

## WHAT IS VITA? **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)**



The VITA program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$59,187 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 2021 nationwide was more than \$2,411. The average amount in Louisiana was more than \$2,792

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

**\$53,057 [\$59,187** married filing jointly] with 3 or more qualifying children maximum credit: \$6,935

**\$49,399 [\$55,529** married filing jointly] with 2 qualifying children maximum credit: \$6,164

**\$43,492 [\$49,622** married filing jointly] with 1 qualifying child maximum credit: \$3.733

\$16,480 [\$22,610 married filing jointly] with no children maximum credit: \$560

Investment income must be \$10,300 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 **Brilliant Mindz Community Center** El Centro

Faith Life Ministries

Jefferson Community Action Program Clover formerly Kingsley House Lafourche Community of Concerned Citizens 4U Lafourche VITA Sites

New Orleans East Opportunity Center - EQA/YEP Plaquemines Parish Community Center St. John Department of Community Services Southeastern Louisiana University **Total Community Action** Tulane University Law Center United Way Prosperity Center University of Holy Cross

Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training Word of Truth Fellowship



## **DROP-OFF SERVICES AVAILABLE**

### **2022 TAXES**

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



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## WHAT TO BRING

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

<b>Photo ID</b> (taxpayer and spouse if married and filing jointly)
<b>Social Security Cards</b> (you, your spouse, and dependents)
Birth Dates (you, your spouse, and dependents
Wage & Earning Forms (all W-2, W-2G, 1099-R Forms)
Interest & Divident Forms (Forms 1099)
<b>Total Paid for Child Care</b> (must provide name, address, and tax ID)
Bank Routing and Account Numbers (for direct deposit of refund; voided check will suffice)
<b>Spouse</b> (if married and filing a joint tax return, your spouse must be present)
Form 1095A from the Marketplace
Identity Protection Theft Pin Number (IP PIN assigned by IRS)

#### MYFREETAXES.COM - FILE FOR FREE ONLINE

**Unemployment Compensation (1099G)** 

MyFreeTaxes.com helps people file their taxes for free while getting the assistance they need. United Way provides MyFreeTaxes in partnership with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to help filers prepare their tax returns on their own or have their return prepared for them for free.

Learn more at UnitedWaySELA.org/VITA

#### **GIVE BACK TO 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*.

## WHERE TO GO

Most sites open January 17 and close April 18.

#### **JEFFERSON**

#### **AIM - IRS Westbank**

901 5th Street, Gretna, LA 70053 **Sat 9am-11:30am** (Closed major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### **Hazel R. Hurst Community Center**

1121 S. Causeway Boulevard, Jefferson, LA 70121 M-Th 9am-2pm & F 9am-Noon

(Closed major holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 838-4277

#### Live Oak Library - (LCCC)

125 Acadia Drive, Waggaman, LA 70094 **Tue 10am-5pm** (Closed major holidays) Appointments Only (504) 314-6719

#### LAFOURCHE

#### Josie Event Hall

126 Williams Street, Raceland, LA 70394 **Th 1-4pm** (*Closed major holidays*) Appointments Only (504) 314-6719

#### **Lafourche VITA Site - Larose**

106 Hamilton Street, Larose, LA 70373 M-F 9am-4pm (Closed major holidays) Appointments Only (985) 696-3600

#### **ORLEANS**

#### **AIM - IRS Supersite**

8282 I-10 Service Road South, New Orleans, LA 70126 2nd & 3rd Sat of the month 9-11:30am (Closed major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### **Clover formerly Kingsley House - Main Campus**

1600 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

M & F 9am-2pm & T Noon-7pm (Closed Mardi Gras Day)

Drop-off or Appointment (504) 453-2773

#### **Clover formerly Kingsley House at Columbia Parc**

1401 Saint Denis Street, New Orleans, LA 70122 W & Th Noon-7pm (Closed major holidays) Drop-off or Appointments (504) 453-2773

