

**ASI's 2012 VITA sites will be open  
Friday, January 27 through  
Friday, April 13!**

**ASI FCU - Harahan  
5508 Citrus Blvd**

**ASI FCU - Westwego  
1554 Westbank Expressway**

**Clifford N. Rosenthal  
Community Resource Center  
3401 St. Claude Ave  
New Orleans, LA**

ASI's sites will be open from  
**9:00am - 4:00pm** on every Friday  
**9:00am - 1:00pm** every other Saturday

Returns will be filed on an appointment basis. Individuals with appointment will be given priority. However, walk-ins are welcome and will be assisted as time permits. Please arrive early to ensure that there will be adequate time for volunteers to complete your return. If you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment, please call ASAP.

**Please Note:**

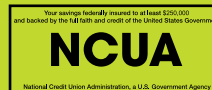
The last return will be started at 12:15pm on each Saturday - No Exceptions! This is our policy.  
Thank You for your cooperation!



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ext.79211**



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INCOME  
TAX  
CREDIT**

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put thousands of dollars in your pocket -  
just by filling out a tax form!

## Please Note:

ASI's VITA volunteers are **not** trained to file **itemized deductions**. If you need to claim itemized deductions, please call **1-800-829-1040** to locate a VITA site in your area equipped to prepare itemized returns.

If you need assistance claiming a casualty (disaster) loss, please call the IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center at **1-866-562-5227**.

### What is the Earned Income Tax Credit?

The EITC is a special tax benefit for people who work and earn less than \$49,078. After filing a federal tax return, you can get money back from the IRS.

### Who can get it?

People who earned income by working part-time or full-time in 2011 (including salaries, wages, tips and net earnings).

The chart on the right shows the maximum household income for qualifying households, and the maximum amount that could be refunded through the EITC for 2011.

### How to get yours:

You *must* file a tax return to get the EITC - even if you don't owe any taxes.

### Will it affect public assistance benefits?

In most cases, the EITC does *not* affect eligibility for public assistance benefits (welfare, Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, public or subsidized housing).

### How ASI can help you:

- E-file your return for FREE at an ASI VITA site
- Get your EITC refund faster with Direct Deposit into an ASI savings or checking account!
- Maximize your benefits by eliminating a check-cashing fee
- Take advantage of ASI's many other products and services
  - Build up your savings this spring!

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<b>EITC Eligibility Chart</b> Tax Year - 2010	<b>Maximum Income</b>	<b>Maximum Credit</b>
Individual, Age 25-64, with NO qualifying children	\$13,660 (\$18,740 if married filing jointly)	<b>\$464</b>
Family with 1 qualifying child	\$36,052 (\$41,132 if married filing jointly)	<b>\$3,094</b>
Family with 2 or more qualifying children	\$40,964 (\$46,044 if married filing jointly)	<b>\$5,112</b>
Family with 3 or more qualifying children	\$43,998 (\$49,078 if married filing jointly)	<b>\$5,751</b>

### You must meet the following qualifications to claim the EITC:

- Must have earned income
- Must have a valid social security number
- Investment income limited to \$3,150
- Generally, must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year
- Cannot use "Married filing Separately" status
- Cannot be a qualifying child of another person
- Cannot file a Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earned income)

### Please bring the following items with you when you are ready to file your tax return:

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- Valid driver's license or photo ID
- Social security cards for ALL individuals listed on return (*self, spouse, dependents*)
- ALL income statements - i.e. W2s, 1099s, etc.
- Proof of dependent/child care (*if available*)
- Last year's tax return (*if available*)