

NEED EXTRA CASH?

WISCONSIN AND FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS

You may be eligible for both Wisconsin and federal tax credits if you worked any time in 2016. You may be able to get a combined total of state and federal credits up to:

- **\$8,400** if you have three or more children and family income less than \$47,955 (single), \$53,505 (married).
- **\$6,185** if you have two children and family income less than \$44,648 (single), \$50,198 (married).
- **\$3,508** if you have one child and family income less than \$39,296 (single), \$44,846 (married).
- **\$506** if you do not have any children and family income less than \$14,880 (single), \$20,430 (married).

More detailed information can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit> and <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/individuals/eic.html>.

NOTE: All earned income tax credits will not be counted as income or as an asset for 12 months when determining an individual's eligibility or benefit amount for W-2, Job Access Loans, Emergency Assistance, Refugee Assistance Programs, Transform Milwaukee Jobs/Transitional Jobs, Child Care, FoodShare, BadgerCare Plus, Family Planning Only Services, Medicaid, and Caretaker Supplement.

FEDERAL CHILD TAX CREDIT

You may be eligible for up to a maximum federal tax credit of **\$1,000** per dependent child under age 17. This tax credit can be used to lower the amount of federal taxes you owe, but the total credit for all children cannot be more than what you actually owe in federal taxes. More detailed information can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/is-my-child-a-qualifying-child-for-the-child-tax-credit>.

FEDERAL CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE CREDIT

You may be able to claim the Child and Dependent Care Credit if you pay someone to care for a qualifying dependent child that is under age 13 or a spouse and certain other individuals who are physically or mentally incapable of self-care. The credit can be up to 35 percent of allowable care expenses. More detailed information can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc602.html>.

WISCONSIN HOMESTEAD CREDIT

You may be eligible for up to a maximum tax credit of **\$1,168** if you were a Wisconsin resident for all of 2016 and can provide copies of rent receipts (if renting) or property tax receipt (if you own your home) and your family income was less than \$24,680 for 2016. Individuals are not eligible for a Homestead Credit if they received a W-2 payment in every month of 2016. More detailed information can be found at <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/fags/ise/home.html>.

NOT SURE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE TAX CREDITS OR REFUNDS?

NEED HELP TO FIND OUT?

NEED FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION ASSISTANCE?

Starting **February 1, 2017**, you can get **free tax help** by contacting a Wisconsin Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. VITA sites can be found in some community centers, libraries, churches, shopping malls, and retirement homes. To find a local Wisconsin VITA site, call 211 or visit <http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>. For other federal related tax questions call 1-800-906-9887.

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