TAX FILING 101:
EXPANDED FEDERAL AND STATE TAX CREDITS
PUT MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH

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TODAY’S AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Benefits of Tax Filing for TAY
3. Background on Tax Filing and Credits
4. Ways to Help TAY Get Their Refund
5. Tax Literacy and Tax Fraud
6. Upcoming Events
7. Question and Answer Session
MEET THE Panelists

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CA Franchise Tax Board

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WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA’S 3.8 MILLION TAY

- College Students
- Foster Youth
- Young Parents
- Homeless Youth
COVID-19 IMPACT ON TAY EARNINGS

- Job loss and reduced hours
- Internet and technology expenses
- Grocery and PPE expenses
- Housing needs
- Difficulties accessing childcare
- Difficulties accessing public benefits and unemployment
- Increased utilities and home costs
- Stimulus check barriers
For the 2021 tax year, eligibility threshold lowered to:

- 18 years old for foster and homeless youth
- 19 years old for all transition age youth

Amount of the credit is up to:

- $1,502 for individuals
- $6,728 for parents
ADVANCED CHILD TAX CREDIT
WHAT’S NEW?

• For the 2021 tax year,
  o The amount of the Child Tax Credit was increased
  o Parents may have received advanced monthly checks, worth part of the value of the full credit
  o To claim the full amount, they must file their taxes
  o Reminder – parenting TAY are eligible whether or not they have earned income in 2021

• Amount (up to)
  o $3,600 per child ages 5 and under in 2021
  o $3,000 per child ages 6-17 in 2021
CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

WHAT’S NEW?

• **Before 2018**, without a qualifying child, had to be ages 25-65

• Beginning in **tax year 2018**, eligibility lowered to 18 years old

• Beginning in **tax year 2019**, the Young Child Tax Credit gives $1,000 to qualifying parents with a child younger than age 6

• Beginning in **tax year 2020**, tax filers who use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) qualify
When we help TAY the results are impressive!

PILOT RESULTS

• **45 youth** filed through a VITA site specifically equipped to assist current and former foster youth

• Over **$135,000** received in state and federal tax refunds

• Parents filing received a **42% increase** in annual earnings

• Single filers received a **14% increase** in annual earnings

John Burton Advocates for Youth

Santa Clara County Pilot
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PILOT

MONEY IN THE POCKET DURING THE PANDEMIC:
Results from Santa Clara County Pilot to Increase Receipt of Tax Credits Among Transition-Age Foster Youth

www.jbay.org/resources/money-in-the-pocket/
JBAY is partnering with 6 counties to establish a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Site.

- Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco with First Place for Youth
- Fresno with Focus Forward and Fresno Barrios Unidos
- Los Angeles with the Coalition for Responsible Community Development and The Community College Foundation
- Santa Clara with Bill Wilson Center at the Hub

Counties and partner organizations are establishing dedicated VITA sites for current and former foster youth and directing youth to a free tax filing appointment.

The project is supported by funding from Golden State Opportunity, Pritzker Foster Care Initiative, Tipping Point Community Foundation, Walter S. Johnson Foundation, United Way Bay Area, and United Way of Fresno and Madera.
• Tell us about your free tax appointment with the Dream Center’s VITA site in Bakersfield, CA.

• How did your refund check help you and your family last year?

• How was this different from prior years?
BENEFITS OF TAX FILING FOR TAY
When can I file my tax year 2021 state return?

When can I file my return via FTB’s FREE CalFile service?

If I owe tax this year, when is the latest I can pay to avoid interest and penalties?
State tax returns and payments postmarked/submitted by April 18, 2022, will be considered timely this year because Friday April 15 this year is, in effect, a federal holiday.

What’s the latest I can file my state return without a late-filing penalty?
Under state law, all Californians can take advantage of an automatic extension to file by Oct. 15 each year (and it’s Oct. 17 this year because the 15th is a Saturday).
Why Should TAY Care About Taxes?

• Who files? Anyone with income can file.

• Key: Even if you don’t have a filing requirement, consider filing your state/federal returns to:
  o Collect any refund you have coming.
  o Claim valuable state and federal tax credits.
WHAT ARE CalEITC, YCTC & Federal EITC?

- All 3 are “refundable” tax credits that help working families.
  - They lower the tax owed or provide cash back.

- CalEITC and YCTC claimed when filing a state return.

- Federal EITC claimed when filing a federal return.

- Combined, the credits can be worth thousands of dollars.

- Money can be used for anything.
FEDERAL EITC

• For TY 2021, people may qualify for federal EITC if their total income less than $57,414.

