

Am I Getting a Paycheck Plus Bonus in 2017?

You can check on your bonus or get blank forms at:

<http://paycheckplus.mdrc.org>

You will need to enter your Paycheck Plus ID code: _____

Getting a Paycheck Plus bonus usually takes about 3 months. However, it can take longer than that in some cases (for example: complicated tax situations, closed bank accounts, typos or other errors in the application, or other issues).

Step 1: Make sure your bonus application is complete before you leave today!

1. Give the Paycheck Plus staff your current **tax filing information** (your 1040 and other tax forms).
2. The Paycheck Plus staff will also need **proof that the IRS has accepted** your tax forms. (If you file your taxes at a United Way VITA free tax preparation site, United Way might be able to do this step for you. Otherwise you will need to get one of the documents listed on the Paycheck Plus “How to Show Proof that the IRS or the State Accepted Your Tax Forms” handout.)
3. Fill out instructions for **how you want Paycheck Plus to pay you**.
4. **If your phone number, address, or email address changed** in the past year, please call 888-366-9647 or email paycheckplusATL@mdrc.org to update it. We may need to contact you if we have any questions about your application.

Step 2: Paycheck Plus will calculate whether you earned a bonus for this year.

- The review takes about 3 months. We will use information from the tax forms you are filing this year.
- The staff will tell you today if you seem to be eligible for a bonus. However, staff cannot guarantee a bonus or tell you the amount until after Paycheck Plus reviews your complete application. There are some examples of potential bonus amounts on the back of this paper.

Step 3: Once the review is complete you can look up your bonus at <http://paycheckplus.mdrc.org>.

- Click on the WHERE IS MY BONUS button.
- You will need to know your Paycheck Plus ID code listed at the top of this sheet.
 - If you lose your code, call 888-366-9647 for a reminder. (If you call, the Paycheck Plus staff on the phone will ask for your Name, Social Security Number and/or Date of Birth before they can give you your Paycheck Plus ID code.)
- This web site will tell you whether you have been approved to get a 2017 bonus, the amount of your bonus, and the estimated payment date.

Thank you for being in Paycheck Plus!

What Amount of Paycheck Plus Bonus Might I Receive in 2017?

The Paycheck Plus bonus is designed to help workers by giving them additional income based on their earnings from work, or their profit from self-employment. Your 2016 earnings and other tax information help Paycheck Plus to calculate how much your bonus may be in 2017. This will take about 3 months, or it can take longer.

How much of a bonus did you earn?

Once Paycheck Plus processes your application, you can look up the amount of your bonus at <http://paycheckplus.mdrc.org>. Click on the WHERE IS MY BONUS button.

We cannot guarantee that you have earned a bonus, or the amount, until after we review your 2016 tax information and the rest of your 2017 application. The table below shows examples of bonus estimates. **Yours could be different.**

Examples of Potential 2017 Paycheck Plus Bonus Payments Specific Amounts Are Not Guaranteed

From Your Tax Forms:	Potential Bonus Amount
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$1	\$1
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$250	\$56
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$750	\$167
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$1,000	\$223
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$2,250	\$502
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$3,250	\$725
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$4,250	\$948
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$5,000	\$1,115
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$6,250	\$1,394
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$10,000	\$1,627
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$12,250	\$1,800
\$15,000 to	
2016 total earnings and/or profit: \$17,999	\$2,000
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$18,000	\$2,000
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$18,250	\$1,958
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$19,250	\$1,790
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$21,000	\$1,496
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$22,750	\$1,202
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$25,000	\$824
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$26,750	\$530
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$28,750	\$194
2016 Adjusted Gross Income: \$29,999	\$20

Your Adjusted Gross Income (“AGI” – from your IRS 1040) must be below \$30,000 to get a Paycheck Plus bonus.

- If your AGI is below \$18,000: we calculate your bonus based on your earnings and/or profit (profit = net income from self-employment).
- If your AGI is \$18,000 or higher: we calculate your bonus based on your AGI.