You Earned It, Just Ask for It!

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

What is EITC?

Earned Income Tax Credit (or "EITC") is a federal tax credit designed for low-income wage earners.

How Can I get the EITC?

Just file your tax return!

Am I Eligible for the EITC?

If you earn less than the below amounts, you may be eligible for EITC.

Income	Filing Status	Dependants
$41,646	married with	2+
$38,646	single with	2+
$36,995	married with	1
$33,995	single with	1
$15,880	married with	0
$12,880	single	0

Tips for You

1. Save money and time by going to a local free tax preparation site.
2. Get a fast refund by opening a bank account (savings or checking), so that you can obtain your refund faster through direct deposit.
3. File at **www.irs.com** or **www.thebenefitbank.com**.

For Free Tax Assistance, Contact:

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**.

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.

The AARP Seniors may get help filing their tax returns by calling AARP Tax Counseling at 1-800-829-1040. To locate the nearest AARP tax site, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit **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 a coalition near you, or to learn more out about free tax preparation, call 2-1-1 or go to **www.YourMoneyNowOnline.org**.

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 provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number
- Your spouse, if married and filing jointly, to sign the required forms

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