

TAX CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS FOR FAMILIES

During the 2020 tax season, more than 1.5 million returns claimed state tax breaks available for South Carolina parents, according to the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR).

With the new tax filing season just around the corner, the SCDOR reminds families to review deductions and credits they may qualify for and can claim on their state tax returns.

Some common state tax credits and deductions available for families include:

Child Care Credit: For a full-year resident, the credit is calculated at 7% of the federal child and dependent care expense. For a part-year resident or nonresident, you are not eligible for this credit if you are a resident of a state that does not offer a credit for child and dependent care expense to nonresidents of that state. The maximum credit allowed is \$210 for one child or \$420 for two or more children. You cannot claim this credit if your filing status is Married Filing Separately. More than 123,000 returns claimed this credit for tax year 2019.

Two Wage Earner Credit: This credit is available to married couples filing jointly when both spouses have earned income taxed to South Carolina. More than 386,000 returns claimed this credit for the 2019 tax year. This credit is not allowed on returns with a filing status of Single, Married Filing Separately, or Head of Household. The multiplier used in computing the Two Wage Earner Credit increases by \$3,333 each year beginning in 2018, until fully phased-in for tax year 2023.

Child deductions: South Carolina offers a deduction of \$4,260 for each dependent child and an additional deduction of \$4,260 for each child under 6 years of age. Almost a million returns claimed these deductions for tax year 2019.

Future college payment deductions: Contributions by parents and others to the SC College Investment Program, known as Future Scholars, or the SC Tuition Prepayment Program, are deductible. You may deduct 100% of any contributions to the SC College Investment Program made between January 1, 2020 and April 15, 2021 and 100% of any contribution to the SC Tuition Prepayment Program made between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. More than 31,000 returns claimed the Future Scholar deduction for tax year 2019.

Learn more about tax credits and how to claim them on the SCDOR's website.

SUDOKU

			7			8	9	
	2			1				
9				8	5			
	3							1
		6	4					
1	5				6	4		
2	8	1		9	5			
		4	6				5	

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	2	2	8	9	3	1	4	3
6	7	1	4	3	8	7	7	5
3	9	4	8	2	1	5	7	3
6	8	1	7	3	5	3	4	7
2	1	5	9	8	3	8	6	2
7	2	6	4	1	9	8	3	5
4	3	8	5	2	7	6	9	1
6	7	3	8	9	6	2	3	5
8	4	2	9	5	1	7	6	3
6	1	5	3	7	4	2	8	9

ANSWER:



**TUESDAY - FRIDAY
JANUARY 19-22, 2021**



FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE!

- Food
- Hygiene Supplies
- Winter Clothing
- Referrals

Connecting individuals and services to improve quality of life for the **HOMELESS AND IMPOVERISHED**

- Tuesday, Jan. 19th | 1:00-2:00pm | Kershaw Second Baptist Church
7737 Kershaw Camden Hwy, Kershaw, SC 29067
- Wednesday, Jan. 20th | 1:00-2:00pm | Faith Presbyterian Church
Tentative location
- Thursday, Jan. 21st | 1:00-2:00pm | Lancaster Farmer's Market
1920 Pageland Hwy, Lancaster, SC 29720
- Friday, Jan. 22nd | 1:00-2:00pm | Lancaster Bowling Center
1352 Reece Rd, Lancaster, SC 29720

*Those that attend must reside in Lancaster County and fall under the poverty income rate.

WANT TO DONATE ITEMS?

Accepting donations for blessing kits and winter wear items January 11-14, 2021 at the following locations:

- United Way of Lancaster County
- HOPE in Lancaster
- Lancaster Bowling Center
- Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Indian Land



For more information including a detailed list of needs, drop-off times, and volunteer opportunities, visit www.uwaylsc.org or call Amber Jackson at 803-283-8923.

United Way of Lancaster County | P.O. Box 56 Lancaster, SC 29721 | 803.283.8923 | www.uwaylsc.org

Individual Income Tax filing information

To save time, increase security, and save tax dollars, the SCDOR encourages you to file electronically and choose direct deposit. Direct deposit is the fastest refund option to process and provides you with the fastest access to your money. If you file online and choose direct deposit, you're less likely to make errors thanks to system checks.

For more tips and information about

filing Individual Income Tax Returns, visit the SCDOR at visit

dor.sc.gov/iit. To learn more about preparing for your federal return, visit

IRS.gov. Connect with the SCDOR

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