



# YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD— GET THE TAX CREDITS YOU DESERVE!

*You could get up to \$5,666 by claiming  
the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.*

The **federal Earned Income Tax Credit** increased for tax year 2010. In general, the lower your income and the larger your family, the larger your credit will be.

You may be eligible for:

Up to **\$5,666** in federal tax benefits, if you have **three or more qualifying children** and in 2010 earned \$43,352 or less, if you are single, or \$48,362 or less (together with your spouse), if you are married filing jointly; or

Up to **\$5,036** in federal tax benefits, if you have **two qualifying children** and in 2010 earned \$40,363 or less, if you are single, or \$45,373 or less (together with your spouse), if you are married filing jointly; or

Up to **\$3,050** in federal tax benefits, if you have **one qualifying child** and in 2010 earned \$35,535 or less, if you are single, or \$40,545 or less (together with your spouse), if you are married filing jointly.

The federal Earned Income Tax Credit is also available to tax filers with no qualifying children. Different eligibility requirements apply.

A **qualifying child** for the EITC must be under age 19, or under age 24 and a full-time student. For more details regarding **eligibility requirements**, including the requirements for **qualifying children**, visit the **Earned Income Tax Credit Q&As** at [www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/eitcqatcocty10.pdf](http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/eitcqatcocty10.pdf).

Even if you owe little or nothing in federal income taxes, you may be able to get a refund of some or all of your federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

**You need to file a tax return to claim this credit and provide:**

A **Social Security Number (SSN)** for yourself and your spouse, if you are married, and any children you claim for this credit. You may *not* use an **Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)** to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit.

If you live in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, **Maryland**, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, or Wisconsin, your state also offers an earned income tax credit. (States listed in **bold** have at least one fully or partially refundable tax credit in this category.)

**Special rules may apply in special cases.** For more information and to find out about other valuable federal tax credits, please consult the **National Women's Law Center's** website at [www.nwlc.org/LowerYourTaxes](http://www.nwlc.org/LowerYourTaxes). To find out about the location, dates, and hours of free tax preparation sites, call the Internal Revenue Service toll-free at (800) TAX-1040 or (800) 829-1040.