YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A HOMESTEAD OR SAFESR PROPERTY TAX REFUND FOR TAX YEAR 2018

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX REFUND A property tax refund for eligible homeowners.

To Qualify

As a Kansas resident for all of 2018 who <u>owned</u> <u>and occupied</u> a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of up to \$700 if your total "<u>household</u> income" is \$35,000 or less, AND you:

- were born before January 1, 1963; <u>OR</u>
- were totally and permanently disabled or blind for the entire year of 2018; <u>OR</u>
- have a dependent child who lived with you the entire year that was born before January 1, 2018, and was under the age of 18 all of 2018; <u>OR</u>
- are a disabled veteran (50% or more disability), or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who has not remarried, or the surviving spouse of an active duty military personnel who died in the line of duty and not remarried.

"Household income" is generally **all-taxable** and **non-taxable** income received by all members of the household.

"SAFESR" PROPERTY TAX REFUND

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To Qualify

As a Kansas resident for all of 2018 who <u>owned</u> <u>and occupied</u> a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of 75% of your property taxes paid if your total "<u>household</u> income" including social security is \$19,800 or less, AND you:

- were 65 years or older all of 2018; <u>AND</u>
- did not have any delinquent property taxes in 2018.

Note: You may claim either a SAFESR property tax refund or a Homestead refund. NOT BOTH

How can I use my expected homestead or SAFESR refund to help pay up to the first half of my property tax?

Homeowners who received a Homestead or SAFESR refund last year and do not have any outstanding balances with the Kansas Department of Revenue and who checked the Advancement Box on their 2017 Homestead or SAFESR return are eligible for an advancement. The advancement information was sent electronically to the County Treasurer's office and may appear on your 2018 property tax statement. **NOTE**: A Homestead Refund Claim (Form K-40H) or a SAFESR Refund Claim (Form K-40PT) must be filed between January 1 and April 15, 2019.

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HOW TO CLAIM YOUR REFUND

Homestead Refund: Complete a Kansas Homestead Claim (Form K-40H) electronically at *WebTax.org* or mail a paper K-40H to the Kansas Department of Revenue anytime between January 1 and April 15, 2019. **NOTE:** <u>Renting does not</u> <u>qualify for a homestead refund</u> – you must be a homeowner who <u>owns and occupies</u> your homestead to qualify.

SAFESR Property Tax Refund: Complete a Kansas Property Tax Relief Claim for Low Income Seniors (Form K-40PT) electronically at *WebTax.org* or mail a paper K-40PT to the Kansas Department of Revenue anytime between January 1 and April 15, 2019.

Taxpayer Assistance. If you have questions about these refunds, contact our Tax Assistance Center or your local county clerk's office. If you are eligible, free tax preparation is available through programs such as VITA (offered by the IRS), AARP-Tax Aide, and TCE. These programs have sites throughout the state of Kansas. To find a site near you, call 1-800-829-1040 or visit a local IRS office. To find an AARP site, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit their website at: **aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide**

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