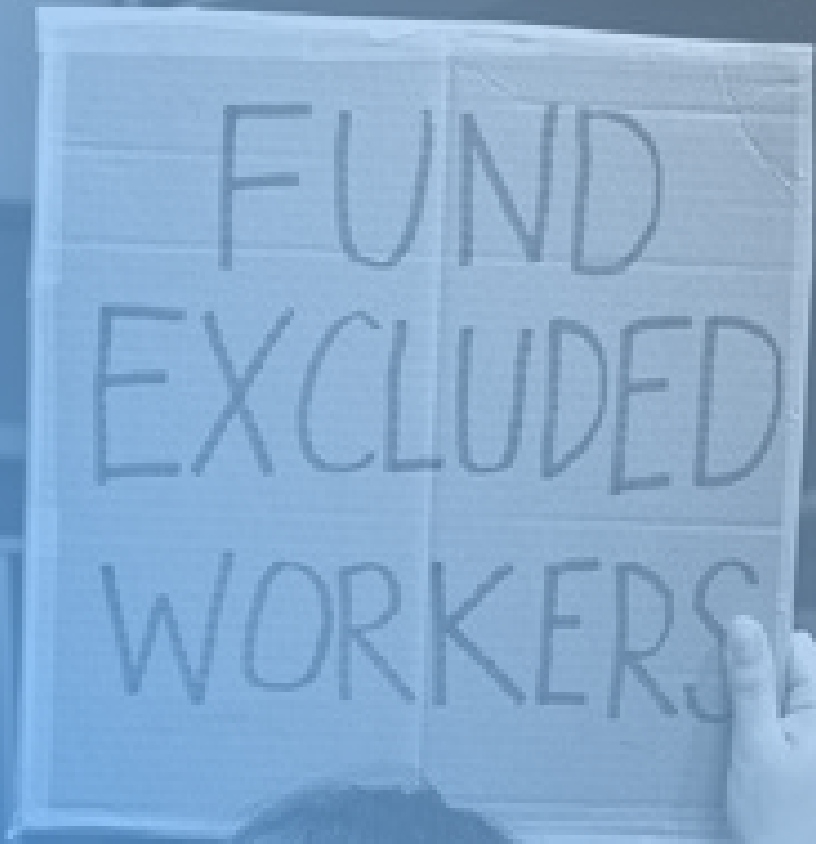


The logo for UnLocal, featuring the word "UnLocal" in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside a white speech bubble shape with a tail pointing towards the bottom left.

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EXCLUDED WORKERS FUND INFO SESSION



AGENDA

1. WHAT IS THE EWF?

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

3. WHAT DOCUMENTS WILL I NEED TO APPLY?

4. WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS LIKE?

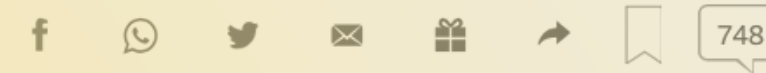
WHAT IS THE EXCLUDED WORKERS FUND?

This fund was created specifically for undocumented people and families with mixed immigration statuses that have not been able to access financial assistance that others have had access to because of their immigration status.

The New York Times

\$2.1 Billion for Undocumented Workers Signals New York's Progressive Shift

The fund, which could provide payments to hundreds of thousands of people excluded from other pandemic relief, ignited a battle among state lawmakers before it was approved this week.



Workers gathered outside Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's office in Manhattan for an Easter prayer service and rally on the eve of the budget vote in Albany. Desiree Rios for The New York Times



**WHO
CAN
APPLY?**

To apply for the EWF, you must:

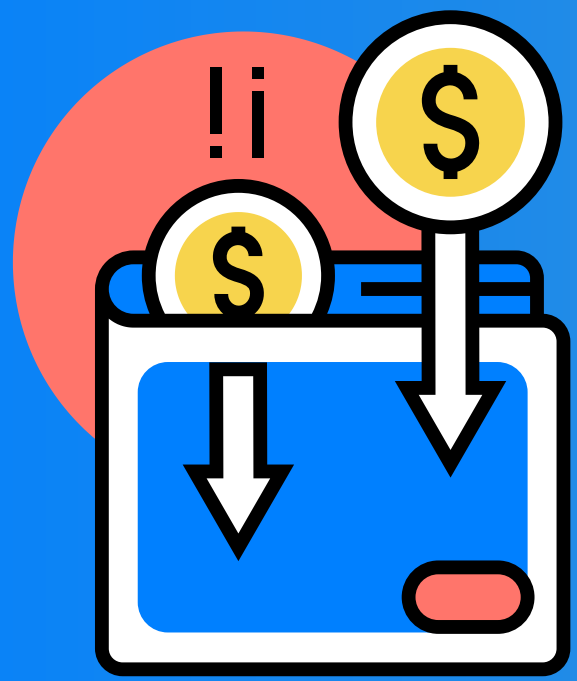


Not have been eligible for and not received unemployment insurance or any other COVID-19 income relief

Have lived in NY before the pandemic (March 27, 2020) and live in NYS currently



To apply for the EWF, you must:



have an income
< \$26,201
between March 1, 2020
- March 31, 2021

demonstrate that you worked and received compensation for at least

**15 hours
a week**



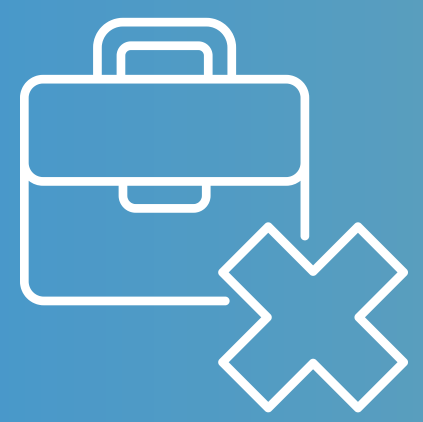
**for a period greater than 6
weeks prior to experiencing
a loss of income during the
pandemic**



To apply for the EWF, you must:



have lost at **least 50% of weekly work-related earnings** or household income at any point in time between February 23, 2020 and April 1, 2021 due to **total or partial unemployment**, an **inability to work due to the pandemic**, or the death or disablement of the head of your household



MYTHBUSTING

I NEED TO HAVE BEEN WORKING DURING THE PANDEMIC TO BE CONSIDERED AN EXCLUDED WORKER



FALSE. It is called the excluded workers fund because it was created for people who have been **EXCLUDED** from other financial benefits.

You do **NOT** need to have worked during the pandemic to be eligible



MYTHBUSTING

MY EMPLOYMENT INCOME STAYED ABOUT THE SAME DURING THE PANDEMIC SO I AM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE EXCLUDED WORKERS FUND.



NOT NECESSARILY. If you became a head of household during the pandemic because of the death or disability of your family's breadwinner, you may still be eligible.



MYTHBUSTING

I WAS ABLE TO ACCESS NYS
UNEMPLOYMENT LAST YEAR, SO I AM
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE EXCLUDED
WORKERS FUND



TRUE. If you were able to access
unemployment insurance you are likely not
eligible.



MYTHBUSTING

I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT MY DATA.
WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT SAFE?



YES. The EWF legislation created strong legal protections for your personal information.



MYTHBUSTING

I AM SCARED THAT MY PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES LIKE ICE.



Your information WILL NOT be shared. There are criminal penalties for disclosing your information to immigration enforcement authorities. Your documents will only be used to determine eligibility and will not be shared with anyone outside of the application process, unless it is to comply with a judicial warrant or court order.



APPLICATION AVAILABLE IN 13 LANGUAGES

HOW CAN I APPLY?