• IRS reports on its EITC website (irs.gov/eitc) that refunds by law are not issued prior to mid-February. Federal tax filing season began Jan. 24.

• Note: FTB does not hold CalEITC refunds; rather, it issues them within the same timeframes as any other refund – up to two weeks for direct deposit and up to two months for paper checks (assuming an e-filed return). Refunds for paper-filed returns take longer.
• In 2015, the CalEITC was created as a supplement to federal EITC.

• CalEITC’s first four years: Total of $1.1 billion issued.

• Last year, nearly $1.3 billion awarded for CalEITC & YCTC combined.
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

- Have a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- Earned less than $30,000 in tax year.
- Have taxable income from an employer or self-employment.
- Are at least 18 years old or have a child.
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

- Lived in California more than half of the year (184+ days).
- Don’t use the “married/RDP filing separate” filing status.
- Didn’t have 2021 investment income exceeding $4,053.
- Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else’s tax return.
QUALIFYING AS AN ITIN FILER

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

• CalEITC qualification process is the same for ITIN filers.

• ITIN filers don't need to provide supporting identification information to file returns and claim CalEITC/YCTC.

• As with SSN filers, FTB may sometimes request documentation from ITIN filers to verify identity and eligibility.
Available to families making less than $30,000.

Individual or family qualifies for CalEITC and has at least one qualifying child under age 6 at end of tax year.

Up to $1,000 per filer. (2021 average award was $931)

Like CalEITC, YCTC phases out as income rises.
## TY 2021 CalEITC and Federal EITC Limits

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<th>NUMBER OF QUALIFYING CHILDREN</th>
<th>CALIFORNIA MAXIMUM INCOME</th>
<th>CALEITC (Cash Back Up To)</th>
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HOW MUCH CAN A FAMILY RECEIVE?

**EXAMPLE:**
For TY 2021, a family with income of $15,000 and 3+ dependents could receive a total of

$8,325

between CalEITC, YCTC and federal EITC.
CalEITC Credit
Based on Income and Number of Children

- $8,251-$8,300: $3,160
- $8,251-$8,300: $2,809
- $5,901-$5,950: $1,698
- $3,901-$3,950: $255
- $0

Income range:
- $0
- $500
- $1,000
- $1,500
- $2,000
- $2,500
- $3,000
- $3,500

0 children, 1 child, 2 children, 3+ children
YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT PHASE OUT

The YCTC credit declines by $20 for every $100 that earned income exceeds the $25,000 YCTC threshold.

- Income of $25,500 = $900 YCTC
- Income of $27,500 = $500 YCTC

$1 - $25,000 of earned income = $1,000 YCTC
FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

You should be suspicious of anyone who contacts you and:

- Asks for passwords for your credit cards or bank accounts.
  - FTB & IRS agents don't ask for these details.
- Threatens to contact law enforcement to have you arrested if a tax debt is not paid.
- Claims they can settle tax debt for pennies on the dollar.
FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

Remember:

• If you receive a letter by mail that claims to be from FTB requesting personal information, it may be a scam.

• View FTB's "Letters" web page to verify the notices we send.

If you would like additional verification, contact us: 1-800-852-5711
WHAT DO TAXPAYERS AND PREPARERS NEED TO KNOW?

• If FTB requests more info, it will come on the “FTB 4502: Additional Documentation Required — Refund Pending”

• Letter will be on FTB letterhead:
WHAT DO TAXPAYERS AND PREPARERS NEED TO KNOW?

• If a letter arrives, FTB is simply trying to verify that the taxpayer is indeed qualified to receive the credit.

• FTB will send a letter to the taxpayer within 30 days of the return being filed.

• Response needed before CalEITC and YCTC can be issued.
FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU COULD GET BACK
FTB.CA.GOV/CALEITC

Put money back in your pocket.
You may qualify for cash-back tax credits and a bigger refund when you file your taxes. File early to put money in your pocket sooner!

Find out how much you could get back
Use the EITC calculator for an estimate. (Available in 6 languages.)

Estimate my EITC

Find out how much you could get back
FTB.CA.GOV/CALEITC

File your taxes for free and get your money
• Free-tax-help (VITA)
• CallCA
• More online options
Your estimate

- **California EITC**: $811
- **Young Child Tax Credit**: $1,000
- **Federal EITC**: $3,069

Note: This is an estimated report based on the information you provided in the calculator. It is possible your results will vary when you fill out your tax return. Other income or expenses not accounted for above (including but not limited to, unemployment income, IHSS income, alimony and moving expenses), could change the amount of, or affect your eligibility to claim these credits.

