

## Making Private Education More Affordable

Iowa Independent School Tuition Organization (IISTO) provides lower income families the opportunity to attend member private schools. A win for all, IISTO is a charitable organization that receives voluntary cash contributions from individual Iowa taxpayers. IISTO then allocates those funds in the form of tuition assistance to eligible students of accredited nonpublic schools represented by IISTO. Taxpayers who contribute to a registered Student Tuition Organization (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.

## Am I Eligible?

**Eligibility for Tuition Assistance:** Families whose adjusted gross income is less than 300% of the poverty rate qualify for assistance through IISTO. 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 2015 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	\$47,790
3	\$60,270
4	\$72,750
5	\$88,230
6	\$97,710
7	\$110,190
8	\$122,670

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

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**2015 Financial Aid Grant Information and Application**

**Application Process**

Application for STO funds require submission of:

- ✓ Application form
- ✓ Signed copy of your 2014 Federal Tax Return Form 1040
- ✓ Post marked no later than May 1, 2015, and
- ✓ Mailed to: IISTO Attn: David Phillips, 18 – 52nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50312 **OR** emailed to [Phillips.IISTO@gmail.com](mailto:Phillips.IISTO@gmail.com).

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Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if different than on attached 1040) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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**For more information contact your member school or David Phillips, Administrator.**