

WHAT IS VITA?

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)



The VITA program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with nonprofit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

Taxpayers who come to free tax preparation sites can find out about programs that will help them leverage their refunds toward the financial success of their families. These asset-building programs provide financial education, homebuyer's education, down payment assistance, and low interest car loans.

QUALIFY FOR HELP?

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THE EITC!

The Earned Income Tax Credit, EITC or EIC, is a benefit for working people with low to moderate income. EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may give you a refund.

The average amount of EITC paid out in 2020 nationwide was more than \$2,504. The average amount in Louisiana was more than \$2,896.

To qualify for the EITC you must have earned income from working for someone or from running or owning a business or farm and meet basic rules. And, you must either meet additional rules for workers without a qualifying child or have a child that meets all the qualifying child rules for you.

EITC INCOME LIMITS & RANGE

\$50,954 [\$56,844 married filing jointly]
with 3 or more qualifying children
maximum credit: \$6,660

\$47,440 [\$53,330 married filing jointly]
with 2 qualifying children
maximum credit: \$5,920

\$41,756 [\$47,646 married filing jointly]
with 1 qualifying child
maximum credit: \$3,584

\$15,820 [\$21,710 married filing jointly]
with no children
maximum credit: \$538

* Investment income must be \$3,650 or less

HELPING YOU \$AVE!

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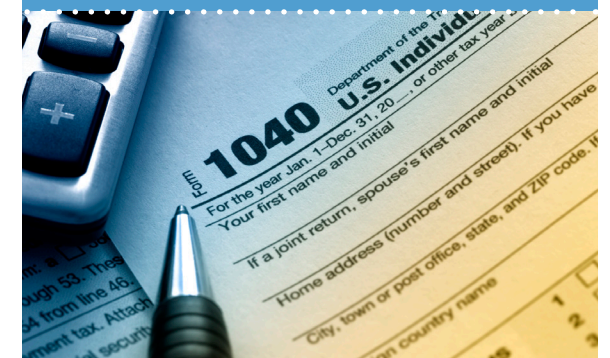


Participating Partners of the Asset Building Coalition of Southeast Louisiana

- Association for the Improvement of Minorities
- Delgado Community College
- El Centro Inc.
- Jefferson Community Action Program
- Job 1 Business and Career Solutions
- Kingsley House
- Lafourche Community of Concerned Citizens
- Lafourche VITA Sites
- New Day Homeowner Services
- Southern University at New Orleans
- St. John Department of Health and Hospitals
- Total Community Action
- Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training
- Xavier University of Louisiana

DROP-OFF FREE TAX HELP 2020 TAXES

- ✓ Get your FULL refund
- ✓ E-file to get your money faster
- ✓ Fast, free, & confidential
- ✓ IRS-trained volunteers can help find special tax credits



WHAT TO BRING

WHERE TO GO

Please be sure to have the following information with you when you visit one of our VITA sites:

- Photo ID**
- Copy of Last Year's Tax Return** (if available)
- Spouse** (if married and filing a joint tax return, your spouse must be present)
- Social Security Cards** (for you, your spouse, & dependents)
- Birth Dates** (for you, your spouse & dependents)
- Wage & Earning Forms** (all W-2 and 1099 Forms)
- Interest & Dividend Forms** (1099 Forms)
- Total Paid for Day Care** (provider's name and tax ID, if applicable)
- Bank Routing & Account Numbers** (for direct deposit of refund; voided check or bank statement will suffice)
- Proof of Foreign Status** (if applying for ITIN)
- Form 1095A from the Marketplace**

MYFREETAXES.COM - FILE FOR FREE ONLINE

United Way has partnered with H&R Block to offer their premium online tax prep service, for free, to households of any income level who are filing simple returns.

Learn more at UnitedWaySELA.org/VITA

GIVE BACK FOR 211

Donate all or part of your refund to support the work of United Way and 211. Enter the amount of your donation on Schedule D of your Louisiana Individual Income Tax Return. Donations go to the Louisiana Association of United Ways and Louisiana 211 for the 211 helpline. **Learn more at louisiana211.org.**

Due to COVID-19, you may qualify for an Economic Impact Payment, also known as a "stimulus check," of \$1,200. If you didn't receive your stimulus check in 2020, you may be able to claim the payment as the Recovery Rebate Tax Credit on your tax return filed in 2021 for Tax Year 2020. Must bring your "Notice letter 1444" you received from the IRS.

Most sites will open January 15 and close April 15.