File your taxes for free and get your money

- **Get free help**
- **File Online**
California Earned Income Tax Credit and Young Child Tax Credit
CaliEITC and YCTC

On this page
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Overview
If you have low income and work, you may qualify for CalEITC. This credit gives you a refund or reduces your tax due.
If you qualify for CalEITC and have a child under the age of 18, you may also qualify for the Young Child Tax Credit.
Together, these state credits can put hundreds or even thousands of dollars in your pocket.
Filing your state tax return is required to claim both of these credits.

For tax year 2023, EITC eligibility extends to those with an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).

Find out how much you could get back
Use our EITC calculator to find out how much you can get back.

Check if you qualify for CalEITC
You may qualify for CalEITC if:
- You're at least 23 years old or have a qualifying child
- You have earned income within certain limits
The amount of CalEITC you may get depends on your income and family size.

You must:
- Have taxable earned income
- Have a valid social security number or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) for you, your spouse, and any qualifying child
- Not use thehead of household filing status, if married
- Live in California for more than half the year

Earned income can be from:
- W-2 wages
- Self-employment
- Salaries, Tips
- Other employee wages subject to California withholding

What you’ll get
Review the chart below to see how much you may get when you file your tax year 2023 return.

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<th>2023 CalEITC credit</th>
<th>Number of qualifying children</th>
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WHERE CAN TAY GET HELP FILING RETURNS?

- The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides help in communities around the state.

- Free tax return preparation is available to those who:
  - Earn $57,000 or less (a general, national guideline)
  - Have disabilities
  - Speak limited English

- Visit: [irs.gov/vita](https://irs.gov/vita) or [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for "VITA"

- Both sites have VITA locator tools to find a site.
GET FREE TAX HELP
FTB.CA.GOV/HELP/FREE-TAX-HELP

Get free tax help
VITA and TCE program

Overview
You may be able to get help with your taxes for free.
This includes:
- Help with filling out forms
- What to do if you owe money
- If you qualify for the EITC tax credit

If you live in California, you can get free tax help from these programs:
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), if you:
  - Make $57,800 or less, generally
  - Have disabilities, or
  - Speak limited English
- Are active duty or retired military personnel, or a dependent
- Tax Preparation and Assistance Services for low-income seniors and veterans

Get free tax help at a location near you
Use our VITA/TCE locator to find in-person help with your tax return.

What to bring with you
Before your appointment at a help site, make sure you bring the correct papers and information.
File online
File your California tax return electronically (e-file)

Filing online (e-file) is a secure, accurate, fast, and easy option to file your tax return.

Free options

- CalFile
  - File directly with us - for free.
  - Visit CalFile

Other options (may charge a fee)

- Go to www.irs.gov
- Go to www.taxhelp.com
- Go to www.taxcheers.com
- Go to www.volunteerincome.org

Find an authorized e-file provider

- Visit www.irs.gov/HelpWithEFile

Free e-file help

If you have low income and/or are over the age of 60, you may get free help e-filing your tax return through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.
HEALTH CARE MANDATE
FTB.CA.GOV & COVEREDCA.COM

Health care mandate
Minimum Essential Coverage Individual Mandate

The State of California is working to reduce the number of uninsured individuals and families with the adoption of a new state individual health care mandate.

2021 Subsidy Reconciliation
Taxpayers who received a California Premium Assistance Subsidy (subsidy) for health coverage in 2021 may have to pay back some or all of the amount received when filing their 2021 tax return.

Visit the 2021 Subsidy Reconciliation page for more information, including resources for taxpayers who need assistance repaying California subsidies.

Personal
Information on the new health care mandate for you and your family.

Tax professionals
Information on outreach, subsidies, penalties, reporting, and coverage.

Penalty estimator
Estimate what it may cost you not to have health care coverage.

Insurance providers and employers
Details on the new reporting mandate and how to report health insurance information.

Report health insurance information

More financial help for just about everyone.
Open enrollment for health insurance ends on Jan. 31. Apply today.

Quick Quote
$63 per month
for a Silver plan.
Bronze plans as low as $0.
After financial help from Covered California.

Financial help: $967 per month
Bronze, Child, and Platinum plans also available.
RESOURCES

HOW YOU CAN HELP

• Download CalEITC/YCTC brochures and posters.

• Brochures: English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Hmong and Russian.

• Posters: English and Spanish.

