



\$1,083 Reasons to File Your Taxes

CALIFORNIA'S NEW FOSTER YOUTH
TAX CREDIT

TODAY'S AGENDA

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 JBAY's Guide, Checklist, Roster, and more
- 3 Foster Youth Tax Credit Overview
- 4 Background on Tax Filing and Credits
- 5 FYTC Consent and Verification Process
- 6 Shared Experience of a First Time Filer
- 7 Question & Answer

TODAY'S PRESENTERS



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Youth Advocate

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL SERVICES

2023 TAX FILING PUBLICATIONS



Tax Filing Guide

This publication outlines information about tax laws, credits, deductions, and documentation needed to file.



Tax Prep Checklist

This checklist assists youth with gathering the necessary personal, work, and education tax documents need to file and where to find a free tax appointment or service.



Social Media Outreach Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to assist with getting the word out about tax credits and free filing options through social media.

2023 TAX FILING PUBLICATIONS



1	Service Area	Vita Site	Site Coordinator	Email
2	Alameda	Beyond Emancipation	Precious Ward Kelsey Sanchez	pward@alamedacountyip.org ksanchez@alamedacountyip.org
3	Contra Costa, Humboldt, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Stanislaus, Yolo	Lutheran Social Services	Emerald Balonso	ebalonso@lssnocal.org
4	Fresno, Madera, open to help others virtually	Focus Forward	Audrey Vargas	audreyv@focusforward.org
5	Kern	The Dream Center	Jayne Stuart Bryanna Wood	jastuart@kern.org brwood@kern.org
6	Los Angeles	The Community College Foundation	Veronica Galvez	vgalvez@communitycollege.org
7	Los Angeles	Coalition for Responsible Community Development	Veronica Vitela	vvitela@coalitionrcd.org
8	Napa, Solano, Sonoma	VOICES	Tara Ledesma	tara@voicesyouthcenter.org
9	Orange	Orangewood	Tami Di Paolo	tdipaolo@orangewoodfoundation.org
10	San Diego	Just in Time for Foster Youth	Nathaniel Martinez	nathaniel@jifosteryouth.org
11	San Francisco	SFCASA	Erika Dirkse	erika@sfcasa.org

Tax Appointment Roster

This roster provides appointment scheduling information, flyers, and contact information for VITA sites dedicated to current and former foster youth.

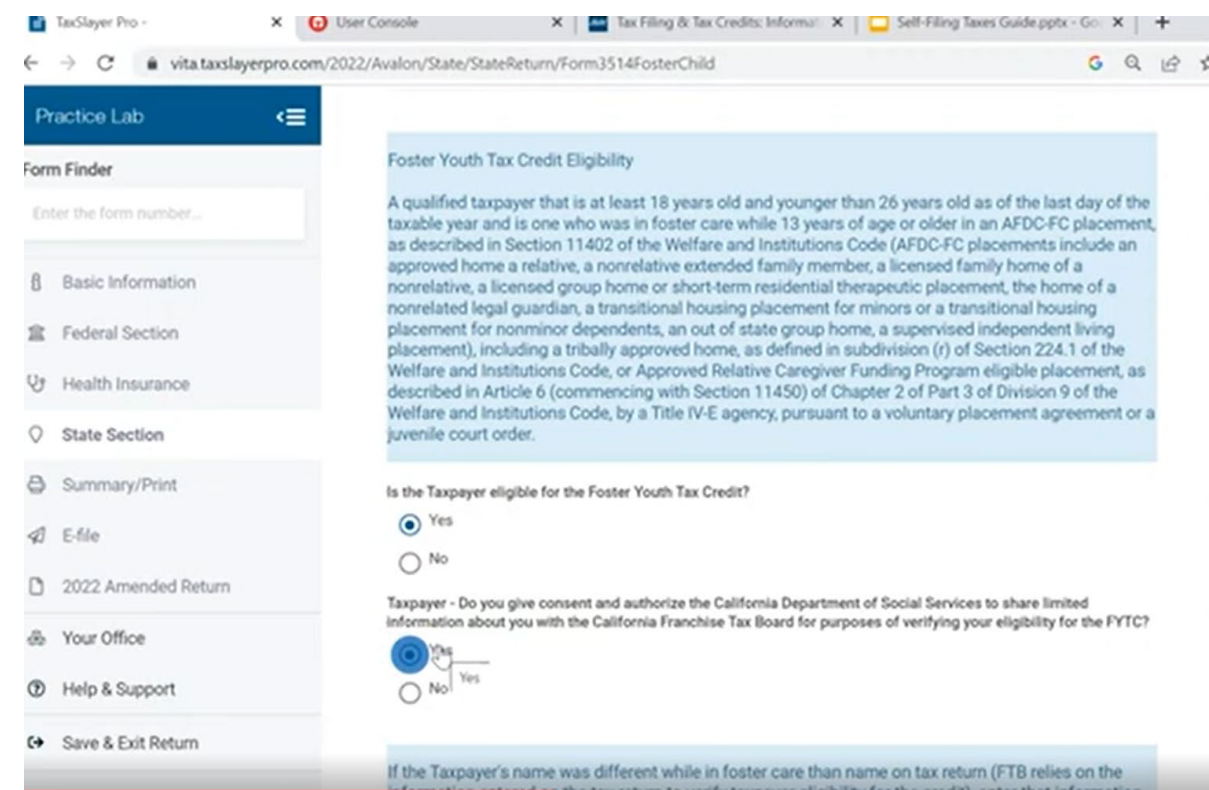
Self-Filing Guide

This guide shows you step-by-step screenshots how to file for free with myfreetaxes.org and TaxSlayer.

Tax Filing Benefits Fact Sheet

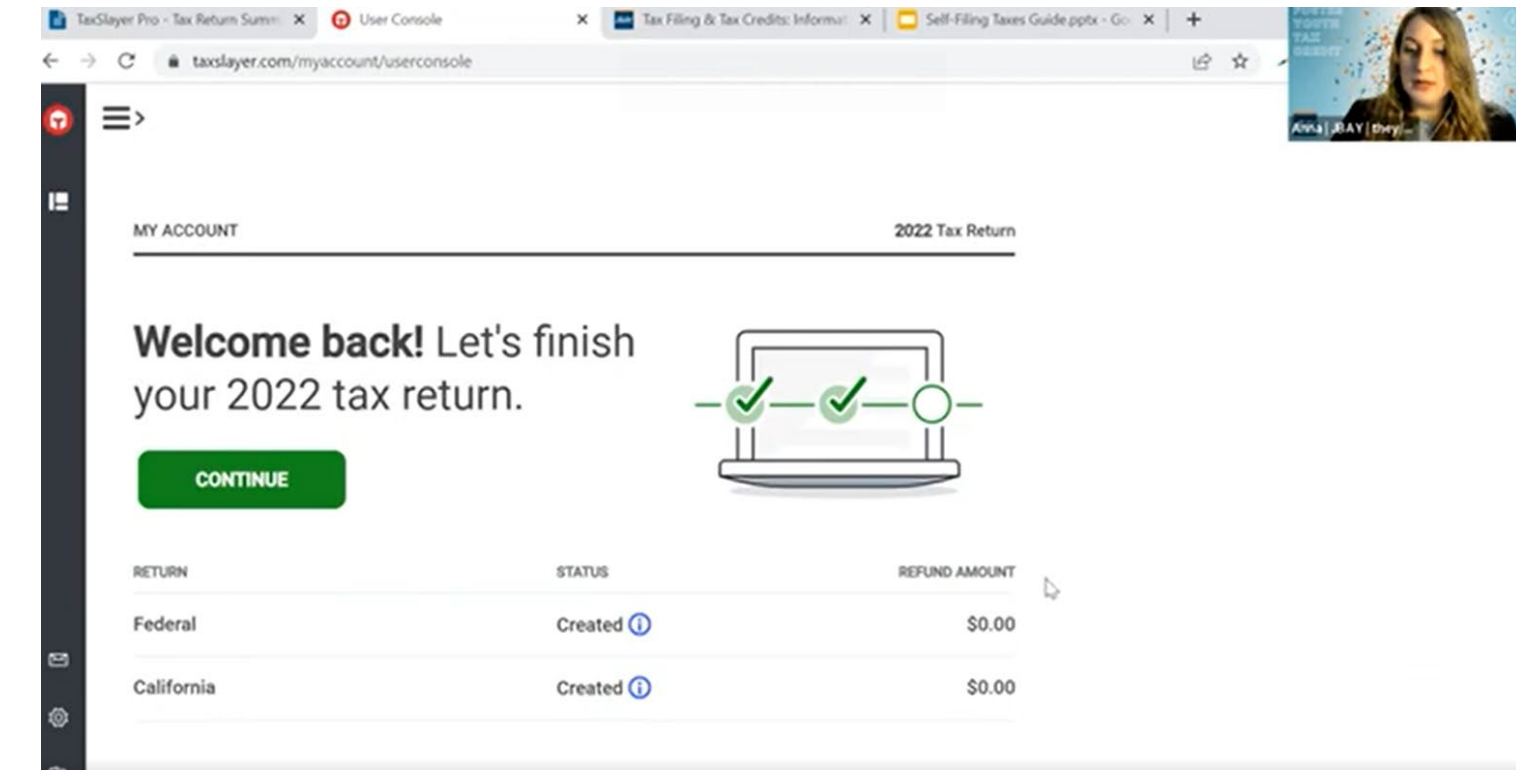
This fact sheet describes nine ways tax filing benefits young adults.

