



CCSA shares important information for families

2021 Child Tax Credit Available Now

Make sure you can get these funds for your children!

The 2021 **Child Tax Credit**¹ is here, helping to support most children and families in the United States. **The tax credit provides monthly payments between July 15, 2021, and December 15, 2021, with a final lump sum to be delivered at tax time next year.** Families whose income is not more than the maximum allowed and that filed taxes in 2019 or 2020 do not have to do anything to receive the tax credit. **Families that did not file taxes, or get stimulus checks in 2020, will need to apply to receive the Child Tax Credit.**

HOW IT WORKS

- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will begin depositing or mailing monthly checks into the bank accounts of income-eligible, tax-filing families on July 15, 2021.
- The **monthly per child checks** are either \$250 for each child between ages 6 and 17 years of age, or \$300 for each child under 6 years old.
- A final payment will be sent to families at tax time next year. **Total payments will be \$3,000 for each child between 6 and 17 and \$3,600 for each child under 6.**
- Families that did not file income tax in 2019 or 2020 due to low wages **ARE** eligible for the tax credit.
- Non-filer families (those families that did not file taxes in the last two years) can apply for the tax credit through the Non-filer Sign-up Tool².
- Note: if you received Economic Impact Payments (often known as stimulus funds) in 2020, you do not need to sign up in this portal.



- Receiving the Child Tax Credit payments is **not** considered income for any family. Therefore, any other federal benefit amounts (SNAP, WIC, SSI, SSDI, TANF, Medicaid, Section 8 or Public Housing) will not change!
- **A family can sign up at any time this year.**

WHAT YOU NEED TO BEGIN

- ✓ Your name, exactly as it appears on your Social Security card.
- ✓ The Social Security number(s) or other taxpayer identification number issued by the IRS for you, your spouse, if applicable, and any children you will claim.
- ✓ An email address to help create your account on the Non-filers Sign-up tool. (Don't have an email address? Ask for help to get a free email address from your local CCR&R or housing program.)
- ✓ A trustworthy mailing address where you can receive the payments and anything the IRS may need to mail to you regarding your payments. You give can the address of a friend, relative, or a trusted organization (e.g. shelter, or transitional housing program).
- ✓ Or, if you have a bank account, have the bank's 9-digit routing number along with your account number ready.

TO APPLY

- Confirm your eligibility to use the Non-filer Sign-up Tool:
 - You have children born before 2021 who are 17 years old or younger
 - You were not required to file a 2020 tax return, did not file one and do not plan to file a return; and
 - You have a main home in the United States (the 50 states and the District of Columbia) for more than half of the last year. The home can be **any location where you regularly live** and it does not need to be the same location throughout the taxable year. It can be a house, apartment, mobile home, shelter, temporary lodging, or other location. **A person doesn't need a permanent address to get these payments.** Also, if temporarily away from home because of illness, education, business, vacation, or military service, you are generally treated as living in the main home.
- Create an account by going to this website on a laptop or desktop computer:
<https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/childtaxcredit>.
- Follow these step-by-step instructions from the IRS in English³ or Spanish⁴.
- Use the Child Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up Tool FAQs⁵ for answers to many of your questions.
- Once you have created an account, find the email with the next steps to apply for the tax credit.
- Check your email daily for any updates or next steps you need to take. Those emails will be your primary source of information.
- Visit www.childtaxcredit.gov or www.whitehouse.gov/es/el-credito-tributario-por-hijos/ for more information. Watch social media posts or ask local organizations if they are hosting any events if you need help to apply.
- Watch the mail (or your bank account) following the 15th of each month between July and December for your checks to arrive!



FOOTNOTES

1. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/child-tax-credit/>
2. <https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/childtaxcredit>
3. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5538.pdf>
4. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5538sp.pdf>
5. <https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/ctc.faqs>



Child Care Services Association leads efforts to strengthen accessible and affordable quality early care and education by providing supports for families, communities and the workforce.

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