• ftb.ca.gov/caleitc
Put money back in your pocket.
You may qualify for cash back tax credits and a bigger refund when you file your taxes. File early to put money in your pocket sooner!

Now! ITIN filers now eligible for CalEITC!
Some CalEITC recipients also may qualify for the Golden State Stimulus.

What is it?
The expanded California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), the Young Child Tax Credit, and the federal EITC can combine to put hundreds or even thousands of extra dollars in your pocket. That’s money you can use for rent, school tuition, utilities, groceries, and other important expenses.

Find out how much you could get back
Use the EITC calculator for an estimate.
(Available in 6 languages.)

File your taxes for free and get your money
• Free tax help (VITA)
• CalFile
• More online options
Outreach materials
California Earned Income Tax Credit

Resources available to help individuals learn about CalEITC.

If you would like outreach materials available in a print-ready version with crop marks, email us at FTBpubInfoOfficer@ftb.ca.gov and specify each requested item (e.g., CalEITC Flat flyer (FTB 854) English, Spanish, and Vietnamese).

Brochures and flyers

CalEITC Flat flyer (FTB 854)
- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Russian
- Hmong

CalEITC Trifold Brochure (FTB 855)
- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Russian
- Hmong

CalEITC Poster/Flyer (FTB 856 A EN-SP)
- English/Spanish - 8.5” x 11”

Posters

CalEITC Poster (FTB 856)
- English - 11” x 17”
- Spanish - 11” x 17”

Social media

CalEITC Social media toolkit
- English (ZIP file)
- Spanish (ZIP file)

CalEITC Social media posts, multiple languages
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Russian
- Hmong
IT PAY$s TO FILE YOUR TAXES!
Claim the California Earned Income Tax Credit & Young Child Tax Credit.

Are you a lower-income worker? These state tax credits, combined with the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, can give you thousands of dollars when you file your tax returns.

To estimate your potential credits and find a place to get your tax returns done for FREE visit ftb.ca.gov/caleite

For additional resources and translations in Español (Spanish), 中文 (Chinese), Hmong (Hmong), Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese), 한국어 (Korean), Русский (Russian), visit ftb.ca.gov/caleite

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WAYS TO HELP TAY GET THEIR REFUND
2022 TAX FILING RESOURCES

jbay.org/resources/tax-filing/

TAX PREP CHECKLIST FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

STEP 1: HAVE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION READY

DO YOU HAVE A GOVERNMENT ID, DRIVER’S LICENSE, OR PASSPORT?

IF YES: Your name, address, and ID number will be used to file your taxes.

IF NO: You can get help obtaining one at Current and former foster youth should contact their case manager, dependency attorney, IT coordinator, or the California IRS for help at 1-877-648-9067 or taxhelp@california.org.

DO YOU HAVE A PERMANENT ADDRESS?

IF YES: Great, this will be used if you choose to have your refund sent directly to you as a check.

IF NO: That’s okay — you can still file your taxes and get your refund! With that said, you can use P.O. box or street-corner address as your permanent address.

DO YOU HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER?

If you are married, two children or are caring for an elderly parent in your home you’ll need their social security number too.

IF YES: You’ll need their number to file your taxes.

IF NO: YOU NEED TO GET A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD / NUMBER

You can get help checking your social security card from your local campaign, dependency attorney, or the California IRS. If you do not have a Social Security Number and know what it is or if you’re forgetful, go to your local Social Security office. Bring us any legal identification documents as you currently have with you, such as your passport, birth certificate, driver’s license, marriage license, or official name change cert. You may be able to order a replacement card online.

IF NO: YOU NEED AN INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (ITIN)

If you do not have a Social Security Number and do not qualify for an, you may be able to apply for an ITIN number. Apply online, in IRS assistance centers, or meet with NHLIA to discuss options. If you have questions, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or the Internal Revenue Service in your area.

FEBRUARY 2022
1 REVIEW AND SHARE JBAY’S TAX GUIDE WITH TAY

JBAY's EITC Guide:  
www.jbay.org/resources/tax-filing-guide/

- Written for TAY and supporters as an audience  
- Contents:  
  - Key terms to know  
  - Cash back credits explained  
  - How much cash back could you receive in your tax refund?  
  - Who can file? Who has to file?  
  - Tax preparation  
  - Special circumstances to consider  
  - Tax outreach  
  - Legal changes to tax credits that benefit transition-age youth  
  - Key resources
Tax Preparation Checklist

