

Political Contribution Refund Application 2000 PCR

for a refund of contributions to Minnesota political parties and candidates for Minnesota state offices

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| Print or type | Your first name and initial | | Last name | | Social Security number | |
| | Spouse's first name and initial (if this is a joint return) | | Last name | | Social Security number | |
| | Present home address (street, apartment, route) | | | | | |
| | City or town | | State | Zip code | How many Minnesota receipt forms (EP-3) are you attaching to this application? | |

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Check one box (married couples: see the notice below):

☐ Single ☐ Married, filing joint application ☐ Married, filing separate application

Determining your refund

You may file only one application each year. You cannot file another application for the same year or amend an application after it has been filed.

1 Add all the contributions made in 2000 shown on the Minnesota Receipt Form(s) EP-3 attached to this application, and fill in the total 1 _____

2 If you are a married couple filing a joint application, fill in \$100. If you are single or married but filing a separate application, fill in \$50 2 _____

3 Fill in the amount from line 1 or line 2 above, **whichever is less.**
This is the amount of the refund you will receive 3 _____

Sign here

I declare that this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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| Your signature | Spouse's signature (if a joint application) | Date | Daytime phone () |
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Be sure to attach the original Minnesota Political Contribution Receipt, Form EP-3, for all your contributions made in 2000 to one Form PCR.

Attach your receipts here

MARRIED COUPLES:

- You must choose to file either a joint application or separate applications; you cannot file both.
- If you file a separate application, do not fill in your spouse's name and Social Security number and do NOT have your spouse sign your application.

Mail this application no later than April 16, 2001, to:

Minnesota Political Contribution Refund
Minnesota Department of Revenue
St. Paul, MN 55146-1800

Form PCR 2000 instructions

Purpose of this form

Minnesota voters who contributed gifts of money to candidates for state office or to a state political party may be able to apply for a refund of all or a portion of contributions made during the calendar year. The maximum refund is \$50 for an individual and \$100 for a married couple.

An individual or married couple may file only one application for each calendar year in which contributions were made.

You may receive a refund for all or a portion of contributions you made in 2000 to candidates for the following Minnesota state offices — if the candidates have signed an agreement with the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to observe the state campaign spending limit law:

- Minnesota House of Representatives
- Minnesota State Senate
- Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota
- Attorney General of Minnesota
- Secretary of State of Minnesota
- Minnesota State Auditor

You may also receive a refund of all or a portion of contributions you made in 2000 to the:

- Republican Party
- Democratic Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party
- Reform Party
- Minnesota Taxpayers' Party
- Green Party of Minnesota
- Progressive Minnesota Party
- any precinct, city, county, congressional or legislative district unit of the Minnesota parties listed above.

Who may file

To be eligible for the refund, you must be a registered voter in Minnesota or, if you are not a registered voter, you must:

- be a United States citizen,
- be age 18 or older, and
- have lived in Minnesota at least 20 days immediately before any 2000 statewide or local election in which you would be eligible to vote if you were registered.

However, regardless of whether or not you are a registered voter, you are not eligible for the refund if:

- you are under guardianship of the person, or
- you have been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote, or
- you have been convicted of a felony and your civil rights have not been restored.

An individual or a married couple filing a joint application may file only **one** Form PCR for contributions made in 2000, even if they contributed to more than one candidate or party.

Attach EP-3 forms

To receive your refund, you must attach to your Form PCR the **original** *Minnesota Political Contribution Receipt*, Form EP-3, you received for each contribution. If you do not attach the original receipts, your form will be sent back to you. You must have made your contributions in 2000 to file the 2000 Form PCR.

When to file

You may apply for your refund at any time, but no later than April 16, 2001.

Do not mail your application in the same envelope with your Minnesota income tax return. The amount of your political contribution refund cannot be used as a credit on your Minnesota income tax return. Putting Form PCR in the same envelope with an income tax return may delay processing of both forms.

Amended returns, extensions for filing are not permitted

Form PCR cannot be amended.

You cannot get an extension to file Form PCR. It must be filed by the April 16, 2001, due date. A refund will not be issued for a 2000 Form PCR filed after that date.

Line instructions

Important: You must fill in your name, address, and Social Security number (and your spouse's name and Social Security number if filing a joint return) in the heading of Form PCR. If this information is not included, your refund may be delayed.

Filing status boxes

If you are single, check the *single* box.

If you are married, you may:

- file one application together with your spouse for a maximum refund of \$100, or
- each file a separate application for a maximum refund of \$50 each.

If you choose to file a joint application, fill in your name and Social Security number and your spouse's name and Social Security number in the name and address section. Check the box for *married, filing joint application*.

If you are married and choose to file separate applications, do not include your spouse's name and Social Security number. Fill in your name only and check the box for *married, filing separate application*.

Line 1

Add the amounts shown on all your receipts (Form EP-3) and fill in the total on line 1. The receipts must be for contributions made in 2000.

Line 2

Fill in \$100 if you are filing a joint application. If you are single or married and filing a separate application, fill in \$50.

Line 3

Fill in the amount from line 1 or line 2, whichever is less.

If you are married filing a joint application, you will receive the total of your contributions up to the maximum refund of \$100. If you are single or married filing a separate application, you will receive the total of your contributions up to the maximum refund of \$50.

Use of information

Your Social Security number and all other information on Form PCR are private and cannot be disclosed to others without your consent. However, your contribution can be tabulated with those of other contributors to that candidate or political party, and the total amount can be given to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You are not legally required to provide the information because filing of Form PCR is not required by law, but you may not receive a refund if the information, other than your telephone number, is not provided.

If you owe delinquent Minnesota or federal taxes, criminal fines or a debt to a state or county agency, district court, municipal or other qualifying hospital, or public library, state law requires the Department of Revenue to apply your refund to the amount you owe (including penalty and interest on the taxes). If you participate in the Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral Program, your refund will be applied to your deferred property tax total.

If you owe less than the amount of your refund, you will receive the difference.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this form or whether your contribution is eligible for the refund, call (651) 296-3781 from the Twin Cities or (toll-free) 1-800-652-9094 from elsewhere.

TTY users can call the department directly at (651) 297-2196 or toll-free through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (*ask for 1-800-652-9094*).

If you need information in an alternative format such as large print or cassette tape, the department will provide it.