How to apply for stimulus check as a non-filer

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Note: This is for folks who did NOT file taxes last year. This information does not apply to those who did file taxes last year. If you receive SSI / SSDI disability payments, you will automatically receive the stimulus check.

Before Starting an Application

Make sure you have:

- A computer with access to Wi-Fi - It is not possible to do this on the phone
- Full legal name
- Your Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Email address that you have access to. If you do not remember the password, make a new email.
- Bank account direct deposit/routing number OR mailing address that you can pick up mail at.
- If you have a checking account or can get one, it is highly recommended that you use this option because direct deposit will get funds to the client much more quickly than through the mail.

Checking Account Assistance: Bank On Seattle / King County is a program run by the Financial Empowerment Network to help bring affordable financial services to those who need it. Bank On helps low income households open checking and savings accounts. People with debt, those without a standard ID, and people with past financial difficulties are encouraged to apply. To begin an application and get more information, visit https://www.everyoneiswelcome.org/bank-on/

Have questions about the application process? Email your questions to jmeissner@everyoneiswelcome.org for further assistance.
Community Mail Locations: A reliable friend or family member with a permanent address is best because community mail locations hold mail for a limited time before returning to sender. General delivery is not advised unless no other viable option is available.

- For those in Downtown Seattle, please visit The Compass Center, 77 S Washington St. 206-474-1000.
  - Open Monday through Friday, from 9am to 4pm
- For those in North Seattle, please visit the Ballard Food Bank, 5130 Leary Avenue Northwest Seattle WA 98107. 206-789-7800.
  - Open Monday and Thursday from 2pm to 6pm (7pm Mondays), Also open Tuesday and Wednesday from 11am to 4pm
- For South King County, please visit the Kent Family Engagement Center, 1225 W Smith St, Kent WA 98032, 253-854-0077.
  - Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 4pm
- Those in South King County can also have mail sent to The Federal Way Day Center, 33505 13th Pl S suite d, Federal Way, WA 98003. 253-893-7895
  - Open Monday through Friday, from 9am to 6pm.
- To search your area for mail services, contact King County 2-1-1 at 1-800-621-4636

Filing Your Application

Step One: Navigate to the page

Visit freefilefillableforms.com and click on “Get Started”. This will bring you to this page:
Step 2: Fill out the information to create an account

1. You do not need a phone number, however it is recommended

2. Password requires both upper- and lower-case letters, 8 characters, a number and a symbol

Step 3: Check your email

Once you fill that out and submit the form, it should bring you to this page:

Keep this page open and go check your email.
You should have received an email that looks like this:

Click on the blue hyperlink that says **Confirm my account’s email address**.

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**Step 4: Make sure you navigate back to the correct form**

Go back to the previous page and click Continue.

It should bring you to this page:

(If it does NOT bring you to this page)

Sometimes it links people to similar-looking form, the Form 1040, which is not the correct form - then you need to click on the button at the top right that says “Start Over” with the eraser symbol next to it, and click “Delete Return.” This should lead you to a page with the option to start an application for the stimulus check.

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**Step 5: Fill out the form**

Once you get to the right form, fill out the following

- Filing Status (Single or Married)
- First name, middle initial, and last name
- Social Security Number
- Home address
Optional info:

- Any dependents if you have any
- Your WA driver’s license/ID if you have one
- Bank account routing info (If you have a checking account or can get one, it is highly recommended that you use this option. Otherwise you will have to wait 2-3 months.)

Once you filled everything out on this page, click “Continue to Step 2”

On the next page, it asks for information related to taxes filed in 2018.

If you did NOT file taxes in 2018, then write “0” into the box for “Last year’s AGI”.

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**Enter Your Information**

**Personal Verification**

You must enter either your 2018 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), or your 2018 five-digit self-selected signature PIN.

If you’re filing together, you and your spouse must both complete this step.

A. Look at last year’s federal tax return and enter your AGI in the space provided below. Look for your AGI on line 7 of the Form 1040 If you didn’t file a return last year, enter 0.

- If you are filing Married Jointly this year with the same spouse you filed with last year, “Taxpayer” and “Spouse” will have the same AGI.
- If you did not file a return last year, enter zeros in the “Taxpayer” AGI space.
- If your spouse did not file a return last year, enter zeros in the “Spouse” AGI space.
- If you don’t have or can’t remember last year’s AGI, use the IRS Get Transcript Link.

**Last year’s AGI:**

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\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Taxpayer} & & \text{Spouse (if filing jointly)} \\
\hline
& & \\
\end{array}
\]

**OR**

B. Enter last year’s self-selected signature PIN. If you do not have or do not remember your PIN, skip this step and follow the instructions in step A above.

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\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Taxpayer} & & \text{Spouse (if filing jointly)} \\
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& & \\
\end{array}
\]

**Last year’s five-digit self-selected signature PIN:**
Scroll down and fill in your date of birth and choose a 5-digit pin number in the appropriate boxes.

Optional (you can leave these blank if you do not have ID or a phone number)

- Cell phone number
- Driver’s license/state issued ID number

Click “Continue to E-File”

If you have entered all the necessary information, it will route you to a captcha verification page.

Once you go through that, you should be able to file! A confirmation email will be sent 24-48 hours after completing this application, encourage your client to be on the lookout for this and to check their junk folder if they don’t receive it.

**Step 6 (optional): Track the status of your check**

Once you have submitted this form, you can use this IRS tool to track the status of your check. The IRS has fixed several bugs that were identified back in April, but problems may persist.

To check the status of your check, visit [https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment) and click the Get My Payment Button at the top of the page. This will take you to a separate IRS page where you will confirm social security number, date of birth and address. Once confirmed, click continue for status update.