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WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT?

If you have 2 or more dependent children →	...and your earned household income in 2006 is \$38,348 or less if filing "Married filing jointly" \$36,348 for all others →	...then you may be eligible to receive a maximum EITC refund of \$4,536
If you have 1 or more dependent children →	...and your earned household income in 2006 is \$34,001 or less if filing "Married filing jointly" \$32,001 for all others →	...then you may be eligible to receive a maximum EITC refund of \$2,747
If you have no dependent children →	...and your earned household income in 2006 is \$14,120 or less if filing "Married filing jointly" \$12,120 for all others →	...then you may be eligible to receive a maximum EITC refund of \$412

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The taxpayer must have earned income from employment or from self-employment
- The taxpayer's filing status cannot be married filing separately
- The taxpayer must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year, or a nonresident alien married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien and filing a joint return
- The taxpayer cannot be a qualifying child of another person
- If the taxpayer does not have a qualifying child, he or she must
 - Be age 25 but under 65 at the end of the year,
 - Live in the United States for more than half of the tax year, and
 - Not qualify as a dependent of another person.
- The taxpayer, his or her spouse (if filing jointly) and any qualifying child listed on Schedule EIC must have valid SSNs issued by the Social Security Administration.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN HAVING YOUR TAXES PREPARED

- Photo identification
- Social security cards for you, your spouse and dependents
- Birth dates for tax payer(s) and the dependents on the tax return
- Current year's tax package, if you received one
- All wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Form 1099)
- A copy of last year's Federal return, if available
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit
- Other relevant information about income and expenses:
 - Total paid for day care
 - Day care provider's identifying number
- To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms

It is important that each person use the correct Social Security Number (SSN). The most accurate information is usually located on your original social security card. Each year, hundreds of thousands of returns are delayed in processing or credit/deductions are disallowed because names and social security numbers do not match Social Security Administration records.

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