English

عربي (Arabic)

বাঙালি (Bengali)

中文 (Chinese)

Kreyòl ayisyen (Haitian-Creole)

Italiano (Italian)

한국어 (Korean)

Polski (Polish)

Русский (Russian)

Español (Spanish)

ייִדיש (Yiddish)

اردو (Urdu)

Française (French)

[DOL.NY.GOV/EWFAPPLY](https://dol.ny.gov/ewfapply)

**WHAT
DOCUMENTS
WILL I NEED
TO APPLY?**



THERE ARE 3 MAJOR DOCUMENT CATEGORIES:



1. IDENTITY



2. RESIDENCY



3. WORK RELATED ELIGIBILITY

DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS



- At least one must be a photo ID
- At least one must show your date of birth

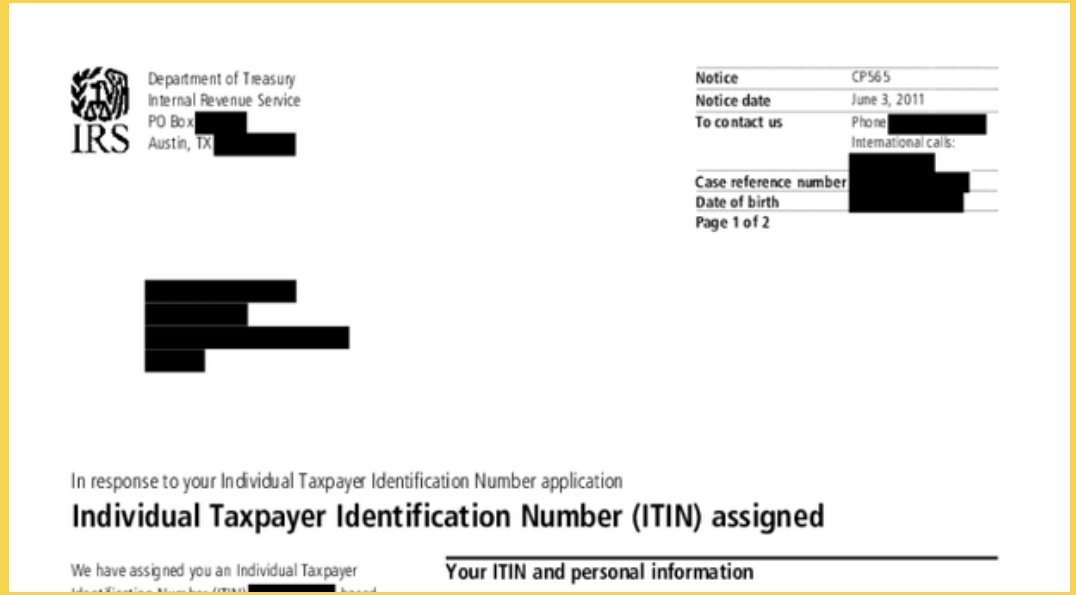


All documents submitted must be:

- Certified by the issuing agency
- Unexpired (unless otherwise noted below)
- In English, or accompanied by a certified English language translation
- Not mutilated or damaged

#1 IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENTS THAT CAN BE COMBINED



4 POINTS TOTAL (ONLY ONE NECESSARY)



DOCUMENTS NOT IN ENGLISH MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH A CERTIFIED TRANSLATION!



#1 IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENTS THAT CAN BE COMBINED

- **Foreign-Issued Passport (3 points) or Expired U.S or Foreign-Issued Passport (expired by not more than two years) (2 points)**
- **NYS Learner Permit issued by NYS DMV**
- **Photo ID card (or non photo ID card for 1 point) issued by a local government in NYS, NYS government agency, or the federal government - 2 points**
- **Documents issued by USCIS: Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) or Notice of Action (I-797; I-797A; I-797D)**
- **U.S. ITIN Assignment Letter**
- **Marriage Certificate**
- **Divorce Judgement**
- **NYC Parks and Recreation Membership Card**
- **Birth Certificate Issued by a Foreign Country**
- **Foreign-Issued Photo ID Card**

4 POINTS TOTAL (ONLY ONE NECESSARY)

- **NYS Driver License**
- **NYS Non-Driver ID Card**
- **U.S. Passport**
- **IDNYC Card - (Cards that expired in 2020 are valid until the end of 2021. Cards that expire in 2021 are valid during the one-year renewal period following the expiration date.)**
- **Expired Foreign-Issued Driver License (expired by not more than two years)**
- **Diploma or Transcript from a U.S. high school, college, or university**
- **Employer Photo ID Card**
- **Written Employment Offer, Pay Stubs, or Notice of Pay from an employer**