JEFFERSON

AIM-IRS Westbank

901 5th Street, Gretna, LA 70053
Sat 9am-Noon (Closed 2/13/2021) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

Hazel R. Hurst Community Center

1121 S. Causeway Boulevard, Jefferson, LA 70121
M-Th 9am-1pm & F 11am-1pm (Closed Major Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 838-4277

Live Oak Library - (LCCC)

125 Acadia Drive, Waggaman, LA 70094
Wed 10:30-Noon & 1-4pm (Closed Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 314-6719

Westwego Public Library

635 4th Street Westwego, LA 70094
Th 10:30am-Noon & 1-4pm (Times are subject to change, Closed Government Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 314-6719

LAFOURCHE

Josie Event Hall

126 Williams Street, Raceland, LA 70394
T 10:30am-Noon & 1-4:30pm (Call to schedule appointments between 10am to 4:30 pm, Closed Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 314-6719

Lafourche VITA Site 3 - Galliano

16241 East Main Street, Galliano, LA 70345
W & F 8:30am-3pm (Closed Holidays & Government Office Closures) Appointments Only (985) 696-3600

Lafourche VITA Site 2 - Mathews

4875 Highway 1, Matthews, LA 70375
M & Th 8:30am-3pm (Closed Holidays & Government Office Closures) Appointments Only (985) 696-3600

Lafourche VITA Site 1 - Thibodaux Health Unit

2535 Veterans Blvd., Thibodaux, LA 70301
T & W 8:30am-3pm (Closed Holidays & Government Office Closures) Appointments Only (985) 696-3600

ORLEANS

AIM - IRS Supersite

8282 I-10 Service Road South, New Orleans, LA 70126
Sat 8:30-11:30am Virtual & Drop-Off Site

Delgado-UW Community Single Stop

615 City Park Ave. Bldg 2/Rm 108A New Orleans, LA 70119
T-Th 9am-5pm & F 9am-5pm & Fri 9am-3pm
(Closed School Holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

El Centro

4334 Earhart Boulevard, Suite 700, New Orleans, LA 70125
T-Th 9am-Noon & 1-5pm (Closed on Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 503-1040

Job 1 Business and Career Solutions

3400 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119
Tue 9am-1pm (Closed federal holidays and special emergencies)
Virtual & Drop-Off-Site

Kingsley House

1600 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
M, T & F 9am-2pm (Closed on Holidays)
Virtual & Combination Site

Kingsley House at Columbia Parc

1401 St. Denis Street, New Orleans, LA 70122
W & Th Noon-5pm Combination and
4:30-6pm Appointments Only (Closed on Holidays)
Virtual & Combination Site

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)

6400 Press Drive, Conference Center, New Orleans, LA 70126
M, W & F 10am-5pm (Closed Holidays, Mardi Gras, & Easter)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site

TCA - Community & Energy Services

1410 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway, New Orleans, LA 70125
M-Th 1:30-7:30pm, F 1:30-4pm, Sat 8:30am-Noon, (Closed Federal & Local Holidays) Appointments Only (504) 325-5807

TCA - Elloie Head Start Center

3029 Wall Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70114
M-W 5:30-7:30pm (Closed Federal & Local Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 325-5807

TCA - Gentilly East Head Start Center

4347 Reynes Street, New Orleans, LA 70126
M-W 5:30-7:30pm (Closed Federal & Local Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 325-5827

TCA - St. David Center

1230 Lamanche Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117
M-W 5:30-7:30pm (Closed Federal & Local Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 459-4846

United Way of Southeast Louisiana

2515 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119
T & Th 9:30am-1:30pm (Closed Holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

Vietnamese Initiative Economic Training (VIET)

13435 Granville Street, New Orleans, LA 70129
M-F 8:30am-5pm (Closed Federal Holidays)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site (504) 255-0400

Word of Truth Fellowship

5333 Tullis Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131
F 10am-Noon (Closed Federal & Local Holidays)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site

Xavier University

909 S. Jefferson Davis Pkwy, Room 345, New Orleans, LA 70125
M & W 2pm-6pm (Closed on Holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 520-5045

PLAQUEMINES

Plaquemines Parish Community Center

115 Keating Drive, Belle Chasse, LA 70037
Fri 9-10am (Closed Holidays)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site

ST. JOHN

St. John Dept. of Health & Human Services

128 Central Avenue, Reserve, LA 70084
T & W 9am-2pm & Th 9am-Noon (Closed Mardi Gras Day, February 16, 2021 and Holidays)
Appointments (985) 536-4955 Virtual & Drop-Off Site

ST. TAMMANY

New Day Homeowner Services

303 S. Military Road Suite 4, Slidell, LA 70461
Tue 11am-4pm (Closed Holidays)
Appointments Only (985) 781-6548, Virtual & Drop-Off Site

TANGIPAHOA

Amite Library

204 NE Central Avenue, Amite, LA 70422
F & Sat 9am-2pm Virtual & Drop-Off Site

Drop-Off Site: taxpayers leave their personal identifiable information (social security numbers, Form W-2 and other documents) at the site. They will come back to the same site for the quality review and/or signing the completed tax return.

Combination Site: site prepares returns for other permanent or temporary sites as well as assisting walk in and/or appointment only taxpayers within their location.

Virtual Site: includes non face-to-face interactions with the taxpayer. This includes sending required documents (social security numbers, Form W-2 and other documents) through a secured file sharing system to a designated volunteer for review.

Intake Site: taxpayers leave their personal identifiable information (social security numbers, Form W-2 and other documents) at the site in order to prepare and/or review the tax return at another location. In this process, the taxpayer's tax return information may be sent to another location for one or more of the following reasons; interviewing the taxpayer, preparing the tax return, or performing a quality review. The taxpayer may come back to the intake site for the quality review or to review and sign the completed tax return.