#### **Delgado - United Way Community Single Stop**

2401 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119
T-Th 9am-4:30pm (Closed school holidays)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### **New Orleans East Opportunity Center - EQA/YEP**

12000 Haynes Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70128 **T & Th 9am-3pm** (Closed major holidays)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### El Centro - se habla espanol

4334 Earhart Boulevard, Suite 700, New Orleans, LA 70125 **T-Th 9am-3pm** (Closed major holidays)
Appointments Roxanne Moore 504-503-1040
Drop-Off & Person-to-person Site

#### TCA - Community & Energy Services

1410 S. Norman Francis Parkway, New Orleans, LA 70125 M-Th 1-7:30pm, F 1-4pm, & Sat 8am-Noon (Closed federal and major holidays)
Appointments Only (504) 875-2660

#### **TCA - Elloie Head Start Center**

3029 Wall Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70114 Pick-up application. Follow Letter of Instruction. (Closed federal and major holidays) Appointments Only (504) 875-2660

#### TCA - St. David Head Start Center

1230 Lamanche Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117
Pick-up application. Follow Letter of Instruction. (Closed federal and major holidays) Appointments Only (504) 875-2660

#### **TCA - Gentilly East Head Start Center**

4347 Reynes Street, New Orleans, LA 70126

Pick-up application. Follow Letter of Instruction. (Closed federal and major holidays) Appointments Only (504) 875-2660

#### **Tulane Law School VITA Site**

6329 Freret Street, Weinmann Hall, New Orleans, LA 70118 **Sat 9am-5pm** (Closed major holidays) Person-to-person Site

### **United Way of Southeast Louisiana**

J. Wayne Leonard Prosperity Center

2401 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

M-W 10am-3pm & Th 11am-5pm Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### **University of Holy Cross**

4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131 **Sat 9am-3pm** (Closed major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### **Vietnamese Initiative Economic Training (VIET)**

13435 Granville Street, New Orleans, LA 70129

M-F 8:30am-4:30pm (Closed Mardi Gras Day, Good Friday and major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site (504) 255-0400

#### **Word of Truth Fellowship**

5333 Tullis Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131 **Sat 10am-1pm** (Closed major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### **PLAQUEMINES**

#### **Plaquemines Parish Community Center**

115 Keating Drive, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Fri 9-10am (Closed major holidays)

Virtural & Drop-Off Site

#### ST. BERNARD

United Way of Southeast Louisiana St. Bernard Prosperity Center (Pending) Drop-Off Site Only

#### ST. JOHN

#### St. John Dept. of Health & Human Services - VITA

128 Central Avenue, Reserve, LA 70084 **T-Th 9am-2pm** (*Closed Mardi Gras Day*) (985) 536-4955

Drop-Off & Appointments Only

#### ST. TAMMANY

#### Faith Life Ministries

2170 W. Gause Blvd #147, Slidell, LA 70460 M & T 9:30am-4:30pm (Closed major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

#### United Way of Southeast Louisiana Northshore Prosperity Center

834 N. Columbia Street, Covington, LA 70433

M-W 10am-3pm & Th 11am-5pm Virtural & Drop-Off Site

### TANGIPAHOA

## Southeastern Louisiana University, College of Business, Accounting Dept.

Garrett Hall, 610 Ned McGehee Drive, Hammond, LA 70402 **W 3:30-6pm** (Closed major holidays) Person-to-person Site

#### **WASHINGTON**

#### **Brilliant Mindz Community Center**

512 E. 6th Street, Bogalusa, LA 70427

W & Th 10am-4pm Theata Mason (985) 288-5826

Virtual & Drop-Off Site

## Site types and schedules are self-reported and subject to change. Please call for more information.

**Drop-Off Site:** Taxpayers leave their personal identifiable information (social security numbers, Form W-2, and other documents) at the site. It is mandatory that all taxpayers return to the site to review, sign, and pick up their completed return with all personal documents before returns can be electronically filed or paper returns can be mailed.

**Combination Site:** Site prepares returns for other permanent or temporary sites and assits 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.