jbay.org/resources/tax-prep-checklist-for-transition-age-youth-2/

Commit to supporting TAY with filing taxes

- Encourage them to file
- Help them receive free reliable information, support, and materials from JBAY and other partners throughout the tax season
3 SHARE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT CalEITC AND TAXES WITH TAY AND PARTNERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Follow JBAY on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
- Visit JBAY's website on tax filing and download the social media toolkits, posters, and brochures you can use for outreach
- Visit the California Franchise Tax Board's website for CalEITC brochures, posters, and information at ftb.ca.gov and CalEITC4me.org resources page
How Tax Filing Benefits Foster Youth

jbay.org/resources/tax-filing-foster-youth/

- Decreases poverty
- Ensures access to tax benefit programs and cash back
- Supports parenting youth and their children
- Increases access to financial aid
- Uncovers identity theft
- Eliminates use of paid tax preparers
- Maintains eligibility for public benefits
- Establishes official income for benefits determination
- Educates and helps instill a practice of tax filing
5 DIRECT TAY TO FREE TAX PREP SERVICES

Call 2-1-1 or Use Get Your Refund
getyourrefund.org/en

Current and former foster youth from the pilot counties can schedule using the links below.

- Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco with First Place for Youth
- Fresno with Focus Forward and Fresno Barrios Unidos
- Los Angeles with the Coalition for Responsible Community Development and The Community College Foundation
- Santa Clara with Bill Wilson Center at the Hub

VITA LOCATOR TOOL
irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/

Get Free Tax Prep Help
The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify. Find a provider near:

Find >>

31 results found

Provider | Distance | Dates | Hours | Languages | Appointment
---|---|---|---|---|---
United Way Bay Area 500 Kearny Street Suite 1000 Mobile Site - Call 211 for information San Francisco, CA 94105 Volunteer Prepared Taxes
Get Directions and Service Details

0.1 Mi | 01 FEB 2022 - 15 APR 2022 | TUE 11:00AM - 3:00PM | English, Cantonese, Mandarin | Required

NEFCU - Chabotow 778 Clay St 3rd Floor San Francisco, CA 94108 415-434-0738 Volunteer Prepared Taxes
Get Directions and Service Details

0.3 Mi | 01 FEB 2022 - 31 MAR 2022 | MON 11:00AM - 3:00PM | English, Cantonese, Mandarin | Not Required

Program Info

Find >>
TAY can file previous year’s taxes up to three prior tax years.

They will need to gather their tax information from those prior years and can use the same checklist to prepare.

How to organize tax documents:
www.taxslayer.com/blog/how-to-organize-your-tax-documents-for-the-new-year/
WAYS TO HELP TAY GET THEIR REFUND
TIPS FOR COUNTY CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES

CINDY GUILLEN
SANTA CLARA COUNTY
1 DEDICATE TIME BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND OCTOBER

Tax Season 2022
January 24th – April 18th or October 17th

OUTREACH PLAN

• Staff Memo & Activities
• HUB Mailer
• Outreach Blasts & Circulation
• Tax Event Dates and Times
• Site Hours of Operation
2 INTEGRATE INFORMATION ON THE CalEITC INTO EXISTING TAY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

• Transitional Independent Living Plan or case plan
• Credit history checks or credit report review
• Team meetings: Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings, Team Decision Making (TDM) meetings, 90-Day Transition Plan meetings and parenting conferences
• Independent Living Program curriculum – as part of the core service of financial literacy
3 EDUCATE YOURSELF AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON TAX CREDITS AND OUTREACH MATERIALS THAT MAY BENEFIT THE YOUTH YOU WORK WITH


Host Staff Trainings

One on One Consults with Social Workers

The purpose of the All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to notify County Welfare Departments (C WDs) that the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) outreach publications, Pub-428 and Pub-429, have been revised for the 2021 tax year. The federal EITC income limits have increased for 2021, while the C AETC income limit remains at $30,000. The federal EITC and the CalEITC maximum credit amounts both increased.

Assembly Bill 1927 (Chapter 7, Statutes of 2020) expanded the CalEITC to ensure that California tax filers, including noncitizens and individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN) filers who are otherwise eligible, may qualify for the CalEITC and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC). The YCTC is an additional credit of up to $1,000 for
TAX LITERACY & TAX FRAUD
ELIZABETH WELLS
LAW FOUNDATION OF SILICON VALLEY
Income Tax Basics
• Why you should file taxes
• Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) overview
• What to know about the Child Tax Credits
• Basic tax forms
• Where to get help filing taxes

Tax ID Theft
• What are the signs
• Steps to address tax fraud
• Avoiding tax scams

To request youth training, contact Elizabeth Wells at fyidtheft@lawfoundation.org
TAX IDENTITY THEFT SUPPORT

Common tax identity theft issues:

- Someone used Youth SSN to file a tax return
- Someone claimed you as a tax dependent
- Someone claimed your child as a tax dependent
- Gathering information needed to verify identity/eligibility
- Submitting IRS/FTB Identity Theft forms
- Obtaining IP PIN
WOULD YOU LIKE TAX TRAININGS FOR YOUTH IN YOUR COUNTY?