2023 TAX FILING VIDEOS



[VITA Volunteer Video to Claim FYTC](#)

This video shows a step-by-step process to help youth claim the FYTC during their VITA site appointment.



[Get the FYTC Video](#)

This video shows California filers who are using myfreetaxes.org and TaxSlayer how to claim the credit with a step-by-step process.



OVERVIEW

TAX FILING & CREDITS

RECENT CHANGES TO STATE AND FEDERAL TAX CREDITS PUT MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF TAY

Only in 2021, Congress modified the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Expanded eligibility for current and former foster youth and homeless youth ages 18-24, and full-time students ages 19-24 who were not previously eligible; may be eligible for hundreds to thousands of dollars in tax credits if they file a 2021 return.

Establishment of the Foster Youth Tax Credit

18 to 25-year-olds who were in foster care on or after age 13 will receive up to \$1,083 if they qualify for the CalEITC.

Expansion of the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC)

18 to 24-year-olds filing as single (no children) are eligible to receive hundreds of dollars in state tax credits if they earn \$1 - \$30,000. All custodial parents are eligible regardless of age.

Both the state and federal governments established child tax credits and removed income requirements

Parents are no longer required to have earned income to be eligible. Parenting TAY can now receive California's Young Child Tax Credit and the federal Child Tax Credit, together totaling up to \$3,083 per child if they file their taxes.

NEW LAW

Senate Bill 201, funded with \$21 million established **California's new Foster Youth Tax Credit.**

Establishes a **\$1,000 refundable tax credit** for youth between ages 18-25 who were in care on or after age 13.

The [proposal](#) was championed by Governor Newsom and was supported by:

- State Controller Betty T. Yee
- Senator Anna Caballero
- John Burton Advocates for Youth
- CalEITC+ Coalition

FOSTER YOUTH



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CHECK THIS OUT!

FOSTER YOUTH TAX CREDIT

(up to **\$1,083** cash back)



New for current and former foster youth!

- Must have been **age 18 through 25 at the end of the tax year**
- Must have been in **California foster care at age 13 or older**
- Must be eligible for **California Earned Income Tax Credit** (up to **\$3,417** cash back)

Visit ftb.ca.gov/caleitc to estimate potential credits!



SCAN TO SEE
IF YOU QUALIFY.

IT'S YOUR MONEY
GET IT!
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT





TO CLAIM THE CALIFORNIA FOSTER YOUTH TAX CREDIT

FILE A CA STATE TAX RETURN

- Have a social security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
- Check the box indicating YES – you were in foster care on or after age 13
- Check the box to provide consent to the FTB to verify your eligibility with

QUALIFY FOR CALEITC

- Lived in California for at least 6 months in 2022
- Have earned income of at least \$1 and less than \$30,000

BE AN ELIGIBLE FOSTER OR PROBATION YOUTH

- Be age 18 through 25 in the tax year (2022)
- Were in care on or after age 13
- Respond to any written correspondence seeking to verify eligibility ONE TIME

COUNTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE FOSTER YOUTH TAX FILING CHALLENGE



BAY AREA

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Napa
- San Francisco
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara

CENTRAL VALLEY & COAST

- Fresno
- Kern
- San Joaquin
- Stanislaus

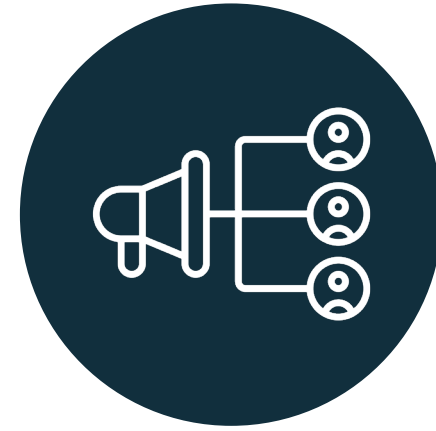
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- Butte
- Del Norte
- Humboldt
- Nevada
- Sacramento

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- Imperial
- Los Angeles
- Orange
- San Diego
- Santa Barbara

COUNTY Early FYTC Implementation Strategies



BUILDING OUTREACH LISTS



TRACKING REFERRALS



HELPING WITH VERIFICATION



HOSTING ILP CLASSES

VITA SITES PARTICIPATING IN THE FOSTER YOUTH TAX PROJECT



TAX PREPARATION SITES & SUBSITES

- Bill Wilson Center
- Coalition for Responsible Community Development
- The Community College Foundation
- The Dream Center
- Focus Forward
- Just in Time for Foster Youth
- Lutheran Social Services
- Orangewood Foundation
- San Francisco Court Appointed Special Advocates
- VOICES

FIND AN APPOINTMENT

- 2023 VITA Site [Roster](#)
 - Find your area
 - Click on the link to make an appointment
 - Circulate the site flyer to current and former foster youth
- No site in your area?
 - [LOCATE A VITA SITE NEAR YOU](#)
 - [Seek help from Myfreetaxes.org](#)
 - [Call 2-1-1](#)

STATEWIDE EDUCATION & OUTREACH PARTNERS



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- Aspiranet
- California Youth Connection
- iFoster
- John Burton Advocates for Youth
- Think of Us

PHONE, TEXT, & EMAIL



EVENTS

[JBAY's Monthly Self-Filing Events on Zoom](#)

[SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT](#)



PROJECT FUNDERS



FOUNDATION SUPPORT

- California Wellness Foundation
- Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
- Crankstart
- Pritzker Foster Care Initiative
- Tipping Point Community
- Walter S. Johnson Foundation

CSD MINI-GRANT SUPPORT

- Golden State Opportunity
- United Way Bay Area
- United Ways of California

BACKGROUND

THE INS & OUTS OF TAX FILING & CREDITS
with Andrew LePage, Franchise Tax Board



FILING A 2022 CALIFORNIA INCOME TAX RETURN

- **When can I file my tax year 2022 state return?**
Now! FTB began accepting Jan. 1, 2023.
- **When can I file my return via FTB's FREE CalFile service?**
Now! Started Jan. 17, 2023.
- **If I owe tax this year, when is the latest I can pay to avoid interest and penalties?**
State tax returns and payments postmarked/submitted by April 18, 2023 or May 15, 2023 for the counties in the 40+ [disaster relief areas](#).
- **What's the latest I can file my state return without a late-filing penalty?**
Under state law, all Californians can take advantage of an automatic extension to file by Oct. 15 each year (and it's Oct. 16 this year because the 15th is a Sunday).

WHAT ARE CalEITC, YCTC, FYTC, & Federal EITC?

- All 4 are “refundable” tax credits that help working families.
- They lower the tax owed or provide cash back.
- CalEITC, FYTC, and YCTC claimed when filing a state return.
- Federal EITC claimed when filing a federal return.
- Combined, the credits can be worth thousands of dollars.
- Money can be used for anything.



FEDERAL EITC



- For TY 2022, people may qualify for federal EITC if their total income less than \$59,187.
- IRS reports on its EITC website (irs.gov/eitc) that refunds by law are not issued prior to mid-February. Federal tax filing season began Jan. 23.
- Note: FTB does not hold CalEITC refunds; rather, it issues them within the same time frames as any other refund – up to two weeks for direct deposit and up to two months for paper checks (assuming an e-filed return). Refunds for paper-filed returns take longer.

CalEITC and YCTC

BACKGROUND



- In 2015, the CalEITC was created as a supplement to federal EITC.
- CalEITC's first four years: Total of \$1.1 billion issued.
- Last three years, nearly \$2.3 billion awarded for CalEITC & YCTC combined.



CalEITC ELIGIBILITY BASICS



YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

- Have a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- Earned at least \$1 and not over \$30,000 in tax year.
- Have earned income from an employer or self-employment.
- Are at least 18 years old or have a child.

CaEITC ELIGIBILITY BASICS



YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

- Lived in California more than half of the year (184+ days).
- Don't use the "married/RDP filing separately" filing status (with some exceptions).
- Didn't have 2022 investment income exceeding **\$4,389**.
- Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.

QUALIFYING AS AN ITIN FILER



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- CalEITC qualification process is the same for ITIN filers.
- ITIN filers don't need to provide supporting identification information to file returns and claim CalEITC/YCTC/FYTC.
- As with SSN filers, FTB may sometimes request documentation from ITIN filers to verify identity and eligibility.

YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT

THE BASICS



- Available to families making less than \$30,000.
- Expanded to include families who have zero income.
- Individual or family qualifies for CalEITC and has at least one qualifying child under age 6 at end of tax year.
- Up to \$1,083 per filer. (2022 average award was \$927)
- Like CalEITC, YCTC phases out when income exceeds \$25,000.

FOSTER YOUTH TAX CREDIT

THE BASICS



- Available for tax year 2022 forward
- Qualify for CalEITC (maximum \$30,000 earned income)
- Were in care at age 13 or older and placed through the CA foster care system
- Were age 18 through 25 in 2022, complete a state tax return, and check the box Yes for eligibility and check the box Yes to provide consent to be verified.
- Up to \$1,083 per qualifying individual.
- Like YCTC, FYTC phases out as income exceeds \$25,000 or more.

TY 2022 CalEITC and Federal EITC Limits

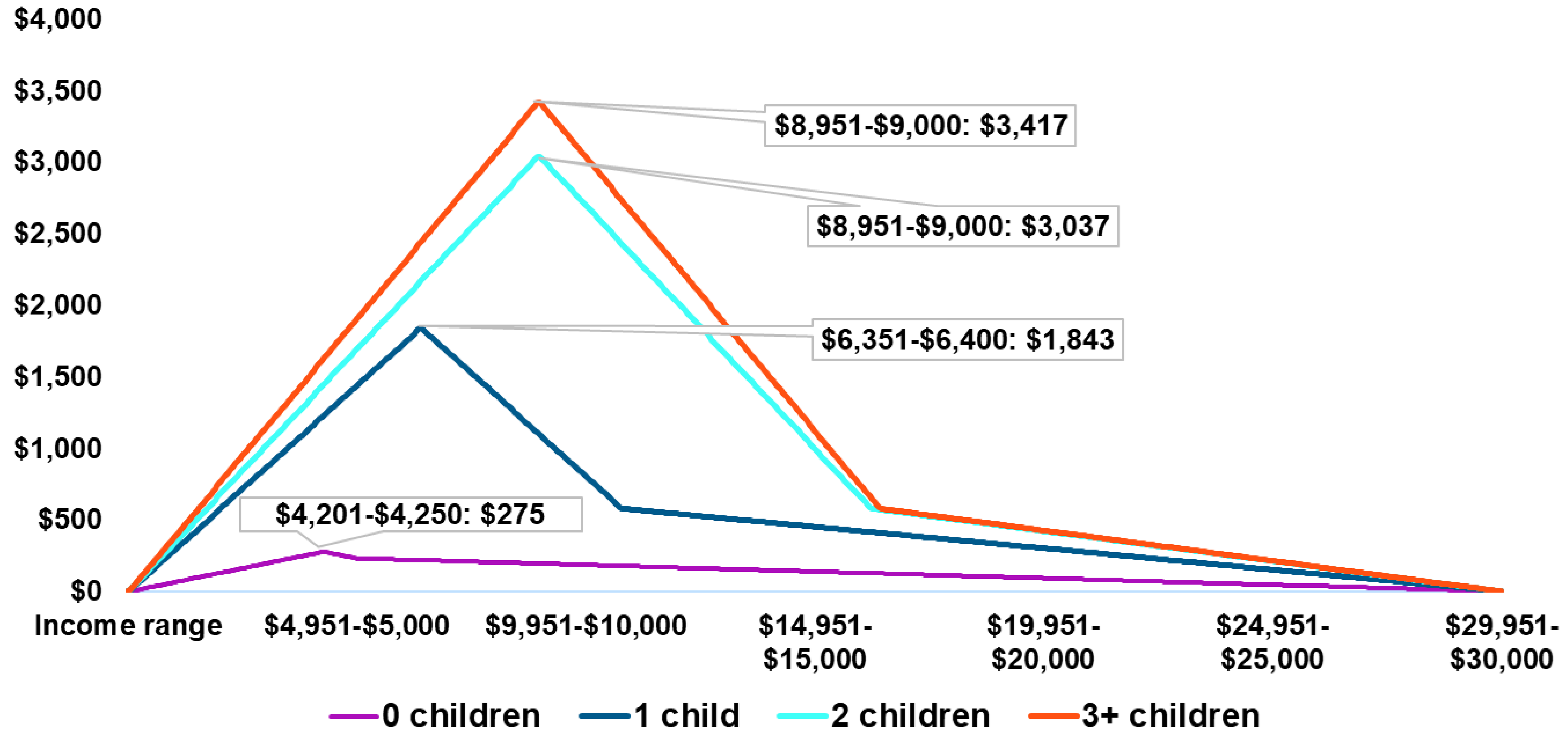


DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE EITC AND CALEITC?

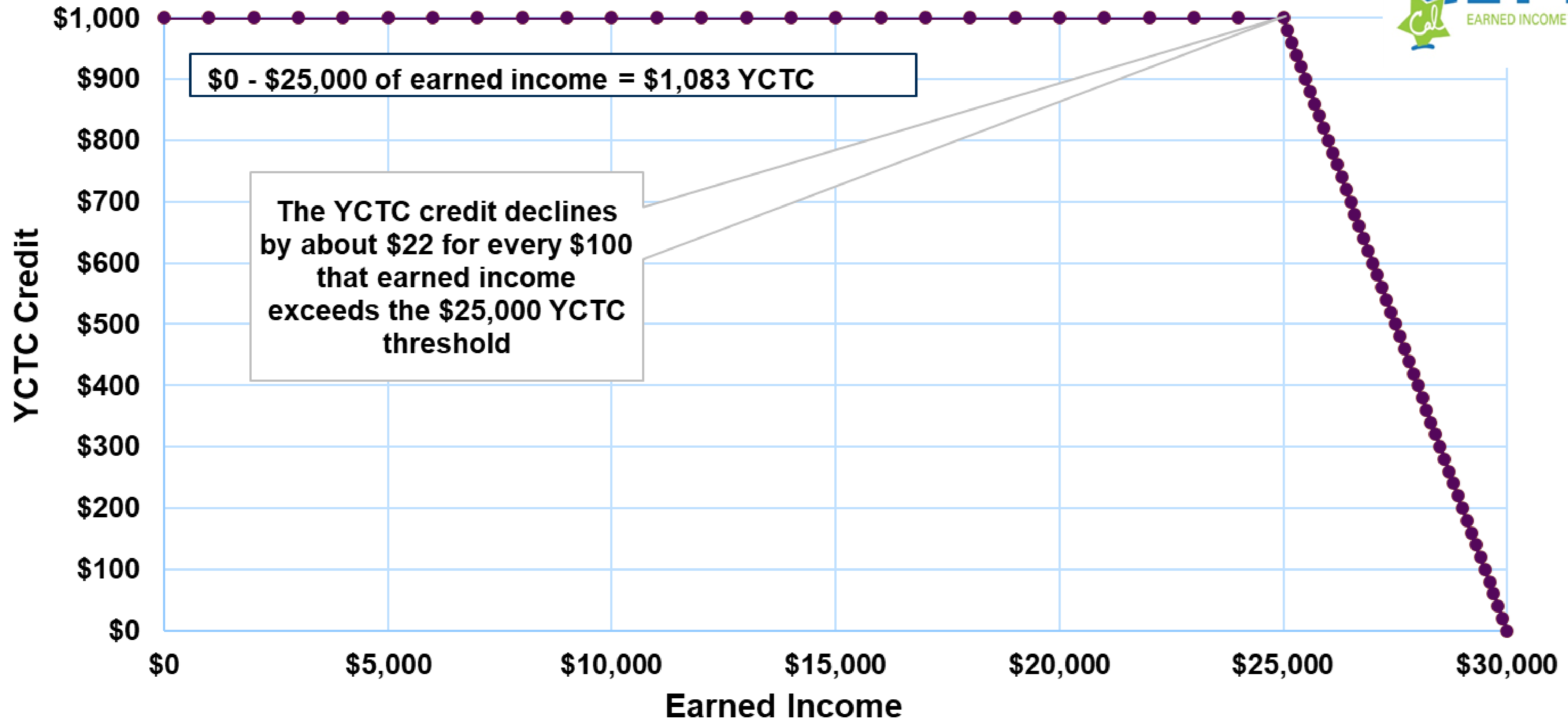
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HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?	DID YOU EARN \$30,000 OR LESS?	CALEITC (CASH BACK UP TO)	YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT (FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 6 IN 2021)	DID YOU EARN LESS THAN THE INCOME LIMIT BELOW?	DFEDERAL EITC (CASH BACK UP TO)
None	\$30,000	\$275	\$0	\$16,480	\$560
1	\$30,000	\$1,843	\$1,083	\$43,492	\$3,733
2	\$30,000	\$3,037	\$1,083	\$49,399	\$6,164
3	\$30,000	\$3,417	\$1,083	\$53,057	\$6,935

CalEITC Credit

Based on Income and Number of Children



YCTC/FYTC PHASE OUT





FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

You should be suspicious of anyone who contacts you and:

- Asks for passwords for your credit cards or bank accounts. *(FTB & IRS agents don't ask for these details!)*
- Threatens to contact law enforcement to have you arrested if a tax debt is not paid.
- Claims they can settle tax debt for pennies on the dollar.



FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

Remember:

- If you receive a letter by mail that claims to be from FTB requesting personal information, it may be a scam.
- View FTB's "Letters" web page to verify the notices we send.

If you would like additional verification, contact us:
1-800-852-5711

**WHAT DO
TAXPAYERS
AND
PREPARERS
NEED TO
KNOW?**

- If FTB requests more info, it will come on the “*FTB 4502: Additional Documentation Required — Refund Pending*”
- Letter will be on FTB letterhead:





**WHAT DO
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- If a letter arrives, FTB is simply trying to verify that the taxpayer is indeed qualified to receive the credit.
- FTB will send a letter to the taxpayer within 30 days of the return being filed.
- Response needed before CalEITC, YCTC, and FYTC can be issued.

FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU COULD GET BACK

[FTB.CA.GOV/CALEITC](https://ftb.ca.gov/caleitc)

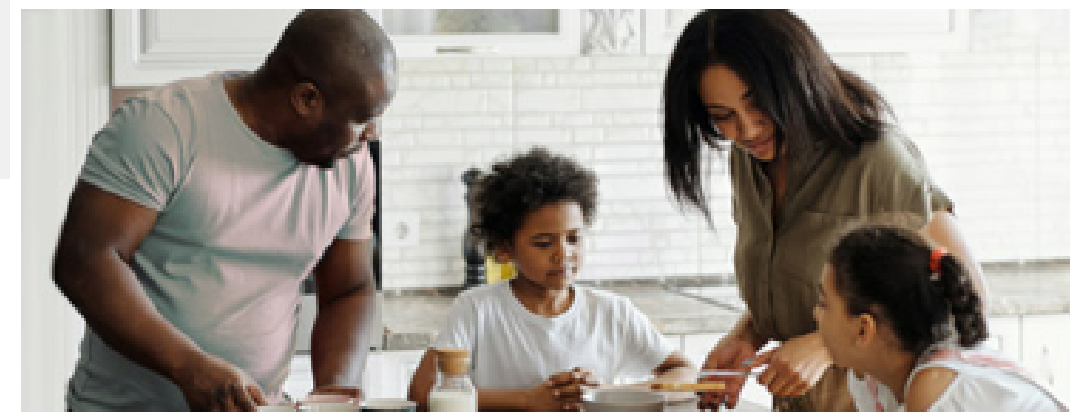


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CalEITC

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- EITC calculator
- Eligibility and credit information
- Outreach materials



Put money back in your pocket

What's CalEITC?

The California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) offers support for low-income, working Californians. You may be eligible for up to \$3,417 cash back or a reduction of the tax you owe. Learn how to qualify and apply on our [Eligibility and credit information](#) page.

CalEITC might also enable you to qualify for the Young Child and Foster Youth tax credits.

Estimate your cash-back credits

Check out our calculator to estimate how much you may get back from CalEITC and other cash-back credits.

[Estimate my cash back](#)

Young Child Tax Credit

You may qualify for up to \$1,083 cash back if you had a child under the age of 6 at the end of the tax year.

Learn more on our [Young Child Tax Credit](#) page.

New Foster Youth Tax Credit

You may qualify for up to \$1,083 cash back if you were in California foster care when age 13 or older.

Learn more on our [Foster Youth Tax Credit](#) page.

File your taxes for free and get your money

Find out how much you could get back

* = Required Field

* Language

Select language

English

* How much did you earn from your California job(s) or self-employment in 2022?

Whole dollars, no commas. Enter losses with a dash (-). Example: 12400 or -6000

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[Help with California earnings](#)

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[Help with filing status](#)

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[Help with other income](#)

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[Help with investment income](#)

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Select all that apply.

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- Have a valid Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
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- Also lived in California more than 6 months in 2022
- Are at least 18 years old
- Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return
- Had a child younger than 6 years old all of 2022 (This qualifies for YCTC)

Were you (or your spouse if married/RDP) in California foster care when 13 years old or older?

- You
- Your Spouse/RDP

[Help with Foster Youth Tax Credit \(FYTC\)](#)

[Estimate my EITC >](#)

Your estimate

California EITC \$175

Young Child Tax Credit \$0

Foster Youth Tax Credit \$1,083

Federal EITC \$417

[Re-Estimate >](#)

Note: This is an estimated report based on the information you provided in the calculator. Other income or expenses not accounted for above (including but not limited to moving expenses), could change the amount of, or affect your eligibility to claim these credits.

Get more information on these credits on the [CalEITC](#) page.

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Federal EITC \$3,733

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Foster Youth Tax Credit

FYTC

- Personal
- Credits
 - California Earned Income Tax Credit
 - Child adoption costs credit
 - Child and dependent care expenses credit
 - College access tax credit
 - Dependent parent credit
 - Foster Youth Tax Credit**
 - Joint custody head of household
 - Nonrefundable renter's credit

Overview

For tax year 2022 forward, the Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC) provides up to \$1,083 per eligible individual or up to \$2,166 if both primary taxpayer and spouse/RDP qualify.

Current and former foster youth must meet all of the following requirements:

- [Qualify for the California Earned Income Tax Credit \(CalEITC\)](#)
- Were ages 18 to 25 at the end of the tax year
- Were in California foster care at age 13 or older and placed through the California foster care system
- Claim the credit on the 2022 FTB 3514 form, California Earned Income Tax Credit, or follow the instructions on your tax software
- Satisfy foster care verification requirement

Verify your foster youth status

Your foster youth status will be verified in one of three ways:

1. Check the consent box on line 33 of the FTB 3514 form, or follow the instructions specific to your tax software. Providing this consent allows the [California Department of Social Services \(CDSS\)](#) to attempt to verify your foster youth status using a statewide database.
2. Add your foster youth verification letter when paper filing, or upload the letter (if possible) when e-filing.
3. If neither option one or two of this list applies, FTB will mail you a letter requesting that you provide verification.

Check if you qualify

Visit our [CalEITC homepage](#) to learn more about this credit, related credits you may qualify for, and to use our [EITC calculator](#) to estimate your credit.

How to claim

Filing your state tax return is required to claim this credit.

If paper filing, download, complete, and include with your California tax return:

- [2022 FTB 3514 form](#) | [2022 FTB 3514 instructions](#)

Foster youth status questions

For questions on your status as a foster youth at or after age 13, contact CDSS.

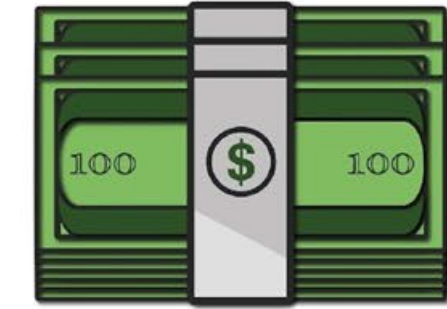
- Phone**
916-651-8848
Weekdays, 8AM to 5PM
- Email**
piar@dss.ca.gov
cdss.osi@dss.ca.gov (out-of-state inquiries)
- Mail**
California Department of Social Services
744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

REQUEST FYTC PRINTED POSTERS & FLYERS FOR FREE

SENT FROM THE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

- Fill out the [order form](#) for free delivery of up to 20 posters and 100 flyers today!
- FTB tax year 2022 CalEITC/YCTC/FYTC (Google Drive folder):
 - [Flyers & posters](#)
 - [Graphics](#)
 - [FTB's Outreach materials webpage](#)

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FOSTER YOUTH TAX CREDIT **CONSENT & VERIFICATION PROCESS**

with Cynthia Vatalaro, Kanisha Mothershed, and Amparo Camacho, California Department of Social Services

CDSS ESTIMATES THERE ARE 80,000 ELIGIBLE FOSTER YOUTH AND THAT 20,000 WILL FILE AND CLAIM THE FYTC

The budget includes \$20 million total that will be refunded directly to foster youth who file their taxes!



Beginning during the 2023 tax season, eligible youth who file their California state tax return and claim the FYTC will receive the credit.

