



How to Apply for Your Child Tax Credit Payments

American families can receive credits for each child under age 18 called Child Tax Credit (CTC). The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 has expanded the CTC to help many families get advance payments starting July 15, 2021.

Who Can Get a Child Tax Credit?

If your family has children under age 18, you can receive Child Tax Credits (CTCs) even if you do not file a tax return or have any reported income.

How Much Can My Family Get in Child Tax Credits?

For the tax year 2021, families claiming the CTC will receive:

- \$3,000 per qualifying child between the ages of 6 and 17 at the end of 2021
- \$3,600 per qualifying child under age 6 at the end of 2021

EXAMPLE OF PAYMENTS

If you qualify for a \$3,000 Child Tax Credit, you could get six \$250 payments between July and December (for a total of \$1,500) and then claim the remaining \$1,500 on your taxes.

How Do I Apply for Child Tax Credits?

You don't need to take any action now if you've filed a 2020 tax return.

If you haven't filed yet, file your tax return as soon as possible. For people not required to file a tax return and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, quickly register using the IRS **Non-filer Sign-up Tool**. You may qualify for the CTC and Economic Impact Payments.

What Information Do I Need to File?

- Your full name
- Current mailing address
- Email address
- Date of birth
- Valid Social Security numbers (or other taxpayer IDs) for you AND your dependents
- Bank account number, type and routing number, if you have one
- Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) you received from the IRS earlier this year, if you have one

How It Works

Use the IRS online portal tool to give the government your information. They will figure out your eligibility and issue advance payments based on the information you give. Once you have filed, you do not need to do anything else to receive your advance payments.

To apply for your Child Tax Credits, visit [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021)

Need Help Filing?

- Visit [FreeTaxCenters.org](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021)
- Call 2-1-1 Texas/United Way Helpline
OR
- Go to the Free Tax Center at BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown Campus, 6500 Rookin St., Houston TX 77074
Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fridays 12 - 4 p.m., 713.273.3755. Open now through early Nov. 2021.

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