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Free tax preparation offered at Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day event

St. Paul – The Minnesota Department of Revenue is reaching out to taxpayers with a special Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Day event in Brooklyn Park by offering free tax preparation to qualifying taxpayers. Those who qualify for the EITC and Minnesota Working Family Credit (WFC) can receive up to \$7,500 in refundable tax credits.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, Department of Revenue volunteers, along with other certified volunteers, will be at Prairie Seeds Academy in Brooklyn Park to help individuals determine if they qualify for the EITC and WFC and provide free tax preparation. Taxpayers must file and claim the credits to receive them.

“Thousands of Minnesota taxpayers qualify for free tax preparation help and this is one way we can reach out to help them,” Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans said. “Our team of volunteers is committed to ensuring that tax returns are filed accurately and taxpayers receive refunds to which they are entitled.”

Those who qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit may also qualify for the Minnesota Working Family Credit (WFC).

To find out if you are eligible for the federal EITC, use the [EITC Assistant](#) on the IRS website.

You may be eligible for the Minnesota Working Family Credit if, in 2011, you had earned income and meet one of the following requirements:

- You have one qualifying child and your earned income was less than \$36,000 (single filers) or \$41,100 (married filing joint).
- You have two or more qualifying children and your earned income was less than \$40,900 (single filers) or \$46,000 (married filing joint).
- You have no qualifying children, are between the ages of 25 and 64, and your earned income was less than \$13,600 (single filers) or \$18,700 (married filing joint). See page 15 of the [M1 Instruction Booklet](#) on how to file for the credit.

Taxpayers attending the event should bring their income information (W2 and 1099 forms), social security cards for everyone listed on the return and a valid driver's license or photo ID.

The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Prairie Seeds Academy is located at 6200 W. Broadway Ave. North in Brooklyn Park. For directions and more information, visit the department's website at www.revenue.state.mn.us or click [here](#).

Members of the Coalition for Multicultural Taxes and Financial Education and the IRS will be present at the event, in addition to Department of Revenue volunteers.

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