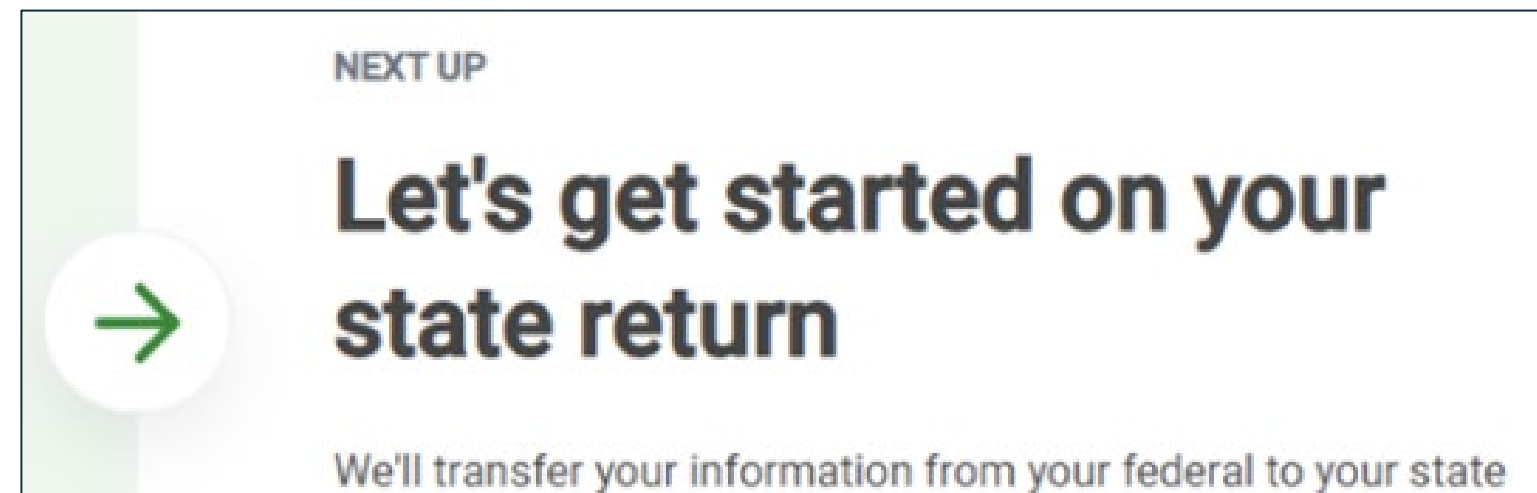


Youth eligible for the FYTC will qualify for up to \$1,083 in a cash back tax refund. * The value of the credit is reduced by \$20 for each \$100 earned above \$25,000. The credit phases out when a person earns \$30,000.



HERE ARE THE STEPS TO CLAIM FYTC IN TAXSLAYER

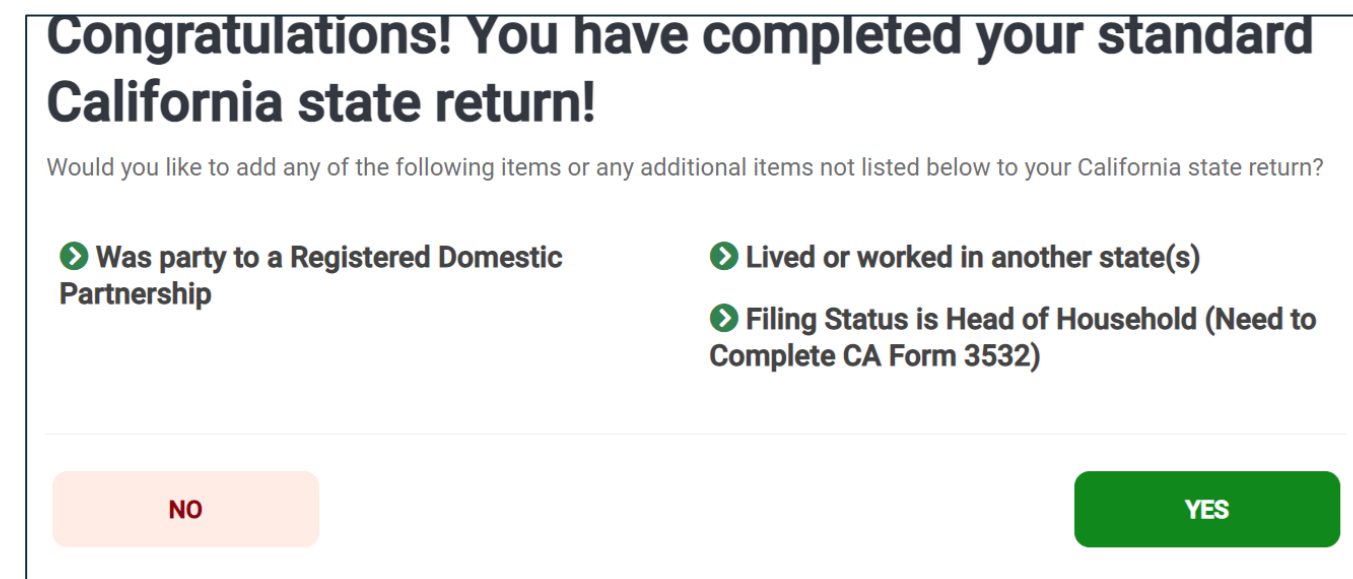
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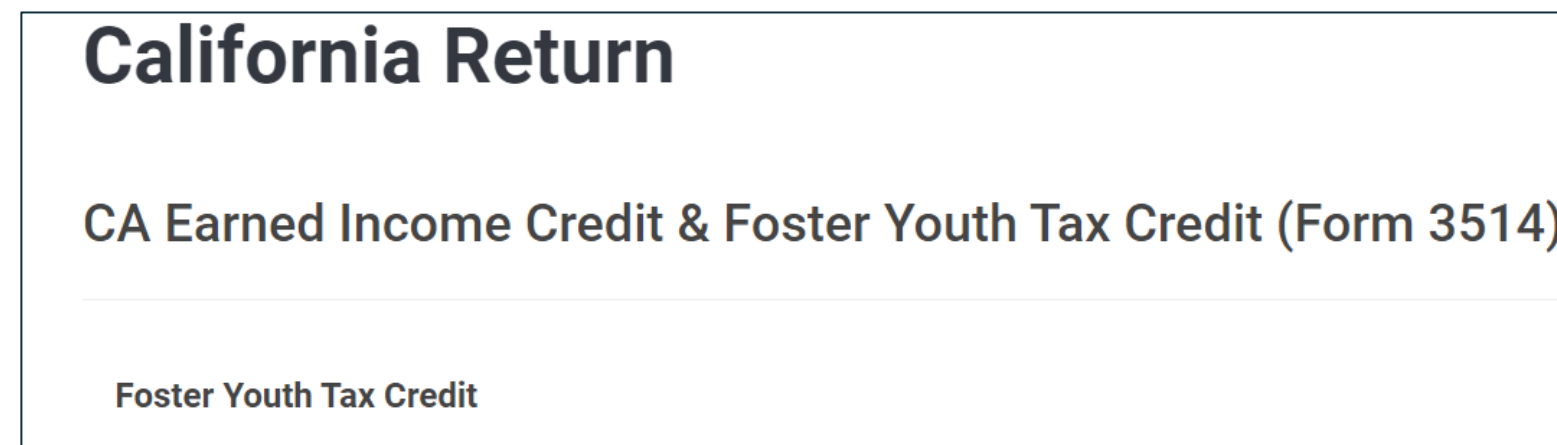
- Click Begin on CA EITC

CA Earned Income Credit & Foster Youth Tax Credit (Form 3514)