#2 RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS



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TO PROVE WHERE YOU LIVED PRIOR TO 3/27/20 AND WHERE YOU LIVE CURRENTLY



NO DATE RESTRICTIONS TO PROVE CURRENT RESIDENCE



nationalgrid		BILLING PERIOD		PAGE 2 of 4	
SERVICE FOR JAMES SMITH 25 BROADWAY APT 16 SCHENECTADY NY 12305		Mar 31, 2014 to May 5, 2014			
ACCOUNT NUMBER 12741-66018		PLEASE PAY BY Upon Receipt		AMOUNT DUE \$80.10	
DETAIL OF CURRENT CHARGES					
Delivery Services					
Electricity Delivery					
Service Period	No. of days	Current Reading	Previous Reading	Factor	Total Usage
Mar 31 - May 5	35	1385	1150	Actual	235 kWh
METER NUMBER 05634327					
RATE Electric SC1 Non Heat					
Basic Service (not including usage)					17.00
Delivery	0.04629	x	235 kWh		10.87
Incr State Assessment	0.00307	x	235 kWh		0.72
SBC/RPS	0.007911	x	235 kWh		1.85
Legacy Transition Chrg	-0.005647	x	235 kWh		-1.33
RDM	-0.00021257	x	235 kWh		-0.05
Transmission Rev Adj	-0.0003	x	235 kWh		-0.07
Tariff Surcharge	3.09278	%			0.90
Sales Tax	7.0	%			2.09
Total Electricity Delivery					\$ 31.98
Gas Delivery					
Service Period	No. of days	Current Reading	Previous Reading	Measured Factor	Therm Usage
Mar 31 - May 5	35	120	116	Actual	4
METER NUMBER 0R751102					
RATE Gas SC1 Res Heat					

NEW YORK STATE 2020 Department of Taxation and Finance
Resident Income Tax Return
 New York State • New York City • Yonkers • MCTMT
 For the full year January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, or fiscal year beginning ... and ending ... 20
 Form IT-201-L

For help completing your return, see the instructions, Form IT-201-L.

Your first name MI Your last name (for a joint return, enter spouse's name on line below) Your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Your Social Security number

Spouse's first name MI Spouse's last name Spouse's date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Spouse's Social Security number

Mailing address (see instructions, page 14) (number and street or PO box) Apartment number New York State county of residence

City, village, or post office State ZIP code Country (if not United States) School district name

Taxpayer's permanent home address (see instructions, page 14) (number and street or rural route) Apartment number School district code number

City, village, or post office State ZIP code Decedent information Taxpayer's date of death (mm/dd/yyyy) Spouse's date of death (mm/dd/yyyy)

A Filing status (mark an) Single Married filing joint return

D1 Did you have a financial account located in a foreign country? (see page 15) Yes No

D2 Were you required to report any nonqualified deferred compensation as required by IRC § 457A



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 Customer Contact Center (718 707-7771 • http://nyc.gov/nycha)

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Dear Section 8 Tenant:

For use with your current annual recertification, the New York City Housing Authority is pleased to provide you with a new and improved "Section 8 Affidavit of Income," a sample of which is provided below.

The new enclosed Affidavit was designed so that the Housing Authority can scan and capture the information provided in the returned document; thereby allowing the Housing Authority to process your information more efficiently.

