



# *Illinois EV Rebate Program*

## **Step-by-Step Guide**

# Background

In September 2021, Governor Pritzker signed the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), which outlines several policy objectives:

- Incentivizing the development of renewable energy;
- Providing the resources to train and build a clean energy workforce;
- Supporting communities undergoing an energy transition; and
- Accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles and expanding the state's charging station infrastructure.

Under CEJA, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) is tasked with administering the Electric Vehicle Rebate Act, offering financial incentives to Illinois residents who meet the qualifying criteria.

## Rebate Structure:

- **\$4000** to low-income applicants
- **\$2000** to all eligible applicants
- **\$1500** for an eligible applicant who purchases an all-electric motorcycle.

Total Funding (FY23 to FY25): ~ \$45 million

Total Rebates Awarded (FY23 to FY25): 11,372

# ***How to Qualify for the Rebate***

- You must reside in Illinois, both at the time the vehicle was purchased and at the time the rebate is issued.
  - Purchase a new or used electric vehicle in Illinois.
    - Must be from a dealership licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State;
    - You must be the owner of the vehicle at the time the rebate is issued;
    - The selling price of the vehicle cannot exceed \$80,000.
  - Your family income cannot exceed 500% of the federal poverty line for the current State fiscal year.
  - Apply for the rebate within 180 days of the purchase date.
  - You must retain ownership of the vehicle for a minimum of 12 months.
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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

1.) How do I know if I qualify as a Low-Income Applicant, meaning I can receive a \$4000 rebate?

- State Law refers to a low-income applicants as “persons or families whose income does not exceed 80% of the regional or county median income for the current State fiscal year.”

# ***How to Qualify (Continued)***

- In Kane County, 80% of the median family income for fiscal year 2025 is:
  - 1 Person - \$67,150
  - 2 Persons - \$76,750
  - 3 Persons - \$86,350
  - 4 Persons - \$95,900
  - 5 Persons - \$103,600
  - 6 Persons - \$111,250

Depending on your family size, if you make less than the income limits listed above, you qualify for a \$4000 rebate.

2.) How do I know that my family income does not exceed 500% of the federal poverty line?

- State Law refers to eligible applicants as “persons and families whose income does not exceed 500% of the federal poverty line for the current State fiscal year and who may not be claimed as a dependent.”
- Depending on your family size, if you make less than the income limits listed below, you qualify for a \$2000 rebate:
  - 1 person - \$78,250
  - 2 persons - \$105,750
  - 3 persons - \$133,250
  - 4 persons - \$160,750
  - 5 persons - \$188,250
  - 6 persons - \$215,750

# ***How to Qualify (Continued)***

## *Disqualifying Factors:*

- Previously receiving a rebate from the Electric Vehicle Rebate Act in the past ten years.
- The electric vehicle:
  - Exceeds a selling price of \$80,000, as shown on the bill of sale; is
  - Rented or leased;
  - Purchased from an out-of-state dealership;
  - Delivered to or received from out-of-state.
- The vehicle you purchased has already been used to claim the rebate. *“A rebate administered under this act may only be applied for and awarded one time per vehicle identification number.”*
  - You can search for a previously claimed VIN # at:  
<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/ceja/electric-vehicle-rebates.html>
- Only an individual can qualify for the rebate. Businesses, government units, organizations, and other entities who submit an application will be denied.

# How to Apply

1.) Sign-Up to Listserv to receive updates about when the next funding cycle will open.

- *If claiming the rebate is a key factor in your decision to purchase an electric vehicle, the IEPA recommends that you wait for an announcement about the next funding cycle before you purchase an EV.*
- Where to sign-up to Listserv:  
<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/ceja/electric-vehicle-rebates.html>

2.) Purchase an electric vehicle within 180 days of an open rebate cycle.

3.) Provide the following information in the rebate application:

- The make, model, and model year of the electric vehicle;
- The date of vehicle purchase, the name, address, and telephone number of the dealership from which the vehicle was purchased;
- The dealership's license number issued by the IL Secretary of State, and a certification from the dealership that all information is true and correct;
- The vehicle identification number (VIN);
- A copy of your Illinois vehicle registration;

# ***How to Apply (Continued)***

- Provide your phone number;
- Provide proof that you own the vehicle, that the vehicle was purchased in Illinois, and a copy of the purchase agreement noting an Illinois seller;
- Complete and submit IRS Form W-9;
  - Name, Mailing Address, and Social Security Number
- A signature attesting that all information submitted is true and correct, with your name printed and the date listed.

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

1.) How much funding is available for rebates?

- The Illinois EPA has been appropriated \$14 million for the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2026. Actual funding amounts will be determined by the amount of money available in the Electric Vehicle Rebate Fund not to exceed \$14 million.

2.) If I purchased a vehicle before the current funding cycle opens, am I eligible for a rebate?

- You will be eligible if you purchased an eligible vehicle, apply within 180 days of the purchase date and during the application period, and meet all other eligibility requirements.



# ***FAQs (Continued)***

3.) Who is considered a licensed dealer?

- The dealership must have a dealer license with the Illinois Secretary of State.

4.) Does the rebate include plug-in hybrids?

- No, only “a vehicle that is exclusively powered by and refueled by electricity, must be plugged in to charge, and is legally permitted to drive on all public roadways, including interstate highways.”

5.) Are E-bikes considered motorcycles?

- No, since state law requires the vehicle must be “able to legally drive on all public roadways, including interstate highways” and vehicles with a “maximum speed below 45 mph are not eligible,” E-bikes would not be considered a motorcycle.

If you have any additional questions that are not covered in this document, type-in the following link where you can find a more exhaustive FAQ from the State:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/epa/topics/air-quality/driving-a-cleaner-illinois/documents/ev-rebate/ev-rebate-program-faq-sept-2025.pdf>