Get the Credit You Deserve!

2018 Tax Year	Qualifying Rules	Maximum Credit	Qualifying Children*	2018 Earnings	Tax Forms Needed
Federal Earned Income Tax Credit	Worked in 2018 and had a qualifying child living with you at least 6 months in 2018.	\$6,431	3+	up to \$49,194 (\$54,884 married filing jointly)	
		\$5,716	2	up to \$45,802 (\$51,492 married filing jointly)	Federal tax return (Form 1040), including Schedule EIC
		\$3,461	1	up to \$40,320 (\$46,010 married filing jointly)	
		\$519	No children and worker between 25-64	up to \$15,270 (\$20,950 married filing jointly)	
Wisconsin Earned Income Credit	Worked in 2018 and had a qualifying child living with you at least 6 months in 2018.	% of Federal EIC:		Families with qualifying	Wisconsin tax return (Form 1)
		34%	3+	children who claim the	
		11%	2	Federal EIC are	
		4%	1	automatically eligible for the Wisconsin	
		0%	0	EITC.	
Federal Child Tax Credit	Worked in 2018 and had a qualifying child living with you at least 6 months in 2018.**	\$2,000 per child	per child	Earned at least \$2,500 in taxable income.	Federal tax return (Form 1040) and Form 8812
Wisconsin Homestead Credit	Live in Wisconsin for all of 2018 and be over age 18.***	\$1,168	N/A	Less than \$24,680 (plus \$500 for each dependent living with you more than half of 2018)	Wisconsin Schedule H or H-EZ (and Rent Certificate if you're a renter)

^{*}A qualifying child is a biological or adopted or step child, grandchild, niece, nephew, sibling, or authorized foster child. For the EITC, children must be under 19, or under 24 if fulltime student, or any age if disabled; for the Child Credit they must be under 17 at the end of 2018, and in most cases must have lived with you at least half of 2018, and you must have provided at least half of their support in 2018.



^{**}For the Federal Child Tax Credit noncustodial parents with a divorce agreement allowing them to claim the child as a dependent do not have to live with the child for 6 months.

^{***}You must have at least some earned income in 2018 OR be disabled OR be at least 62 years old to claim the Homestead Credit.