

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic



What is the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic?

We offer free legal help on federal income tax (IRS) matters by providing advice or by providing representation before the IRS. We never charge a fee for our services. You may have to pay court costs, filing fees, or other out-of-pocket expenses. Any expenses would be discussed with you ahead of time.

The Clinic operates all year long, and we help people with tax problems or disputes. We do not prepare annual tax returns.

We are not part of the Internal Revenue Service or the Ohio Department of Taxation. What you tell Low Income Taxpayer Clinic lawyers is confidential and protected by the attorney-client privilege.



What Type of IRS Cases Can I Get Help With?

- You received a notice from the IRS
- The IRS kept your tax refund
- You owe an IRS debt that you are having trouble paying or cannot afford to pay
- The IRS sent you a request for more information about your tax return
- The IRS is trying to make you pay a debt you believe your current or former spouse should be paying
- The IRS denied your claim for the Earned Income Tax Credit
- You are being asked to pay back Premium Tax Credits for your health insurance
- The IRS denied you the right to take a credit or deduction
- You have a case that is in Tax Court, or that you want to take to Tax Court
- Your employer gave you a 1099, when you should have received a W-2
- Someone else used your identity to earn money or to file taxes
- A tax preparer filed a bad return or took too much refund money from you
- You have other questions or problems with the IRS or about your federal taxes



How Do I Get Help?

Call 1-844-302-1800 to complete an application over the phone for help with your tax problem. You can also go to one of our offices to apply in person or to www.seols.org/intake-options/ to apply online.



What Happens When I Call?

When you call, our staff will decide if you are financially eligible for our help. If you are, we will help you complete an application for an attorney to review. It is very important that you give us copies of your tax returns, IRS notices, IRS letters, and all other paperwork about your tax problem as soon as possible. If you do not have copies of these documents, we may be able to help you get them from the IRS.

We will try to contact you in writing or by telephone, usually within 10 business days after you apply, to get more information about your case.



Other Things We Do:

- Speak to community groups, social service agencies, and others about taxpayer rights.
- Prepare pamphlets, fliers, and other informational materials about taxpayer rights and responsibilities.
- Advise organizations and train staff who work with low-income taxpayers.
- Refer clients to others who may be able to help without a fee.
- Teach taxpayers how to find good tax preparers and how to follow the law.

The information on this flyer is not legal advice.
If you are seeking representation or legal advice, please contact SEOLS.
An attorney-client relationship does not exist between you and SEOLS.

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How to contact SEOLS:
www.seols.org or call 844-302-1800

We have offices in Athens, Chillicothe, New Philadelphia,
Newark, Portsmouth, and Steubenville

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