



INVEST IN A JCA STUDENT

RECEIVE A **75%** ILLINOIS STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT IN THE PROCESS

What is the Illinois Tax Credit Program?

Illinois enacted the Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program in 2017. This program offers a

75%
income tax credit

to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) such as Empower Illinois. The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.

All donations will go directly to JCA students in financial need in the form of 100%, 75%, or 50% scholarships depending on household size and family income.

To take advantage of this opportunity, visit mytax.illinois.gov to apply for the tax credit. **The steps below provide instructions for signing-up and activating your account once you receive your Letter ID.** Please contact info@empowerillinois.org for assistance.

Dear JCA Families, Alumni, and Friends,

At Joliet Catholic Academy, we believe like you do, that **ALL** kids should have access to their best-fit school, regardless of family income or zip code. The Invest in Kids Act Scholarship Program is the exact policy and program that can expand quality educational options for K-12 students in Will County. We need your support now – your voices, your stories, and your investment in current JCA students, so that future generations of Angels and Hilltoppers can continue to make an impact in Will County and all over the globe.

Currently, 20 students at JCA are receiving Invest in Kids Act scholarships through Empower Illinois, our Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). An additional 125 students are eligible to receive scholarships, totaling over \$1.5 million for the 2021-2022 school year. Already this year, over \$4 million has been raised for Diocese of Joliet students through the Invest in Kids Act.

We attack this mission with **ZEAL** – great energy and enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective. The gift of a Catholic, Carmelite and Franciscan education is a noble cause, one that “Inspires Growth in Knowledge and Faith” and creates an environment that cultivates opportunities for academic excellence, meaningful service, Christian respect, and Catholic values.

Just as the Joliet Franciscans have lived the challenge and dream given to St. Francis of Assisi by Jesus to “**Rebuild my Church**,” we at Joliet Catholic Academy look to renew the commitment to Catholic education in our community by partnering with the Diocese of Joliet and Empower Illinois to provide these life-changing scholarships. We look to empower parents in our community, who know firsthand what school is the best fit academically, spiritually, and socially for their children.

I ask you to join me as a donor. Ensure that this legacy of excellence in education provided by the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate in our community since 1869, the Carmelites since 1933, and together as Joliet Catholic Academy since 1990 continues on. This is a **BIG, BOLD MISSION** rooted in a simple belief that every child should have access to high quality education options.

“Zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum.”

“Deus meus et omnia.”

Go Angels! Go Hill!

Regards,

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Request Letter ID at mytax.illinois.gov

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do NOT have an account, click the ‘Individuals’ tab and follow the instructions. Your letter ID will be mailed within 7-10 days.

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After you receive your letter ID

- Activate your account at mytax.illinois.gov “Sign Up Now.”
- Reserve your credit (when reserving select Empower Illinois as the Scholarship Granting Organization).

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Visit www.empowerillinois.org to MAKE YOUR DONATION

- Individuals will direct their donations to the school or schools of their choice (make sure you select Joliet Catholic Academy).
- However, when reserving a tax credit with the IL Department of Revenue, donors will need to select the region in which their designated school or schools are located in (JCA is in Region 3).
- After donating, donors will receive a certificate of receipt from the Empower Illinois and the Department of Revenue will be notified that a donation was made.



To learn more about the Invest in Kids Act and Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships, please visit www.empowerillinois.org.

18 JCA students have
received scholarships for the
2021-2022 school year totaling

\$225,120

125 JCA students are on the
waitlist. JCA needs to raise

\$1,512,525

to “clear” the waitlist

In four years, JCA students have
received **57 scholarships** totaling

\$709,811

Claim your tax credit
today and

**make a
difference**

in the lives of JCA students.

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