Sample Company Name		EARNINGS STATEMENT				
1234 Dick Buccanna St Laverne, TN 37086						
EMPLOYEE NAME	SSN	EMPLOYEE ID	CHECK NO.	PAY PERIOD	PAY DATE	
Brandon Smith	XXX-XX-01234	1234	607221	12/22/17-12/28/17	12/29/17	
INCOME	RATE	HOURS	CURRENT TOTAL	DEDUCTIONS	CURRENT TOTAL	YEAR-TO-DATE
GROSS WAGES	18	40	720.00	FICA MED TAX 10.44 FICA SS TAX 44.64 FED TAX 92.40	542.88 2,321.28 4,804.75	
YTD GROSS	YTD DEDUCTIONS	YTD NET PAY	CURRENT TOTAL	CURRENT DEDUCTIONS	NET PAY	
37,440.00	9,783.31	27,656.69	720.00	188.14	531.86	

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1040 Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service
 U.S. Individual Income Tax

Filing status: Single Married filing jointly

Your first name and initial

Your standard deduction: Someone can claim you as

Spouse or qualifying person's first name and initial (see inst.)

Someone can claim you

is blind

*TO PROVE CURRENT RESIDENCY, MUST BE DATED FROM MARCH 27, 2021 OR AFTER

#2 RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS



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- **Utility Bill (e.g. electric, gas, internet, cable, water, trash/recycling)**
- **Bank or Credit Card Statement**
- **Letter from NYCHA addressed to applicant**
- **Current Lease Agreement, Mortgage Payment, or Property Tax Statement**
- **Pay Stub**
- **Jury Summons, Court Order, or other document from a court within NYS**
- **Statement, bill, or record from a health institution or insurance company**
- **Letter addressed to the applicant from a homeless shelter indicating the applicant currently resides at the homeless shelter**
- **Employment offer or notice of pay that shows an employer provided housing located in NYS, including seasonal housing**

NO DATE RESTRICTIONS TO PROVE CURRENT RESIDENCE

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- **NYS Learner Permit issued by NYS DMV**
- **State or federal tax filing or return, with proof of filing, including e-filing acknowledgements from DTF or IRS**

TO PROVE CURRENT RESIDENCY, MUST BE DATED FROM MARCH 27, 2021 OR AFTER

#3 EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTATION



The point total of your employment documents will determine your award amount.

TIER 1
MAXIMUM AWARD

\$15,600
(\$300 PER WEEK FOR 52 WEEKS)

TIER 2

\$3,200
EQUAL TO 3 FEDERAL
STIMULUS CHECKS

***BOTH AMOUNTS WILL BE TAXED AT ABOUT 5%**

5 POINTS FOR MAXIMUM AWARD

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 and ending ...

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2020 NEW YORK STATE

Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service
 IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
999-99-9999
 This number has been established for
Fulano de Tal
 To be used for tax purposes only

A Filing status (mark an X in one box):
 1 Single
 2 Married filing joint return (enter spouse's Social Security number above)
 3 Married filing separate return (enter spouse's Social Security number above)
 4 Head of household (with qualifying person)
 5 Qualifying widow(er)

B Did you itemize your deductions on your 2020 federal income tax return? Yes No

Sample Company Name
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6 WEEKS +



Form 1099-MISC (keep for your records)

2019

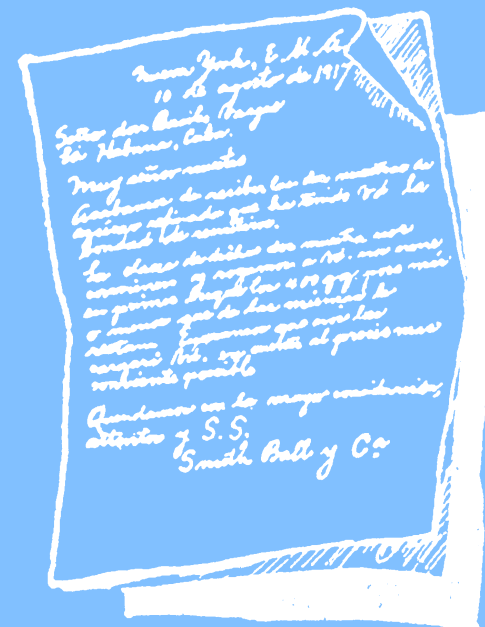
Miscellaneous Income

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1 Rents
 2 Royalties
 3 Other income
 4 Federal income tax withheld
 5 Fishing boat proceeds
 6 Medical and health care payments
 7 Nonemployee compensation
 8 Substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest
 9 Payer made direct sales of \$5,000 or more of consumer products to a buyer (recipient for resale)
 10 Crop insurance proceeds
 11
 12
 13 Excess golden parachute payments
 14 Gross proceeds paid to an attorney
 15a Section 409A deferrals
 15b Section 409A income
 16 State tax withheld
 17 State/Payer's state no.
 18 State income

