

# The Excluded Workers Fund

## Tips for Completing the Application



### What is it?

This fund provides benefits to workers, **including undocumented workers**, who live in New York and who lost income between March 27, 2020, and April 1, 2021. Payments are between \$3,200 and \$15,600 (to replace lost income).

### Important Timing

- **Today!** Apply as soon as possible. Funding for the program is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. (Applications began August 1, 2021.)
- **7 days** – Pay close attention to your email or text/SMS! **If your application is denied, you must appeal within 7 days.**
- **7 days** – If you are notified of a problem with any of the documents you submit with your application, **you must submit a replacement document within 7 days.**

### Who can apply?

Workers who:

- Lived in NY before March 27, 2020
- Currently live in NY
- Are not eligible for and have not received unemployment payments or any other payment from the government for lost income due to COVID-19
- Earned less than \$26,208 in the 12 months prior to April 2021
- Lost at least 50% of their income between February 23, 2020, and April 1, 2021, due to total/partial unemployment, inability to work, needing to care for a child, or unavailability to work due to COVID-19.
- Or people who have assumed responsibility for providing most of their household's income due to the death or disability of the head of their household

### Documents

- The full list of accepted documents and point values can be found here: <https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/08/ewf1-excluded-workers-fund-factsheet-v3for8.1.pdf>
- The application uses the same documents to prove identity and residency.
- One documents that proves your identity or residence must include your photograph. and one must include your date of birth.
- All documents submitted must be:
  - Certified by the issuing agency (except where otherwise noted)
  - Current (except where otherwise noted)
  - In English (or accompanied by a certified English translation)
  - In good condition (undamaged)

### How do I apply?

- Apply online at <https://ewf.labor.ny.gov/new>
- The application must be submitted electronically.
- You can apply yourself or contact a trusted community organization listed here: <https://dol.ny.gov/CBOlist>
- You can request help over the phone by calling (877) 662-4886

### Payment Levels / "Tiers"

The amount of the payment depends on the level ("tier") for which the applicant qualifies

The tiers are based on a point system where each document sent with the application has a point value.

#### Tier 1

- Pays **\$15,600** (minus taxes)
- Points needed: 5 (minimum) for proof of work eligibility

#### Tier 2

- Pays **\$3,200** (minus taxes)
- Points needed: 3 (minimum) for proof of work eligibility

**Important:** At least one document worth 3 points is required to qualify for Tier 1. (You cannot combine documents worth 1 or 2 points each to reach Tier 1.)

### Other Resources

**Find NYLPI's EWF Resource Packet here:**  
<https://www.nylpi.org/resources/>

Continue to check the DOL's website for updates to the application: <https://dol.ny.gov/EWFApply>