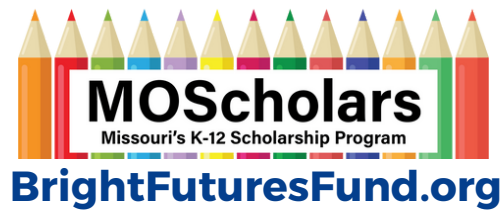
Questions? Let me walk you through the simple process.

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How to Apply for a MOScholars Scholarship

Go to www.BrightFuturesFund.org. Click on **MOScholars Program** then **MOScholars Scholarships**, then click the button for your diocese.

MOScholars Qualifying Schools 2025-2026 **Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau**

- Guardian Angel
- Immaculate Conception, Jackson
- Immaculate Conception, New Madrid
- Immaculate Conception, Springfield
- McAuley Catholic High School
- Notre Dame Regional High School
- Sacred Heart
- Springfield Catholic High School
- St. Agnes Cathedral
- St. Ambrose
- St. Ann
- St. Augustine
- St. Denis
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- St. Eustachius
- St. Francis Xavier
- St. Henry
- St. Joseph, Scott City
- St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Springfield
- St. Lawrence
- St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau
- St. Mary, Joplin
- St. Mary, Pierce City
- St. Peter the Apostle
- St. Teresa
- St. Vincent de Paul

Scholarship application process opens
February 1, 2025
www.BrightFuturesFund.org

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Qualifying Paths

- ▶ 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).*
- ▶ Students who have been diagnosed with dyslexia, as the term "dyslexia" is defined in section 633.420.
- ▶ 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

*Any IEP or ISP that is proffered for program eligibility must be dated within thirty-six (36) months of the date of the student's application to the program. Students with ISPs that are not developed under IDEA are not eligible.

MOSCHOLARS INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES Effective July 1, 2024		
Household Size	Annual Income Free & Reduced Lunch	
	200%	100%
1	\$ 55,722	\$ 27,861
2	\$ 75,628	\$ 37,814
3	\$ 95,534	\$ 47,767
4	\$ 115,440	\$ 57,720
5	\$ 135,346	\$ 67,673
6	\$ 155,252	\$ 77,626
7	\$ 175,158	\$ 87,579
8	\$ 195,064	\$ 97,532



Questions about scholarships?
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