



Empire State Child Credit

Money for Your Family – Get up to \$1,000 per Child

Many New York families can get up to \$1,000 per child through New York’s recently increased Empire State Child Credit (ESCC) by filing a New York State income tax return. You can file and get this money even if you don’t have income, don’t normally file taxes, or haven’t filed taxes for a while.

How much money can I get?

The total amount of money you get will depend on your income, your family size, and the age of your children:

- Up to \$1,000 per child under age 4
- Up to \$330 per child ages 4-16

Do I need income to get this credit?

No. There is no income required, but you must file a New York State income tax return. You can file, claim this credit, and get this money even if you do not have income.

What if my income is under \$4,000?

If you have no income or your income is under \$4,000, you do not owe taxes. You can get the maximum credit amount as money back, but you must file a New York State income tax return and claim the credit to do so.

What if my income is over \$4,000?

If your income is more than \$4,000, file a New York State income tax return to get the credit. If you do not owe any taxes, you can get the maximum credit amount as money back. If you owe a small amount of tax, this credit can pay for that and provide you with some additional money.

Will I lose my benefits if I get the Empire State Child Credit?

No. Getting money from the Empire State Child Credit will not impact your Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash assistance or housing assistance. If you save the money you get back, it will not count against asset limits for 12 months.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a full-year New York State resident
- Have at least one child under 17 years old on December 31, 2025
- File a New York State income tax return – learn how here www.tax.ny.gov/pit/file

How do I get this credit?

Get your Empire State Child Credit by filing a New York State income tax return and providing a valid Social Security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) for you and each child by April 15, 2026.

How can I get free tax help?

Free income tax filing resources are available on the Tax Department website: www.tax.ny.gov (search: free)



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