

Your Tax Refund: You Earned It, Now Claim It!

**As much as \$6,318 or more
could be waiting for you!**



Earned Income Tax Credit

If you worked in 2016, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)—even if you don't owe income tax. The EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may give you a refund.

- Did you have one child living with you? Did you earn less than \$39,617 by yourself or \$45,207 if you are married and filing jointly? You may be eligible for an earned income tax credit of up to \$3,400.
- Did you have 2 children living with you? Did you earn less than \$45,007 by yourself or \$50,597 if you are married and filing jointly? You may be eligible for an earned income tax credit of up to \$5,616.
- Did you have 3 children living with you? Did you earn less than \$48,340 by yourself or \$53,930 if you are married and filing jointly? You may be eligible for an earned income tax credit of up to \$6,318.
- If you had no children living with you, did you earn less than \$15,010 in 2016 by yourself or \$20,600 if you are married and filing jointly? Were you between the ages of 25 and 64? You may be eligible for an earned income tax credit of up to \$510.

Child Tax Credit

Many families that earned more than \$3,000 in 2016 may qualify for the Child Tax Credit Refund of up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under the age of 17.

American Opportunity Tax Credit

If you are a student in your first four years of college, if you were enrolled at least part-time in 2016, if you paid for tuition and/or related course material, and if you had modified adjusted gross income of less than \$90,000 if you are single or \$180,000 if you are married, you may be eligible for an American Opportunity Tax Credit of up to \$2,500.

Free Tax Assistance

The Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) offers free help preparing taxes for households using the married filing jointly status with incomes up to \$95,000, and for households using any other filing status with incomes up to \$65,000. Trained counselors and staff are available across the state. For more information or to find an OBB site near you, go to <http://www.ohiobenefits.org> or call toll-free (800)-648-1176.

The Internal Revenue Service also offers free tax help. If you made \$54,000 or less, you can get help through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. If you are 60 or older, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program. To find a VITA or TCE site near you, go to <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers> or call toll-free (800) 906-9887.