



FREE TAX HELP

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

A Free Program from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

VITA community volunteers provide free income tax help. The program is designed especially for those with a low to moderate income as well as for the elderly, people with disabilities and taxpayers with limited proficiency in English.

The service is free. Besides helping prepare tax returns, many VITA locations offer free electronic filing. Electronic filing means you can get your refund in half the time compared to paper filing, and the money can be deposited directly into your bank account.

Volunteers who help prepare your return are trained in basic tax law and can assist with the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit

and Credit for the Elderly. For the program, low to moderate income is considered to be \$49,078 or less in 2011.

VITA is offered at convenient locations in your community. To find the address and hours of operation of the VITA location nearest you, call **1-800-829-1040** or simply dial **211**.

When you visit your VITA site, be sure to bring all tax forms such as W-2s and 1099s, a copy of your return for last year, social security card, picture identification and information about any credits, deductions and other income you may have. For more information, visit the IRS online at **www.irs.gov**.

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