



The 2021 Child Tax Credit for Non-Filers: Who is Eligible, and How to Sign Up

Families that have not filed a recent income tax return and did not receive a stimulus check can still receive the Child Tax Credit! To file for your credit, go to www.childtaxcredit.gov and scroll down to

[Non-Filer Sign-Up](#)

Families receive the child tax credit automatically if they filed a 2020 income tax return, used the 2020 non-filer tax portal to get a 2020 stimulus check and listed all their children, or filed 2019 taxes listing all of their children.

The Child Tax Credit helps families in the following ways:

- Increases the tax credit amount to \$3,000 per child and \$3,600 for children under the age of 6.
- Makes the credit fully refundable. Even if you don't owe any taxes, you could get the full CTC refund.
- Removes the minimum income requirement. You can have zero dollars of total income and still claim the credit.
- Raises the qualifying age. Children age 17 and under can now qualify for the credit.

Benefit of this Temporary Expansion

The 2021 Child Tax Credit expands full benefits to families who were previously were left out or only received partial benefits. Half of the total CTC amount will be received in monthly payments through the rest of 2021, and the other half will be given in your around tax time in 2022.

Who should use the Non-Filer Sign Up Tool?

- You can use the tool if you are not required to file a 2020 tax return and are not planning to file one. Families are not required to file taxes if they have incomes under:
 - \$24,800 as a married couple
 - \$18,650 as a Head of Household, or
 - \$12,400 as a single filer.
- Using the Non-filer Sign Up tool will allow you to claim your CTC as well as any stimulus payments you are owed.
- If you have earnings from work in the last year you may want to file taxes instead of using this tool, so that you can collect any Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or other payments you are owed.

Children Eligible for the Child Tax Credit

When claiming on behalf of a child, the child should:

- Have a social security number.
- Be under 18 as of December 31, 2021.
- Live with you for more than half the year and have a particular relationship to you – as your child, adopted child, stepchild, grandchild, niece, nephew, or certain other relative.
- Adults need a Social Security Number or a Tax Identification Number to claim benefits.

Most Immigrant Families are Eligible for the CTC

- Mixed status families are eligible for the CTC as long as one or more children have a Social Security Number.
- If a caregiver is undocumented, they will need an ITIN number to file taxes and claim the benefits on behalf of their child(ren).
- Claiming the CTC will not affect someone's immigration status!