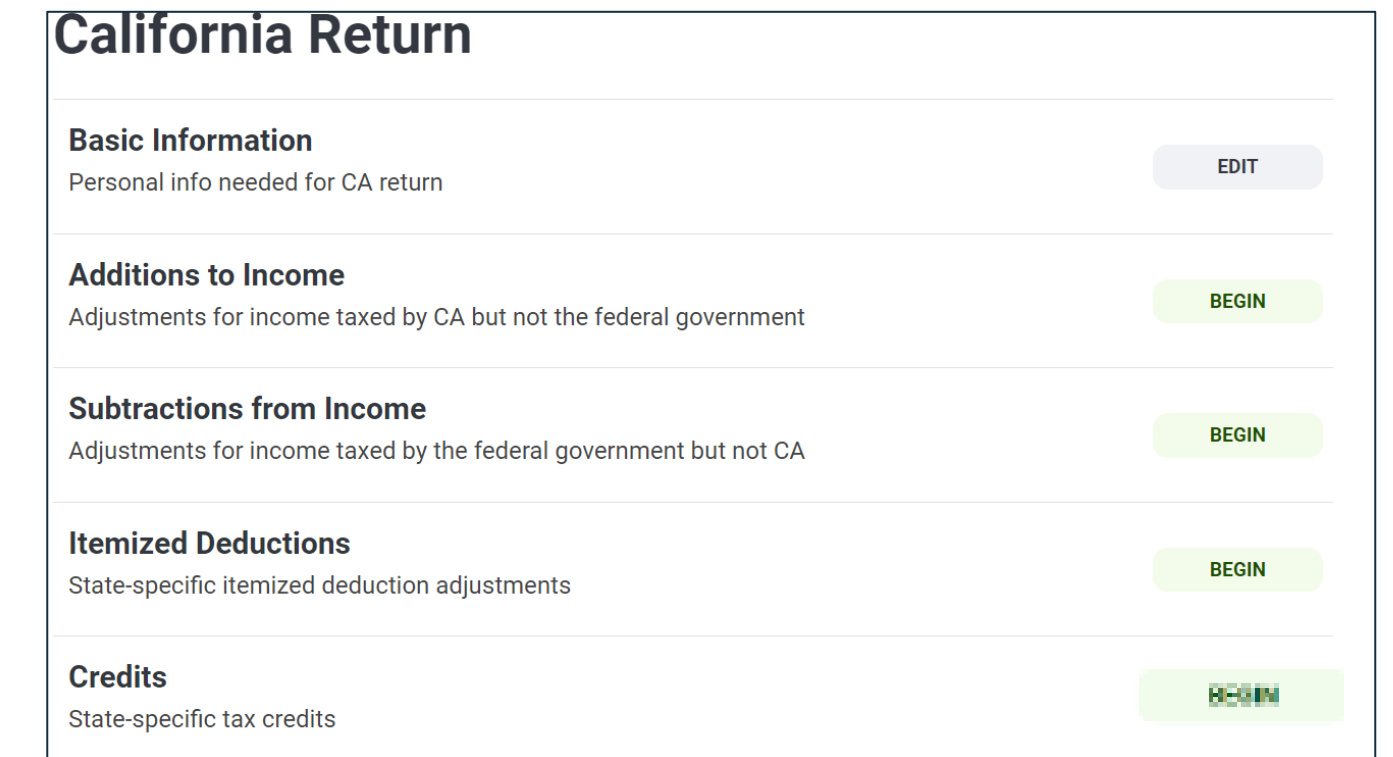
- Click Yes to Edit CA return



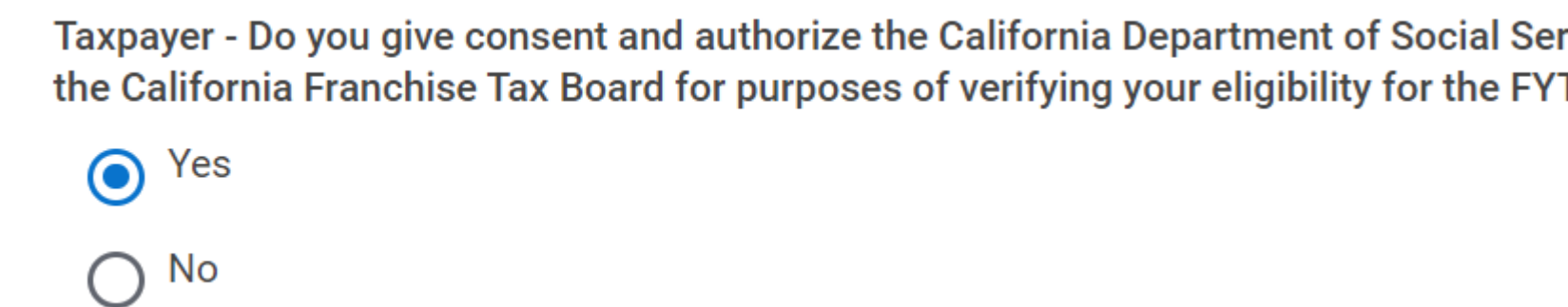
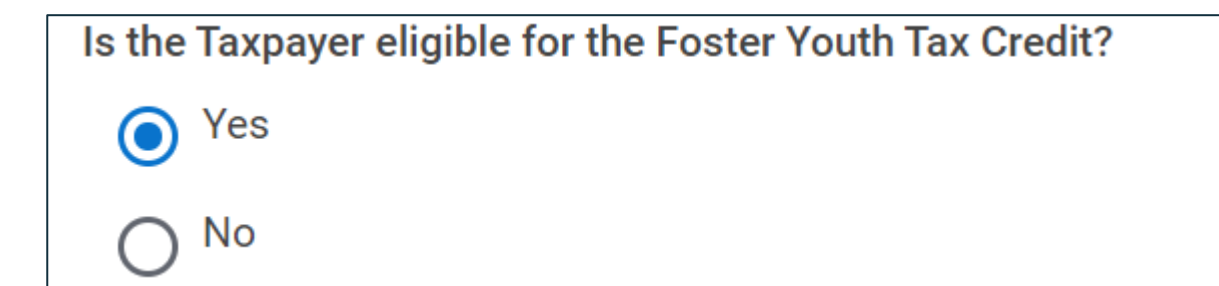
- Click Begin on FYTC



- Click Begin on Credits



- Click YES and YES

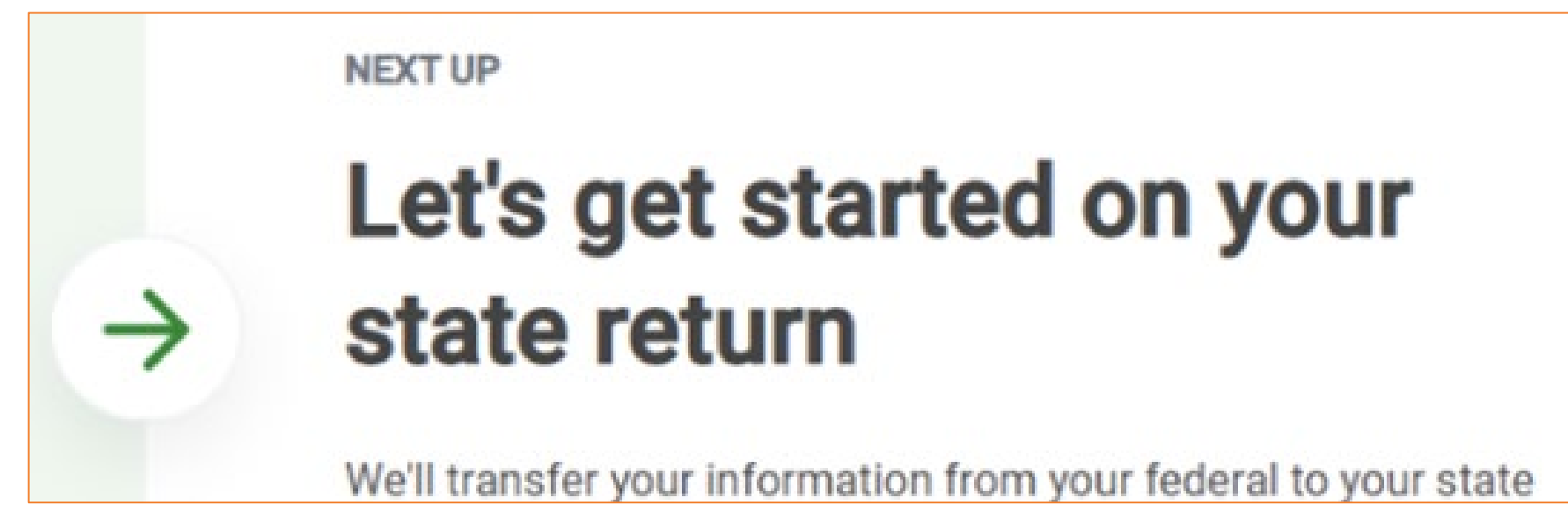


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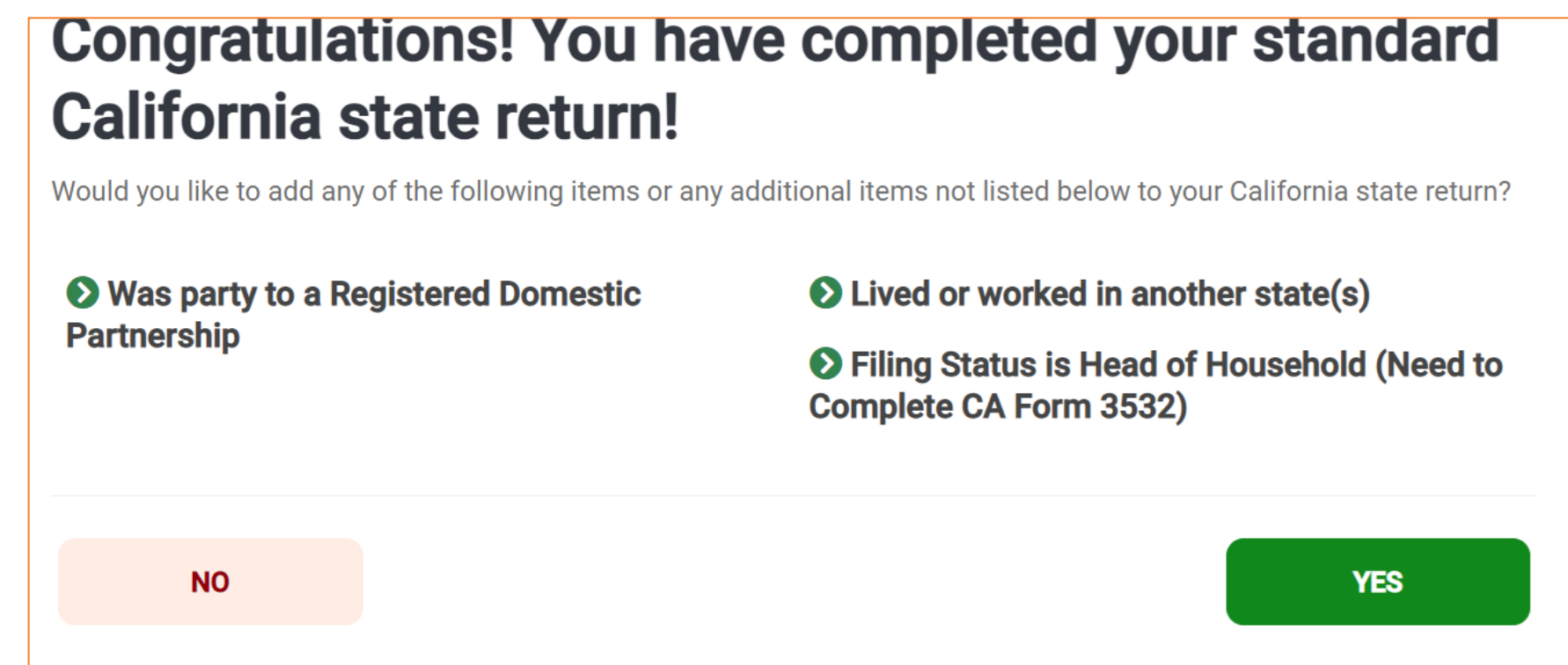
1. Click on the **California Return**
2. Click **Yes** to Edit CA return*
3. Click **Begin on Credits**
4. Click **Begin on CA EITC**
5. Click **Begin on FYTC**
6. Click **YES** and **YES**

