## **Homestead Refund**

Homestead WebFile is a FREE way to file Homestead claims. Like KS WebFile, refunds can be deposited directly into your bank account. Homestead WebFile is safe and secure. While all claim requirements must be met and information verified, filing electronically can speed up the refund process. <u>File your Homestead claim now by clicking here</u>.

The Homestead Refund is a rebate program for the property taxes paid by homeowners. The refund is based on a portion of the property tax paid on a Kansas resident's home. The maximum refund is \$700.

To qualify you must be a Kansas resident, living in Kansas the entire year. Your total household income must be \$36,300 or less.

You must also meet one of the following requirements:

- You were born before Jan (January). 1, 1965; OR
- You must have been totally and permanently disabled or blind during the entire year, regardless of your age; OR
- You must have had a dependent child living with you all of last year who was born before <u>Jan (January)</u>. 1, 2020, and was under the age of 18 the entire year.

Get homestead forms here.

See Homestead frequently asked questions here.

## SAFESR - Kansas Property Tax Relief for Low Income Seniors

SAFESR is a property tax refund program administered under the provisions of the Kansas Homestead Act (property tax refund). SAFESR is also referred to as, "Kansas Property Tax Relief for Low Income Seniors".

The refund is 75% of the 2019 general property tax paid or to be paid - as shown of the 2020 real estate tax statement for the residence in which the claimant lived in 2020. The 2020 property tax consists of the 1st half which is due Dec. 20, 2020 and the 2nd half which is due May 10, 2021. The 2020 property tax is the total of both the 1st and 2nd half taxes.

A claimant may receive either a Homestead or a SAFESR refund but not both.

You must meet all the following requirements for the SAFESR refund -

- Kansas resident all of 2020,
- Owned a home in Kansas during 2020,
- Aged 65 years or older for all of 2020 (born before Jan (January). 1, 1955) and
- "Household income" of \$20,300 or less in 2020, and
- House cannot be valued at more than \$350,000.

## Homestead and SAFESR Refund Advancement Program

This program provides eligible homeowners with the opportunity to apply a portion of their anticipated Homestead refund to help pay the first half of their property tax.

There is a question on both Forms K-40H and K-40PT asking the homeowner whether you want your next year's Homestead or SAFESR refund to be sent directly to your County Treasurer. If this box was checked on your 2019 form K-40H or K-40PT, your anticipated 2020 Homestead or SAFESR refund was sent to the County Treasurer in December 2020 to pay toward the 1st half of your 2020 property taxes due on December 20, 2020. The 2020 Homestead (form K-40H) or SAFESR (form K-40PT) return must still be completed and filed no later than April 15, 2021, in order to pay back the "early" or "advanced" refund sent on the homeowner's behalf to the county in December 2020.

If you do not check this box on the 2020 form K-40H or K-40PT, you cannot participate in the Homestead advancement program, and none of your 2020 Homestead or SAFESR refund will be used to pay your 2021 property taxes.

**IMPORTANT:** A Homestead or SAFESR property tax refund claim must be completed before April 15, 2021 to payback the Homestead or SAFESR property tax refund you elected to be advanced or paid to the county by KDOR on your behalf and applied toward the 1st half of your 2020 property taxes that were due December 20, 2020.