WHAT IS VITA? VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



The VITA program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$67,000 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 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 nationwide in 2023 was more than **\$2,451**. The average amount in Louisiana was more than **\$3,022**.

To qualify for the EITC, you must meet basic rules and have earned income from your job or from running or owning a business or farm. You must also have a qualifying child or meet additional rules for workers without a qualifying child.

EITC INCOME LIMITS & RANGE

\$59,899 [\$66,819 married filing jointly] with 3 or more qualifying children maximum credit: **\$7,830**

\$55,768 [**\$62,688** married filing jointly] with 2 qualifying children **maximum credit: \$6,904**

\$49,084 [**\$56,004** married filing jointly] with 1 qualifying child maximum credit: **\$4,213**

\$18,591 [**\$25,511** married filing jointly] with no qualifying children **maximum credit: \$632**

Investment income must be **\$11,600** or less

HELPING YOU SAVE!

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Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training



- Get your FULL 2024 tax refund
- E-file to get your money faster
- Fast, FREE, & confidential
- IRS-trained volunteers can help
- find special tax credits
- Drop-off services available



WHAT TO BRING?

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

Photo ID (taxpayer and spouse if married and filing jointly)

Social Security Cards (you, your spouse, and dependents)

Birth Dates (you, your spouse, and dependents)

Wage & Earning Forms (all W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R Forms)

Interest & Divident Forms (Forms 1099)

Total Paid for Child Care (must provide center name, address, and tax ID)

Bank Routing and Account Numbers (for direct deposit of refund; voided check will suffice)

Spouse (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)

Unemployment Compensation (1099G)

MYFREETAXES.COM - FILE FOR FREE ONLINE

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 tax returns on their own or have their return prepared for them for free.

Learn more at UnitedWaySELA.org/VITA

WHERE TO GO?

Most sites open January 21 and close April 15

JEFFERSON

AIM - IRS Westbank 901 5th Street, Gretna, LA 70053 Sat 9am-11:30am (Closed Mar. 1 & major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

Hazel R. Hurst Community Center

1121 S. Causeway Boulevard, Jefferson, LA 70121 **M-Th 9am-2pm & Fri 9am-1pm** (Closed on the 2nd Friday of each month & holidays) Appointments Only (504) 838-4277

Live Oak Library

125 Acadia Drive, Waggaman, LA 70094 **Tue 1-5pm** (Closed Mar. 4 & major holidays) Appointments Only - Glenda Patterson (985) 413-1048

LAFOURCHE

Lafourche VITA Site - Larose

106 Hamilton Street, Larose, LA 70373 **M-F 9am-4:00pm** (Closed major holidays) Appointments Only (985) 696-1595

ORLEANS

AIM - IRS Supersite 8282 I-10 Service Road South, New Orleans, LA 70126 2nd & 3rd Sat each month 8:30-11:30am (Closed March 4 & major holidays) Person-to-Person or Virtual Drop-Off Site

Clover - Main Campus

1600 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 **M & F 9am-2pm & Tue Noon-5pm** (Closed major holidays) Drop-off, Appointment, & Combination Site (504) 453-2773

Clover at Columbia Parc

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

TCA - Community & Energy Services

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

Tulane Law School VITA Site

6329 Freret Street, Weinmann Hall, Room 257 New Orleans, LA 70118 **Sat 9am-4:30pm** (Closed major holidays) Person-to-Person 504-862-3518 or vita@wave.tulane.edu

United Way of Southeast Louisiana,

J. Wayne Leonard Prosperity Center 2401 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119 M-F 9am-Noon & 1-4pm (Closed major holidays & emergencies) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

United Way of Southeast Louisiana Prosperity Center New Orleans East Campus

8324 Morrison Road, New Orleans, LA 70126 **M-F 9am-Noon & 1-4pm** (Closed major holidays & emergencies) Virtual & Drop-Off Site

University of Holy Cross

4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131 Sat 9am-3pm (Closed Mar 1 & major holidays) Person-to-Person

Vietnamerica FHSS

4946 Bullard Ave. New Orleans, LA 70128 **M-F 8:30am-4:30pm** (Closed Mar 3-5 & other holidays) Appointments Only (504) 575-9620 or (504) 237-2916

Vietnamese Initiative Economic Training (VIET)

13435 Granville Street, New Orleans, LA 70129 **M-F 8am-4pm** (Closed Mar 3-5, Apr 18 & other holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site (504) 255-0400

PLAQUEMINES

Plaquemines Parish Community Center

115 Keating Drive, Belle Chasse, LA 70037 Fri 8am-Noon (Closed major holidays) Appointments Only (504) 376-3187

ST. BERNARD

Nunez Community College

3710 Paris Rd., AST Bldg, Room 103, Chalmette, LA 70043 **W & F 9-2pm** (Closed major holidays) Drop-Off Site Only (504) 827-6828

ST. JOHN

River Parishes Community College

125 Regala Park Road, Reserve, LA 70084 **Tue-Th 10am-4pm** (Closed major & campus holidays) Person-to-Person or Virtual Drop-Off Site

St. John Parish Dept. of Community Services

128 Central Avenue, Reserve, LA 70084 **Tue-W 9am-2pm & Th 9am-Noon** (Closed major holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site-Appointments Only (985) 536-4955

ST. TAMMANY

United Way of Southeast Louisiana Northshore Prosperity Center

834 N. Columbia Street, Covington, LA 70433 **M-F 9am-Noon & 1-4pm** (Closed major holidays) Drop-Off Site (985) 244-6580

TANGIPAHOA

Southeastern Louisiana University, College of Business, Accounting Dept.

Garrett Hall, 610 Ned McGehee Drive, Hammond, LA 70402 **W 3:30-5:30pm** (Closed major holidays) Person-to-person Site

Tangipahoa Parish Library

204 NE Central Ave. Amite, LA 70422 **M-F 9am-4pm** (Closed major holidays) Drop-Off Site

WASHINGTON

United Way of Southeast Louisiana Prosperity Center Bogalusa Campus 432 Avenue U, Bogalusa, LA 70427 M-F 9am-Noon & 1-4pm (Closed major holidays) Drop-Off Site (985) 244-6588

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 (e.g., 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: Requires no in-person interaction 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.