

INFORMATION ABOUT VITA

Free Tax Return Preparation for You by Volunteers:

Puzzled by the tax law or which credits and deductions to take? Need assistance with your tax return? You may want to visit a volunteer site. The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program offers free tax help if you qualify.

Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Credit for the Elderly for which you may qualify. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, VITA sites offer free electronic filing (e-filing.) Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared with returns filed on paper—even faster if you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program:

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to-moderate income (generally \$49,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers receive training to prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. To locate the closest VITA site to you, please call 2-1-1.

Items you Need to Bring with You to the VITA Sites:

- . Proof of Identification
- . Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents or an ITIN Card
- . Letter issued by the Social Security Administration (if SS Cards are not available)
- . Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents
- . Current year's tax package if you received one in the mail
- . Wage and Earning Statements (W-2 or W-2G)
- . Interest and dividend statements from banks (Form 1099)
- . A copy of last year's tax return, if available
- . Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit (your bank checks have this information, so you can bring a voided blank check)
- . Amount paid for day care, provider's name and tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security number or the Business Employer Identification Number)
- . To file taxes on a married filing jointly tax return both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.