

IOWA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (IISTO)

2011 Financial Aid Grant Information and Application

Helping Make Private Education More Affordable

The Iowa Independent School Tuition Organization (IISTO) was formed to help provide lower income families the opportunity to attend member private schools. A win for all, the IISTO is a charitable organization that receives voluntary cash contributions from individual Iowa taxpayers and then allocates those funds in the form of tuition assistance to eligible families that attend accredited nonpublic schools represented by the STO. Taxpayers who contribute to an STO receive a tax credit certificate, issued by the STO, equal to 65% of the donation. The contribution is also eligible for a federal tax deduction as well.

Am I Eligible?

Eligibility for Tuition Assistance:

All families are eligible to apply; however, only those families whose adjusted gross income (as found on line 15 of the Iowa State Income Tax Form 1040) is less than 300% of the poverty rate qualify for assistance through this program. Families who do not qualify for this program, but feel they need assistance, should contact their member school for assistance.

Compare your income with the "maximum income" for your family size as shown on the table below. If your household income is LESS THAN the amount shown, you meet the current financial eligibility requirements for the IISTO.

Persons in Family or Household	Maximum Income
2	\$44,130
3	\$55,590
4	\$67,050
5	\$78,510
6	\$89,970
7	\$101,430
8	\$112,890

*Household size includes yourself, your spouse (if applicable), all children under 18 years of age, and family members who live with you and for whom you have financial responsibility.

Application Process

All families are eligible to apply; however, only those families whose total income falls below the income guidelines above, and meet member school admissions requirements qualify for assistance through this program.

Application for STO funds requires submission of the following application form along with a signed copy of your 2010 Federal Tax Return Form 1040.

Completed applications, including a signed copy of 2010 Federal Tax Return Form 1040, must be post marked no later than May 1, 2011. Application should be mailed to: IISTO Attn: Anita Norian, 100 45th Street, Des Moines, IA 50312.

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Name: _____

Phone Number: () _____ - _____

Member School

- Bergman Academy (Des Moines)**
- Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment (Fairfield)**
- Iowa Mennonite School (Kalona)**
- Scattergood Friends School (West Branch)**

Aid Request:

Student Name _____ grade _____ aid request \$ _____

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Aid Deadline:

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For more information feel free to contact your member school or our Plan Administrator, Anita Norian, at anita.norian@gmail.com.