*Yes, it's a bit confusing. AFTER you enter the basic information you need to go back to the main California return page to click the "BEGIN" button to submit for your FYTC credit.

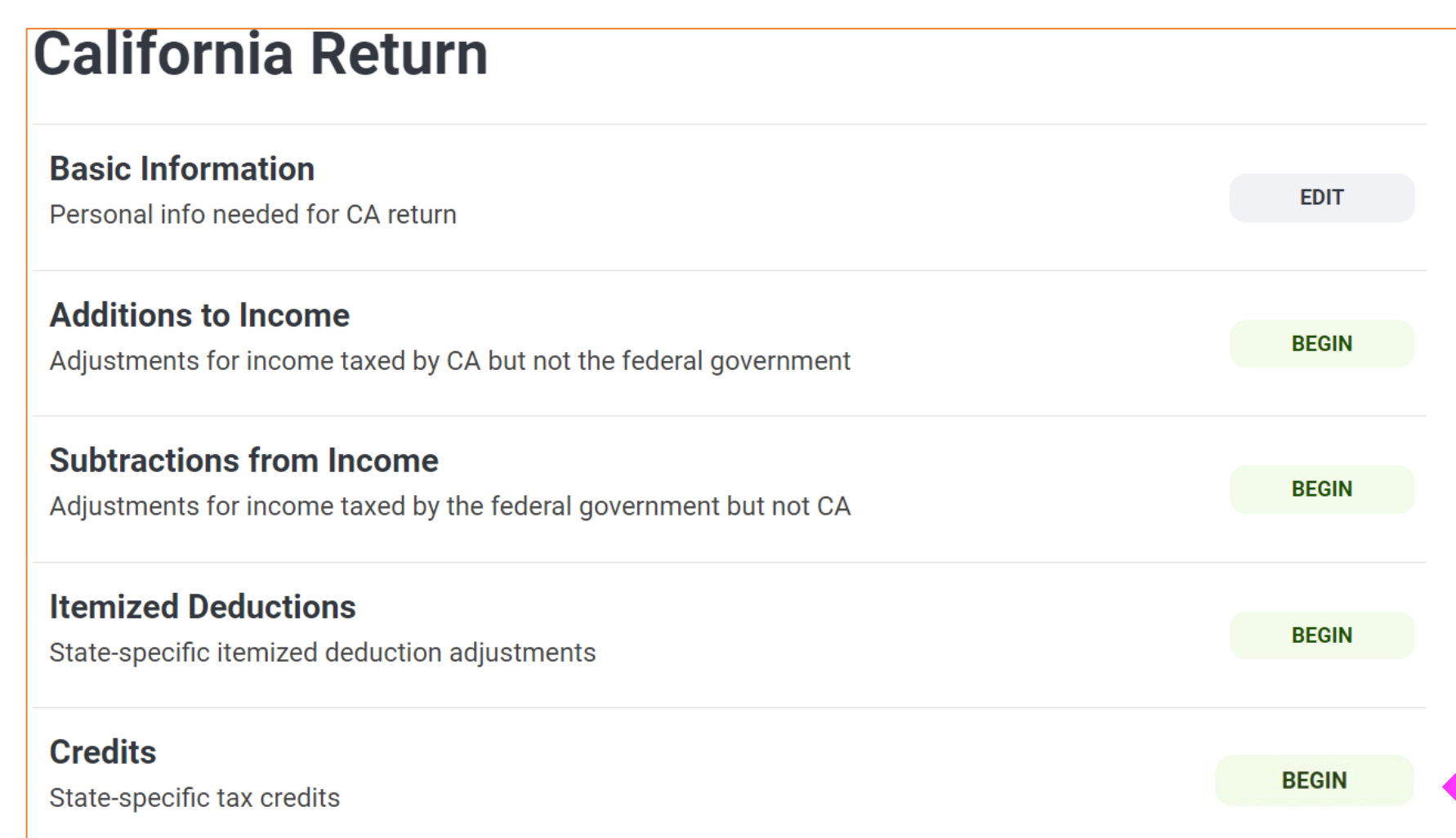
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HERE ARE THE STEPS TO CLAIM FYTC IN TAXSLAYER

1. Click on the **California Return**
2. Click **Yes** to Edit CA return
3. Click **Begin on Credits**
4. Click **Begin on CA EITC**
5. Click **Begin on FYTC**
6. Click **YES** and **YES**

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CA Earned Income Credit & Foster Youth Tax Credit (Form 3514)

BEGIN

BEGIN

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California Return

CA Earned Income Credit & Foster Youth Tax Credit (Form 3514)

Foster Youth Tax Credit

BEGIN

BEGIN

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Is the Taxpayer eligible for the Foster Youth Tax Credit?

Yes

YES

No

Taxpayer - Do you give consent and authorize the California Department of Social Services to share limited information about you with the California Franchise Tax Board for purposes of verifying your eligibility for the FYTC?

YES

Yes

No

- For a detailed breakdown of how to access this credit visit [LINK](#) and skip to STEP 7 on slide 35. You will see more detailed photos and more explanation of what to do.



FOSTER YOUTH TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

A qualified taxpayer that is at least 18 years old and younger than 26 years old as of the last day of the taxable year and is one who was in foster care while 13 years of age or older in an AFDC-FC placement, as described in Section 11402 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (AFDC-FC placement includes an approved home a relative, a nonrelative extended family member, a licensed family home of a nonrelative, a licensed group home or a short-term residential therapeutic placement, the home of a nonrelated legal guardian, a transitional housing placement for minors or a transitional housing placement for nonminor dependents, an out of state group home, a supervised independent living placement), including a tribally approved home, as defined in subdivision (r) of Section 224.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or Approved Relative Caregiver Funding Program eligible placement, as defined in Article 6 (commencing with Section 11450) or Chapter 2 f Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, by a Title IV-E agency, pursuant to a voluntary placement or a juvenile court order.

- Is the Taxpayer eligible for the Foster Youth Tax Credit?

Yes
 No

- Taxpayer – Do you give consent and authorize the California Department of Social Services to share limited information about you with the California Franchise Tax Board for purposes of verifying your eligibility for the FYTC?

Yes
 No



TO CLAIM THE FYTC A TAX FILER MAY:

Check the box that provides consent for CDSS to confirm or deny foster care eligibility.

- If they don't consent, they will not be verified and will not be able to qualify
- If they do consent and have a document or other proof in PDF format of having been in foster care to the CA tax return to qualify
- If they do not upload proof and are not found in the eligibility list, assuming that they checked the consent and authorization box, their name and information will be submitted to CDSS for a manual determination of foster care eligibility.
- For names and information that is not able to be verified manually, CDSS will inform FTB the tax filer does not meet foster youth criteria.
- FTB will then send a letter in the mail with a message describing ineligibility which may ask the tax filer for additional proof.
- They should respond to the Franchise Tax Board with the information described in the official letter within the requested 30 days.



VERIFYING TAXPAYER INFORMATION

If the Taxpayer's name was different while in foster care than name on tax refund (FTB relies on the information entered on the tax return to verify taxpayer eligibility for the credit), enter that information below:

- Taxpayer's First Name while in foster care if different than what is on the tax return
- Taxpayer's Middle Initial while in foster care if different than what is on the tax return
- Taxpayer's Last Name while in foster care if different than what is on the tax return



MARRIED CURRENT OR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

If the **Spouse's name was different while in foster care** than name on tax refund (FTB relies on the information entered on the tax return to verify taxpayer eligibility for the credit), enter that information below:

- Spouse's First Name while in foster care if different than what is on the tax return
- Spouse's Middle Initial while in foster care if different than what is on the tax return
- Spouse's Last Name while in foster care if different than what is on the tax return

Is the Spouse eligible for the Foster Youth Tax Credit?