LFSV, JBAY and Santa Clara County are collaborating to provide tax assistance to youth as part of the Santa Clara County Foster Youth VITA Pilot Project.

LFSV provides financial literacy trainings to current and former foster youth.

• How the tax system works
• Tax credits and benefits
• How to navigate identity theft and scams.

LFSV provides trainings to social workers, ILP managers and CASAs so that they can better support youth with these crucial financial literacy matters.

If you would like a free ILP class or staff training - contact Elizabeth at fyidtheft@lawfoundation.org to schedule a time to learn more about the virtual trainings.
How Does The Government Determine How Much You Have To Pay In Taxes?

How much you pay in taxes depends mainly on three things:
1 - Your age
2 - Your filing status
3 - Your taxable income

The United States uses a PROGRESSIVE TAX SYSTEM

Filing status:
- Single
- Married, filing jointly
- Married, filing separately
- Head of household

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WHAT IS MY TAXABLE INCOME

What Is My Taxable Income?

Taxable income generally includes salary, tips (cash), vacation and sick pay.

Taxable income for Foster Youth does NOT include:
- Foster care money
- CalFresh
- Santa Clara County Universal Basic Income (UBI)

Some financial aid is considered taxable income. Usually amounts listed under “books and supplies” and “tuition and fees” are not taxable income, while amounts listed under “living expenses” are taxable. Check out JBAY’s Guide

www.jbay.org/resources/tax-filing/
TAX FORMS NEEDED TO FILE TAXES

Individual Income Tax: How does it work?
Does this look familiar? Have you received one of these before?

Individual Income Tax: How does it work?
What you need to know about your W-2

- The IRS requires employers to report wage and salary information for employees on Form W-2.
- Your W-2 reports important details about the amount of federal, state and other taxes withheld from your paycheck.
- Your Form W-2 should be sent by January 31st of each year and be used to prepare your tax return.

Source: Turbo Tax
• How did filing without support impact you?
• How did filing with support impact you?
• Why is outreach from trusted messengers important for foster youth?
MORE WAYS TO HELP TAY TODAY!

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SUPPORT THE FOSTER YOUTH TAX CREDIT PROPOSAL INCLUDED IN GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S JANUARY BUDGET

$21 million – Foster Youth Tax Credit

Establishes a $1,000 refundable tax credit for transition-age foster youth between ages 18 through 25 who were in care on or after age 13.

The proposal is supported by:

- State Controller Betty T. Yee
- Senator Ana Caballero
- John Burton Advocates for Youth
- CalEITC+ Coalition

Sign on to the coalition letter here: form.jotform.com/220197910979164
UPCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

Helping Foster Youth Achieve Financial Stability

Invite Current and Former Foster Youth to Learn More About:

• Why to file
• How to file
• Where to file
• Documents you need to file
• and more

Instagram Live: @UnitedWaysCa with @JBAforYouth
FREE TAX FILING EVENT FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AND CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 12:30pm

Tax Time 101:
File your taxes for free and with confidence

- Learn how at this webinar just for Community College students.
- Tax experts will walk you through your options to prepare your taxes for free and claim the deductions and credits you deserve!
- RSVP: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IkoCQD3QS7WoxBkCmY3Zdg

SOCIAL MEDIA POST
Tax time is here! Join @GSOportunity & @TaxTimeAllies on Thursday, February 3 at 12:30 pm to find out how to prepare your taxes for free.
RSVP: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IkoCQD3QS7WoxBkCmY3Zdg #CalEITCWeek
TAX PREP WORKSHOPS IN THE SACRAMENTO REGION

Saturday, February 26, 2022
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Free Tax Prep Workshop:
Learn how to prepare your own taxes! RSVP

Saturday, March 12, 2022
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Free Tax Prep Workshop
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Partners Include:
• United Way California Capitol Region
• Sacramento County Social Services Agency
• CalEITC4Me
• Asian Resources Inc
• Sacramento Municipal Utility District
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