

18-Year-Old Former Foster Care or Homeless Youth and EITC Eligibility ~2021 only~

To qualify for EITC generally, a taxpayer must meet the following criteria for 2021:

- Be at least 19 years old, not a dependent, and not a full-time student if under 24 years of age
- Have their main home in the United States for more than half the tax year
- Have worked and earned income under \$57,414
- Have investment income below \$10,000 in the tax year 2021
- Have a valid Social Security number by the due date of your 2021 return (including extensions)
- Be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien all year
- Not file **Form 2555** (related to foreign earned income)

However, 18-year-old taxpayers may qualify for EITC under the following circumstances:

- **The taxpayer is a qualified former foster youth or a qualified homeless youth.**

A qualified former foster youth is an individual who was in foster care on or after the date that he or she turned 14 years old. A qualified homeless youth is an individual who certifies that they are either an unaccompanied youth who is a homeless child or youth, or is unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness, and self-supporting.

To claim EITC under these circumstances:

1. Enter the taxpayer's birthday in Basic Information in TaxSlayer.
2. Scroll down and click the checkbox below.

Taxpayer is at least age 18 and meets the requirements to claim the EIC.