

# Need some extra money to help stretch your paycheck?



If you've worked in the past year and earned \$50,000 or less, you **may** be entitled to valuable tax credits!

**Call 2-1-1 for a site near you!**  
(Dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-696-9211)

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!



**Free Tax Preparation & Electronic Filing**  
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*\* While most returns can be processed, some may be more complex and need referral to a more specialized preparer.*

## Frequently asked questions:

### 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.

### Program eligibility—can I use the service?

Typically, families 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.

### EITC—what is it?

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.

### Who qualifies, and for how much?

Family Size	Income Limit if Filing Individually	Income Limit if Married & Filing Jointly	Maximum Credit
No qualifying children	\$13,440	\$18,440	\$457
One qualifying child	\$35,463	\$40,463	\$3,043
Two qualifying children	\$40,295	\$45,295	\$5,028
Three or more qualifying children	\$43,279	\$48,279	\$5,657

### 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 routing numbers
- Your spouse, if married and filing jointly.

### Other receipts that may increase your tax 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

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