



# FREE TAX HELP

## **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

**Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers**

VITA community volunteers provide free income tax help for families with low to moderate incomes, the elderly, people with disabilities and those with limited proficiency in English. Volunteers 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 generally considered to be \$54,000 or less.

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.

VITA is offered at convenient locations in your community. To find the address and hours of operation of the VITA location nearest you, call **1-800-906-9887** or visit the IRS VITA website at **[www.irs.gov/vita](http://www.irs.gov/vita)**.



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