

# You Earned It, Just Ask for It!



## Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

### What is the EITC?

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a federal tax credit designed for income eligible wage earners.

### How can I get the EITC?

Just file your tax return!

### Am I Eligible for EITC?

If your gross income is less than the below amounts, you may be eligible for EITC.

Income	Filing Status	Dependents	Maximum Credit
\$48,279	married with	3+	\$5,657
\$43,279	single with	3+	\$5,657
\$45,295	married with	2	\$5,028
\$40,295	single with	2	\$5,028
\$40,463	married with	1	\$3,043
\$35,463	single with	1	\$3,043
\$18,440	married with	0	\$457
\$13,440	single with	0	\$457

## Tips and Resources:

**Tip:** Get a fast refund by opening a bank account (savings or checking), so you can obtain your refund faster through direct deposit.

**Tip:** Gather your documents. Bring these items when you have your tax returns prepared:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security cards and birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Current year's tax package if received
- Wage and earning statement(s)
- Interest and dividend statements
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns if available
- Bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit

- Total paid for day care and the day care provider's tax ID
- Your spouse, if married and filing jointly, to sign the required forms

**Tip:** Go to a local free tax preparation site near you and it will save money and time.

### The Ohio Benefit Bank

Call 1-800-648-1176 to find a location near you and to schedule an appointment. Or visit [www.thebenefitbank.com](http://www.thebenefitbank.com).

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

This is an IRS-sponsored program in which trained volunteers offer free help with filing tax returns. All you have to do is call 1-800-906-9887.

**Seniors** may get help filing their tax returns by calling 1-888-227-7669 or visiting <http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide>.

**Call 2-1-1** In many areas of Ohio, local coalitions of government and social service representatives are working to help families and individuals see if they qualify for the EITC.

To find an EITC coalition near you, or to learn more about free tax preparation on the web, go to [www.ohio.gov/eitc](http://www.ohio.gov/eitc).

