



# Common Questions

## EITC

### What is the Earned Income Tax Credit?

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable income tax credit that is available to low-income workers with “earned” income – wages or self-employment income. If you qualify, you could reduce or eliminate your income taxes, even get money back that could be used for savings, home repairs or other things.

### Program Eligibility Can I Use the Service?

Typically, those who have worked in the past year and earned less than \$50,000 are eligible. While most returns can be done, some may be more complex and need referral to a more specialized preparer.

### Volunteer Tax Assistance Why Use BFNC?

As a service to the community, BFNC helps working families get the money and assistance they’ve earned by providing free income tax preparation and e-filing for those who may be less able to afford a paid tax preparer.

# Take Advantage of FREE Tax Preparation Services

If you’ve worked in the past year and earned \$50,000 or less, you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

## Find Out If You Are Eligible

To Qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, You Must Meet the Following Requirements

- Have earned income
- Have a qualifying child OR be between the ages of 25 and 65 without a child
- Meet the income limits on the chart

Number of Children	Single Workers with Income Less than:	Married Workers with Income Less than:	EITC up to:
No Children	\$13,660	\$18,740	\$464
1 Child	\$36,052	\$41,132	\$3,094
2 Children	\$40,964	\$46,044	\$5,112
3 or more Children	\$43,998	\$49,078	\$5,751

## Come Prepared

### What Should I Bring to the Tax Site?

- Picture ID for you and your spouse, if married and filing jointly
- Social Security cards and birth dates for you, your spouse, and children you are claiming
- W-2 forms for jobs held during the tax year
- 1099 forms, such as 1099G, 1099Misc, 1099Int
- Any letter or notice you received from the IRS
- A copy of last year’s return
- For a faster refund that is directly deposited, bring your savings and/or checking account numbers and routing numbers
- Your spouse, if married filing jointly.

### Other Receipts That May Increase Your Refund

- Rental information for NYS credit
- If you paid for child care – documentation listing provider name, address, tax ID#, and amount paid
- If you, your spouse, or a child attended college – tuition expense statement (1098T) and/or student loan interest statement (1098E)
- Documentation of court-ordered child support
- Home interest and property taxes paid
- Medical bills paid
- Charitable contributions made during the year

Brought to you by these organizations



What services are available, and where?	FREE Income Tax Preparation Services	IRS-Certified Volunteers	Ability to Make Reasonable Accommodations	Information and Referral	Banking Services	Assistance in Spanish (by appointment only)	Assistance in Sign Language (by appointment only)	Self-Preparation	FAFSA Assistance for (Free Assistance for Federal Student Aid)
Belmont Housing Resources for WNY	•	•	•	•				•	
Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers (BFNC) Hope Center/Tri-Main	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Buffalo	•	•	•	•				•	
Delavan-Grider Community Center	•	•	•	•					
First Shiloh Baptist Church	•	•	•	•		•			
Income Tax sponsored by Daemen College	•	•	•	•					•
Matt Urban Hope Center	•	•	•	•	•				
Northwest Buffalo Community Center	•	•	•	•		•			
University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)	•	•	•	•	•			•	•

## Additional Services Available at CASH/BFNC Tax Sites

The chart above shows the variety of resources available at many area organizations. The dots indicate what services are available at each location. Each organization's contact information – including address and phone number – is listed below in alphabetical order.

Select the organization that best suits your needs, then call to find out the hours and whether or not you should schedule an appointment before you go. You can also call 2-1-1WNY by dialing 2-1-1 or (888) 696-9211 to find out the hours of Free Tax Preparation sites and whether you need to schedule an appointment. 2-1-1WNY can even schedule your appointment with the Income Tax or the Educational Opportunity Center. 2-1-1WNY is a free service that provides information and referral for Erie County and Western New York.

Our preparers are fully trained and IRS-certified to complete and file your tax return\* electronically at no charge. File with us early and get your refund in 7–10 days.

**Call 2-1-1 (1-888-696-9211) for a site near you.**

\*While most returns can be processed, some may be more complex and need referral to a more specialized preparer.

### Belmont Housing Resources for WNY

1195 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
(716) 884-7791

### Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers (BFNC) Hope Center

2495 Main Street, Tri-Main  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
(716) 362-0744

### Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Buffalo

40 Gardenville Parkway, Suite 300  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
(716) 712-2060

### Delavan-Grider Community Center

877 E. Delavan Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14215  
(716) 896-7021

### First Shiloh Baptist Church

15 Pine Street  
Buffalo, NY 14204  
(716) 847-6555

### Income TAXi

Various events throughout the community, sponsored by Daemen College  
2-1-1 or 1-888-696-9211 (2-1-1WNY)

### Matt Urban Hope Center

385 Paderewski Drive  
Buffalo, NY 14212  
(716) 893-7222 x310

### Northwest Buffalo Community Center

155 Lawn Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
(716) 876-8108 x10

### University at Buffalo Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

465 Washington Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
(716) 849-6727 x197

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