



WILL YOU
TAKE CREDIT
THIS YEAR?



**EARNED
INCOME
TAX
CREDIT**

The **EITC** is for people who work, but don't earn much money. If you qualify, it could be worth up to \$4,500 this year. So you could pay less federal tax or even get a refund. That's **money you can use to make a difference in your life.**



Are you eligible for the **EITC** in 2006? Here are the rules to claim the credit . . .

- › Must work and have earned income
- › Must have a valid Social Security number
- › Investment income limited to \$2,800
- › Generally must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year
- › Cannot use "married filing separately" filing status
- › Cannot be a qualifying child of another person
- › Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earned income)

Did you meet the rules? If so, your earned income must be less than . . .

- › \$12,120 (\$14,120 if married filing jointly) with no qualifying child
- › \$32,001 (\$34,001 if married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
- › \$36,348 (\$38,348 if married filing jointly) with more than one qualifying child
- › Special rules may apply for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and taxpayers in designated major disaster areas.

Do you have children? To be a qualifying child for the credit . . .

- › The child must meet the relationship, age and residency tests described at www.irs.gov/eitc or in Publication 596, Earned Income Credit.

Did you double check your facts? Here are common errors to avoid . . .

- › Claiming a child who is not a qualifying child
- › Incorrectly filing as single or head of household when married
- › Under or over reporting income
- › Using incorrect Social Security numbers

Do you want help figuring out the **EITC**? Go online, call toll free, or come see us . . .

- › Use the interactive **EITC Assistant** at www.irs.gov/eitc to show you if you qualify.
- › Call the IRS toll free at **1-800-TAX-1040**.
- › Visit a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site for free help and tax preparation, or see your tax preparer.

