

Volunteers Needed to Prepare Taxes!

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How can you make a difference in the financial lives of families in your community while learning to prepare taxes? By joining the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program and serving



Don't know that much about taxes? Don't worry — you'll get specialized training or you can choose a volunteer role that doesn't require tax law certification. The hours are flexible, the training is free, the time commitment is up to you, and you will be mentored by a seasoned volunteer.



Not ready to serve as a tax preparer? There are many other ways to participate in the program. In addition to volunteer tax preparers, other positions include: appointment scheduler, interviewer-greeter, financial advisor and site coordinator.



How does this program work? VITA offers free tax help to people with low-to-moderate income, senior citizens, persons with disability, those who have limited English proficiency and others who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns but may not be able to afford the high-cost services of a tax preparer. Volunteers are needed in all sites located throughout Rensselaer, Troy, Schenectady, Schoharie, and Albany County.



What's in it for you? Besides learning more about the tax world, you'll join a national network of volunteers who are helping boost their local economies by preparing millions of tax returns, saving taxpayers' money, and bringing in additional dollars to their communities. As a committed tax volunteer you'll be assigned to work with a sponsoring organization, first to receive training and then to begin volunteering at a location in your community. Tax sites are open days, nights and weekends and the hours are flexible. You will surely find a volunteer site close to you.

What's the impact? Last year, volunteers prepared more than 9,000 tax returns bringing in more than \$16 million back to their local communities in combined refunds and tax credits! In turn, this saved tax payers \$2.25 million in tax preparation fees. Money that helped families catch-up on bills and meet their daily needs.



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