

- You will need to provide your family's most recent tax return for 2017 or 2018. If that is not available, you will need to provide one of the following:
  - » W-2 forms
  - » Form 1099s
  - » Year-end pay stubs
  - » A letter on letterhead from your employer indicating cash wages paid
- You may need a document to prove you currently live in Illinois. If your current address matches the address on the Form 1040, W-2, or paystubs as uploaded above, no other address documentation is required.
 

If not, you must upload **one** of the following:

  - » A current driver's license
  - » An Illinois ID card
  - » A current utility bill or residential lease
  - » State of benefits from WIC or SNAP
  - » A W-2 form
  - » A 1099
- If your student has a current Individualized Education Plan, or IEP, you must also upload the IEP form.
- If you received a tax credit scholarship last year from an SGO other than Empower Illinois, you must upload a letter from the school where the scholarship was used.

## **STEP** **06** **Review**

- Step 6 is the final step in the application process. You will be asked to verify all submitted information and answer a few remaining questions.
- You will not be able to make any changes to the application once it has been submitted, so please review it carefully before submitting. Any changes you may want to make after submitting the application will require you to contact our Parent Helpline listed below.
- After completing this page and submitting your application, you will have completed the process.
- You will receive a notice that your application has been sent. It includes your Application ID number. Please print this page so you have a copy of your ID number.

### **Next Steps**

- Within 72 hours of submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email.
- Your portal will provide real-time access to your application status. You will receive email notification when there has been a change to your status at any of the schools you have selected.
- Empower Illinois will begin making awards by February 1, 2019.
- Remember, scholarships are awarded to students whose selected school has available funds, and in the order of the timestamped reservation.

Questions? Call our Parent Helpline at 309-416-0741 or email [scholars@empowerillinois.org](mailto:scholars@empowerillinois.org).