2018 / 2019 / 2020

2019 / 2020



FROM YOUR EMPLOYER

5 POINTS FOR MAXIMUM AWARD

- **Proof of filing a New York State tax return for either tax years 2018, 2019, or 2020 AND proof of a valid United States ITIN (or SS#) number**
 - **OR a W-7 application for an ITIN with proof of submission or filing**
- **Minimum of 6 weeks of pay stubs or wage statements in the 6-month period prior to the date the applicant certifies the applicant became eligible for benefits**
- **IRS W-2 or 1099 from tax year 2019 or 2020 showing wages or income**
- **Wage Notice from employer documenting employment for a period of time within 6 months prior to the date the applicant certifies the applicant became eligible for benefits.**
- **Letter from an employer showing applicant's dates of work and the reason for loss of income (i.e. pandemic related) that includes:**
 - **employer's mailing address and address of the site within NYS where applicant worked**
 - **AND either the employer's NYS Unemployment Insurance account number**
 - **OR Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN)**
 - **OR contact information (including phone number) of an employer representative who can verify the contents of the letter.**

3 POINTS THAT CAN BE USED TO STILL ACCESS MAX AWARD

- **Complaint filed with and acknowledged by a local, state, or federal agency or court regarding wages owed for work performed in NYS for a period greater than 6 weeks in the 6-month period prior to the date the applicant certifies the applicant became eligible for benefits**
- **Record of regular direct deposits, deposits, or transfers from an employer**



1 POINT THAT CAN BE USED TO ACCESS SMALLER AWARD

- **Written communication relating to delivery order sheets, work invoices, sales receipts, or instructions from employers**
- **Written communication, including texts or social media messages or posts, between the applicant and an employer or hiring party showing a work relationship**
- **Record of regular cashing of paychecks or transfer of funds from income or earnings**
- **Documents issued to the applicant by the applicant's employer showing the employer's mailing address, NYS Unemployment Insurance Account Number or Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN), and contact information of an employer representative (including phone number)**
- **Receipts or records showing a consecutive pattern of commuting to and from a work location, such as toll records, parking receipts, or public transportation records**



WHAT COUNTS AS INCOME?

Direct financial compensation received by an applicant in exchange for work in excess of fifteen hours per week.



The following is NOT counted as income:

- **Payments related to scholarships, awards, grants, gifts, investments, stipends, work-study programs, lottery or gambling winnings, prizes, child support, spousal maintenance, alimony, or restitution;**
- **Payments from any insurance policy, trust fund, legal settlements, social security, pensions, deferred income, or retirement accounts**



TO IDENTIFY DOCUMENTS, THINK ABOUT...

Where were you working for the six months prior to when you experienced a reduction in income?

**Who was your employer or supervisor?
How would you communicate with them?**

**How were you compensated? How often?
What receipts can show this?**

FULL DOCUMENT LIST



AVAILABLE AT:

[DOL.NY.GOV/EWFAPPLY](https://dol.ny.gov/ewfapply)

APPLICATION STEPS

STEP 1

Create an account with your phone number. Once you have an account, you will be able to save your progress and view the the status of your application. Keep this login information safe!

STEP 2

You will be walked through a series of questions to determine your eligibility and how much you will be eligible to receive

STEP 3

The DOL will review the application and they will contact the applicant via email or text if the application is incomplete or if more information is needed.

WHAT IF I AM A CASH ECONOMY WORKER?

