

# 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	Dependents
\$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](http://www.irs.com) or [www.thebenefitbank.com](http://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](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.

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](http://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 and the day care provider's tax ID
- Your spouse, if married and filing jointly, to sign the required forms
- IRS Notice 1378 stating the Economic Stimulus Payment you received