

# 2018 Family Tax Credit



Do you have a child or dependent who is 17 years old or older? A new tax credit may help you. It is called the Family Tax Credit.

## To get the Family Tax Credit:

1. You must have a child or a dependent.
2. The child or dependent must be 17 years or older on December 31, 2018. You **can't** get the Child Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit for them.
3. You must be able to claim them as a dependent on your tax return.
4. The dependent must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or U.S. resident alien. **AND**
5. Your income must be below a certain amount. How much you can make depends on how you file your taxes.
  - Are you married filing jointly? Then your income must be **less than \$400,000** to get the credit.
  - Are you married filing separately, head of household or single? Then your income must be **less than \$200,000**.

## What if your income is larger?

You may get some of the Family Tax Credit. But it will be less.

## What if the dependent does not have a Social Security Number?

You can get the Family Tax Credit with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

## How much Family Tax Credit can I get?

The credit is up to \$500 for each dependent who meets the rules.

## Will the Family Tax Credit keep me from getting other help?

No. Do you meet the rules to get SNAP Food Stamps, public housing, Families First, SSI or TennCare? The Family Tax Credit **won't** keep you from getting them.

Do you already get SNAP Food Stamps, public housing, Families First, SSI or TennCare? The Family Tax Credit should **not change** how much you get.

## Is the Family Tax Credit like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Child Tax Credit?

No. They have different rules.

**Do you make too much to get the EITC?** You can make more and still get the Family Tax Credit. Some people can get both.

With the Family Tax Credit, you can:

1. Get more Family Tax Credit if you have more than 3 children **AND**
2. File a separate return

**NOTE:** This information cannot take the place of advice from a lawyer. Each case is different and needs individual legal advice. You should contact a lawyer if you need representation on a tax matter or if you have questions.

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