**We are awaiting additional
guidance from NYS**

**The current guidelines make it
challenging for all excluded
workers to access the fund.**

GENERAL APPLICATION



TIPS

- **The only file types accepted are PDF, JPEG, or PNG**
- **Ensure the images are complete, not blurry, and right side up. Rotate if necessary.**
- **You can complete the application on your mobile device**
- **Some documents will require images of the front and back.**

AFTER YOU APPLY:



~6 WEEKS

IF MORE INFO IS NEEDED:



(877) 393-4697



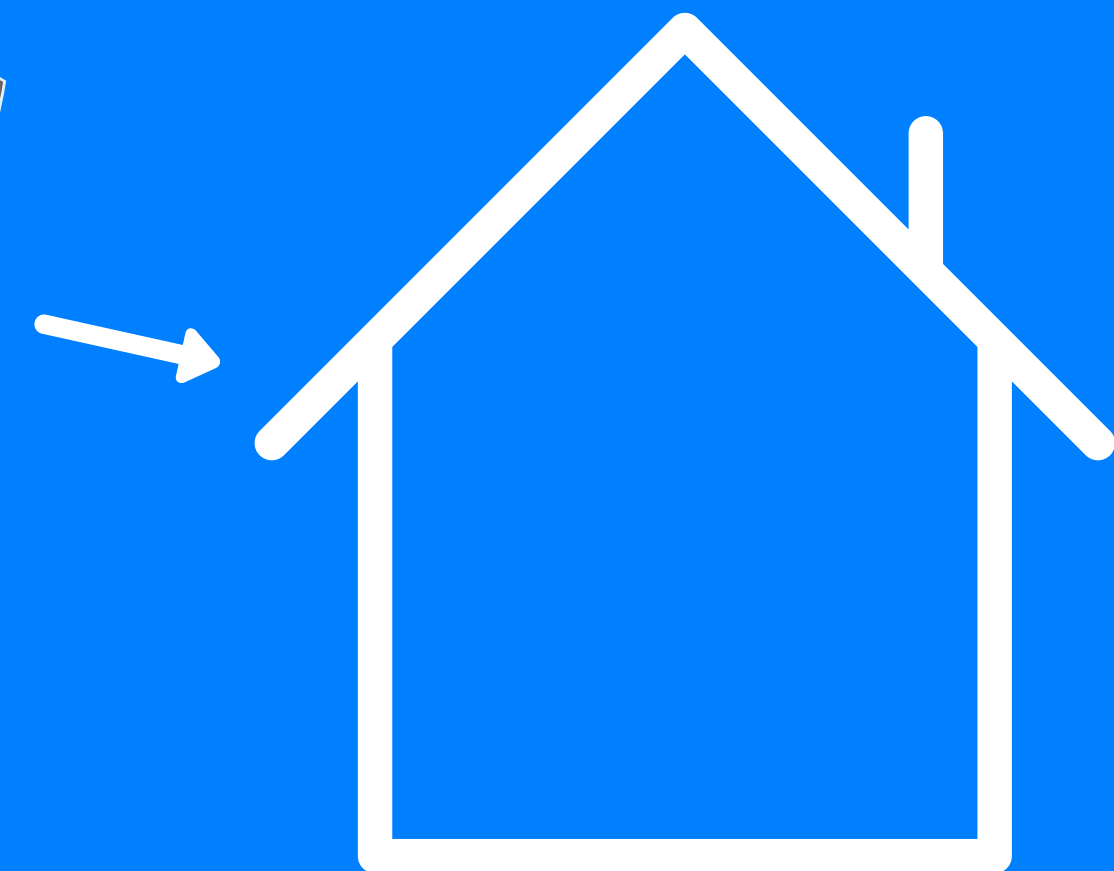
EWF@labor.ny.gov



**(833) 586-1144
(toll free)**

All applicants will receive an update on whether their application has been approved or denied. If your application is denied, you can appeal within

7 days





BEWARE

FRAUD +

STAY

SAFE!

The EWF application is FREE. Application assistance is FREE.

DO NOT PAY TO APPLY OR FOR ASSISTANCE

You may report such activity by filing a complaint with the New York Attorney General's office (on.ny.gov/agfraud) or by calling the Attorney General's hotline at (800) 771-7755.

For hearing impaired: TDD (800) 788-9898.



QUESTIONS?



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