Yes

No

Spouse - Do you give consent and authorize the California Department of Social Services to share limited information about you with the California Franchise Tax Board for purposes of verifying your eligibility for the FYTC?

Yes

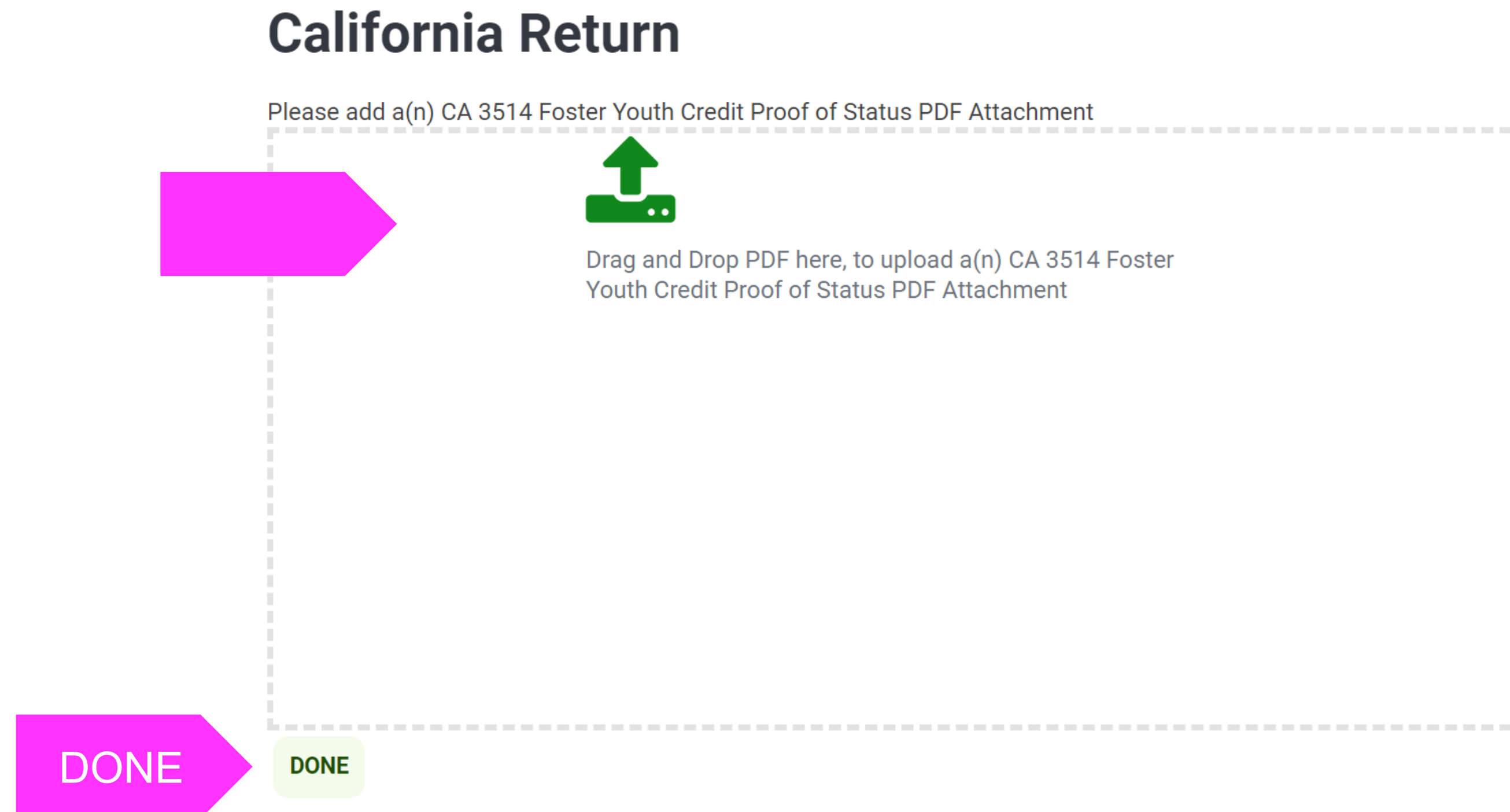
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OPTIONAL – UPLOAD PDF VERIFICATION

If you provided consent to be verified, you may attach to the state return a PDF letter issued by a county or state agency confirming each individual who claims the FYTC status as a foster youth at or after age 13, or other proof of status as a condition of receiving the FYTC. Below are examples of other proof/support:

- CDSS Foster Care Verification Form
- County-issued Letter





PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

If consent and/or the proof submitted does not result in a satisfactory proof of eligibility, a foster youth may be contacted to provide additional proof, which may delay a decision on eligibility.

A current or former foster youth may contact CDSS to request verification of foster youth status after age 13 or ask questions, contact:

- California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Telephone: (916) 651-8848
- Email: piar@dss.ca.gov
- Mail: 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Out-of-State Inquiries: piar@dss.ca.gov



FIRST TIME FILER

**LIVED EXPERIENCE USING A
DEDICATED VITA SITE FOR TAY**

with Ajanique Dunlap, Youth Advocate

SHARE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT CALEITC, FYTC, YCTC, AND TAXES WITH TAY AND PARTNERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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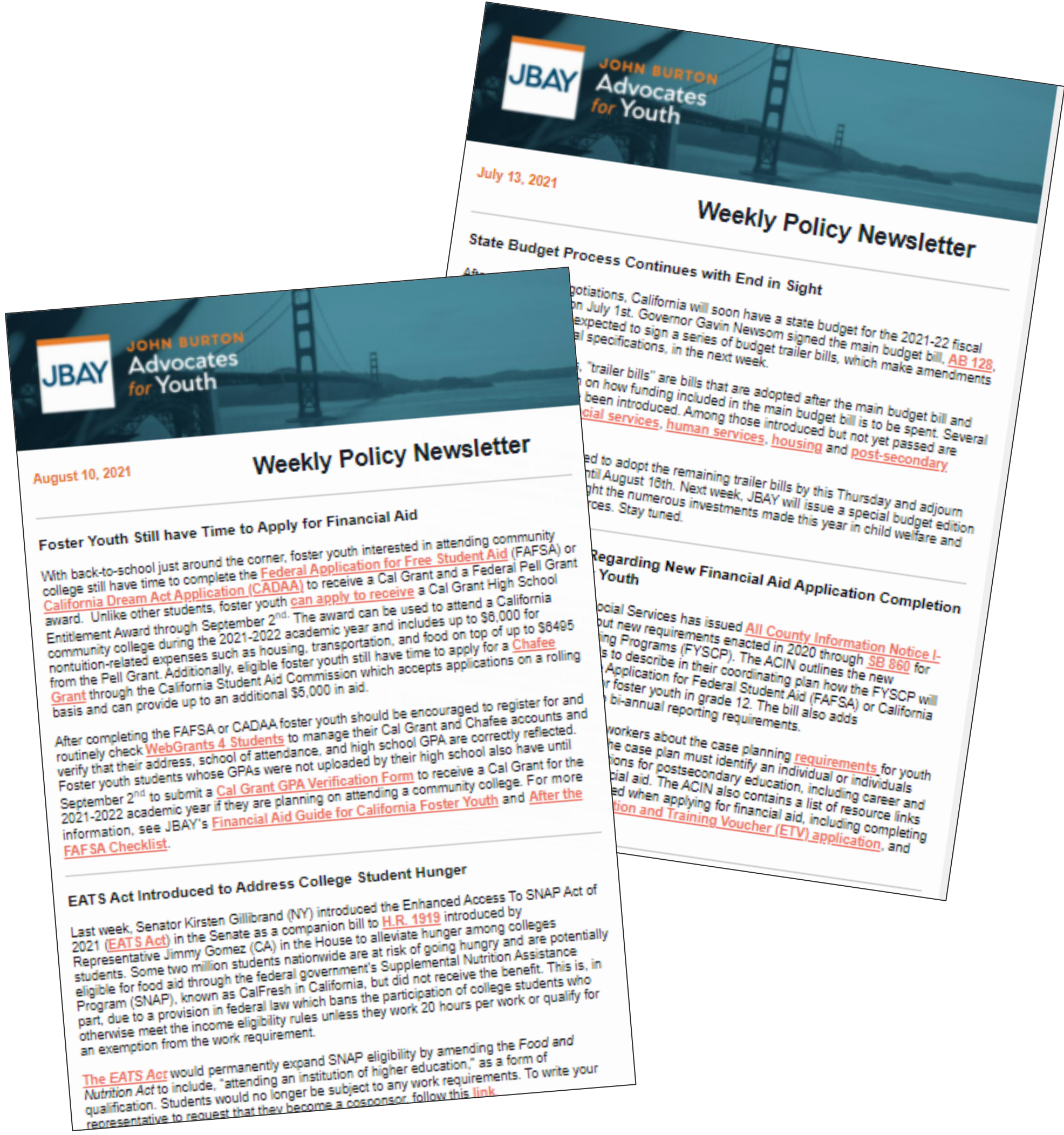
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