WHAT IS VITA?

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)



The VITA program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$63,398 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?

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 2022 nationwide was more than \$2,043. The average amount in Louisiana was more than \$2,427.

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

\$56,838 [**\$63,398** married filing jointly] with 3 or more qualifying children maximum credit: \$7,430

\$52,918 [\$59,478 married filing jointly] with 2 qualifying children maximum credit: \$6,604

\$46,560 [**\$53,120** married filing jointly] with 1 qualifying child maximum credit: \$3,995

\$17,640 [**\$24,210** married filing jointly] with no children maximum credit: \$600

Investment income must be \$11,000 or less

HELPING YOU SAVE!

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University of Holy Cross Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training





- Get your **FULL** 2023 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 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 their 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 18 and close April 16.

JEFFERSON

AIM - IRS Westbank

901 5th Street, Gretna, LA 70053
Sat 9am-11:30am (Closed Feb. 10 & March 30)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site

Hazel R. Hurst Community Center

1121 S. Causeway Boulevard, Jefferson, LA 70121

M-F 9am-1:30pm

(Closed on the 2nd Friday for food bank) Appointments Only (504) 838-4277

LAFOURCHE

Lafourche VITA Site - Larose

106 Hamilton Street, Larose, LA 70373

M-F 8am-4:30pm (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 each month 8:30-11:30am

(Closed major holidays)

Person-to-person, Virtual, & Drop-Off Site

Clover formerly Kingsley House - Main Campus

1600 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

M & F 9am-2pm & T Noon-5pm (Closed major holidays) Drop-off, Appointment, & Combination Site (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, Appointment, & Combination Site

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 Site - Appointment 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 Site

(504) 453-2773

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-W 9am-4pm, Th 10am-6pm, & F 9am-3pm

(Closed major holidays & emergencies)
Virtual & Drop-Off Site

University of Holy Cross

4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131 **Sat 9am-3pm** (Closed major holidays)
Person-to-person Site

Vietnamese Initiative Economic Training (VIET)

13435 Granville Street, New Orleans, LA 70129 M-F 8:30am-5pm (Closed Feb 12, Feb 13, & March 29 holidays) Virtual & Drop-Off Site (504) 255-0400

PLAQUEMINES

Plaguemines Parish Community Center

115 Keating Drive, Belle Chasse, LA 70037 **Fri 9-10am** (Closed major holidays) Virtural & Drop-Off Site

ST. BERNARD

Nunez Community College VITA Site

3710 Paris Rd., AST Bldg, Room 103, Chalmette, LA 70043 **T-Th 9-2pm** (Closed major holidays)
Drop-Off Site

ST. JOHN

River Parishes Community College

125 Regala Park Road, Reserve, LA 70084 **T 4-7pm & W-Th 10am-4pm** (Closed Mardi Gras Day)

Person-to-person & Drop-Off Site

St. John Parish Dept. of Community Services - VITA

128 Central Avenue, Reserve, LA 70084

T-W 9am-2pm & Th 9am-Noon (Closed Mardi Gras Day)
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-Th 9am-Noon & 1-4pm (Closed major holidays)

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

United Way of Southeast Louisiana Prosperity Center, Bogalusa Campus 432 Avenue U, Bogalusa, LA 70427 M-Th 9am-Noon & 1-4pm (Closed major holidays) 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: 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.