

# YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A HOMESTEAD OR SAFE SENIOR PROPERTY TAX REFUND FOR TAX YEAR 2015

## HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX REFUND

A property tax refund for eligible homeowners.

### To Qualify

As a Kansas resident for all of 2015 who **owned and occupied** a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of up to \$700 if your total "**household** income" is \$34,000 or less, AND you:

- were born before January 1, 1960; OR
- were totally and permanently disabled or blind for the entire year of 2015; OR
- have a dependent child who lived with you the entire year that was born before January 1, 2015, and was under the age of 18 all of 2015; OR
- are a disabled veteran (50 percent 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.

## "SAFE SENIOR" PROPERTY TAX REFUND

A property tax refund for eligible homeowners.

### To Qualify

As a Kansas resident for all of 2015 who **owned and occupied** a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of 75 percent of your property taxes paid if your total "**household** income" including social security is \$19,100 or less, AND you:

- were 65 years or older all of 2015; AND
- did not have any delinquent property taxes in 2015.

**NOTE:** You may claim either a Safe Senior property tax refund or a Homestead refund (**not both**).

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

Homeowners who received a Homestead or Safe Senior refund last year and do not have any outstanding balances with the Kansas Department of Revenue and who checked the Advancement Box on their 2014 Homestead or Safe Senior return are eligible for an advancement. The advancement information was sent electronically to the County Treasurer's office and may appear on your 2015 property tax statement. **NOTE:** A Homestead Refund Claim (Form K-40H) or a Safe Senior Refund Claim (Form K-40PT) must be filed between January 1 and April 15, 2016.

## 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, 2016. **NOTE: Renting does not qualify for a homestead refund** – you must be a homeowner who **owns and occupies** your homestead to qualify.

**Safe Senior 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, 2016.

**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 Internal Revenue Service), 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 Internal Revenue Service office. To find an AARP site, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit their website at: [aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/](http://aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/)

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