



Minnesota Credit for Qualifying Older Children: Helping families and children!



The Credit for Qualifying Older Children delivers tax relief to individuals with children older than 17.

The credit can reduce the tax you owe and provide you with a refund.

Am I eligible for the Credit for Qualifying Older Children?

Generally, you must meet these requirements to claim the Credit for Qualifying Older Children:

- You were a full-year or part-year resident of Minnesota in 2026 (with certain exceptions for military members).
- You are not a dependent of another person.
- You have one or more “qualifying older children” as defined by the IRS.

As a Tribal member, you may qualify for the credit and receive a refund, even if Minnesota does not tax you on your income because you live and work on your home reservation.

How much is it?

The maximum credit is:

- \$1,020 for one qualifying older child
- \$2,330 for two qualifying older children
- \$2,770 for three qualifying older children

The credit phases out if your income is over \$32,680 for individual filers and \$38,770 for married filing jointly.

How do I claim it?

Claim the Credit for Qualifying Older Children using Schedule M1CWFC, *Minnesota Child and Working Family Credits*, when filing Form M1, *Individual Income Tax Return*.

You may also qualify for free tax return preparation! Go to **www.revenue.state.mn.us** and enter **free tax preparation** into the Search box to find free tax preparation services near you.

