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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program FAQs

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT VITA IN 2022?

United Way's VITA program is available to families and individual filers residing in Rock Island or Scott County who earned less than \$57,000 annually, are disabled, or elderly.

In 2022, tax preparation is offered in person primarily by appointment, with an option for walk-in services, from Feb. 1 through April 9. Drop-off tax preparation is available by appointment from Feb. 2 to April 13, in partnership with AARP.

To schedule your appointment or learn more, dial 2-1-1 or call 563-355-9900.

WHO WILL PREPARE MY TAXES?

Trained volunteers will prepare your taxes at no cost and will make sure you receive all the tax credits you are eligible for including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC).

These IRS-certified volunteers can also answer any questions you have about building savings and protecting your finances.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE FREE TAX SITES?

IN-PERSON TAX FILING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Feb. 1 – April 9

In Scott County (Iowa):

- Eastern Iowa Community College: Scott Community College Urban Campus, 101 W 3rd St., Davenport (Room W 110)
 - Wednesdays 5pm-8pm;
- Friendly House, 1221 Myrtle St., Davenport
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays 6pm-8pm; Saturdays, 9am-Noon

In Rock Island County (Illinois):

- Palomares Social Justice Center, 135 4th Ave., Moline
 - Mondays 5pm-8pm

IN-PERSON TAX FILING BY WALK IN ONLY

Feb. 1 – April 9

In Rock Island County (Illinois):

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, 630 Martin Luther King Drive, Rock Island
 - Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 5pm-8pm; Saturdays 9am-Noon

DROP-OFF TAX FILING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Feb. 2 – April 13

In Scott County (Iowa):

- Davenport Eastern Library, 6000 Eastern Avenue, Davenport
 - Mondays 12:30pm-3:30pm; Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm

In Rock Island County (Illinois):

- Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline
 - Mondays & Wednesdays 10:30am-4:30pm
- Rock Island Township, 2829 7th Ave., Rock Island
 - Tuesdays 9:30am-4pm
- Rock Island County Senior Center, 2221 11th St., Rock Island
 - Saturdays 9am-1pm

WHAT HEALTH PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN?

Since we rely on trusted community partners to run this highly in-demand service, United Way thanks tax filers for respecting and following health and safety guidelines as posted by tax preparation sites to prevent the spread of illness.

All locations will require masking of nose and mouth while inside the tax site.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO MY APPOINTMENT?

The following items are necessary to prepare your tax return:

- Proof of identification (photo ID such as a driver's license)
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statements (Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-Misc) from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available
- Proof of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number such as their Social Security number or business Employer Identification Number

- Forms 1095-A, B and C, Health Coverage Statements
- Copies of income transcripts from IRS and state, if applicable
- 2021 Advance CTC (Child Tax Credit) Letter 6719 from the IRS containing amount received in 2021
- Letter 6475 Your Third Economic Impact Payment from the IRS

If filing jointly, your spouse must be present.

HOW CAN I CHECK MY REFUND STATUS?

For further information you can contact the IRS or call 800-829-1040 or view online at www.irs.gov/refunds.

EXAMPLES OF AVAILABLE TAX CREDITS

CHILD TAX CREDITS (CTC)

How can you benefit from the Child Tax Credit? CTC is a federal tax credit now worth up to \$3,600 per child. New eligibility requirements enacted by Congress allow more families to become eligible for the CTC, regardless of whether they owe income tax.

Many families have already received a portion of this credit from the IRS during 2021 in the form of advance Child Tax Credits.

CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE CREDIT

You may claim this credit if you pay someone to care for your dependent who is under 13 years or for your spouse or dependent who is not able to care for him or herself. The credit is \$4,000 for one qualifying child and up to \$8,000 for two or more. To qualify, expenses must be incurred while you are working or looking for work.

EDUCATION CREDITS

Education Credits are available to persons who pay expenses for higher education. You can claim this credit if A) you pay qualified tuition and related expenses of higher education (this includes borrowed funds) B) you pay the tuition and related expenses for an eligible student C) the eligible student is either yourself, your spouse, or a dependent you claim.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

What is the Earned Income Tax Credit? The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable federal tax credit for eligible individuals and families who work and have earned income. The EITC ranges from \$1,502 to \$6,728 for qualifying individuals depending on filing status, number of children, and income.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

To find out if you qualify for free tax preparation go to www.irs.gov/vita or dial 563-355-9900.