

Free Tax Help Program

Treasure Valley Volunteer Site Listings



FREE TAX HELP

Confused about your taxes? Having trouble filing? Then take a moment to read this. Chances are there's a location near you where you can get free, speedy assistance with your state and federal tax return.

Volunteers, who have received training from the IRS and the Idaho State Tax Commission, staff this program. They are ready to assist you in the completion of your tax returns – federal and Idaho State and it's absolutely **free!**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This program is designed specifically to help most elderly, low-income, non-English speaking and disabled taxpayers with the preparation of their tax returns. **Not sure if you qualify? Come and see us and let one of our volunteers assist you in the decision.** In addition, many people that have income under \$48,279 and qualify for the refundable **Earned Income Credit (EIC)** have their returns prepared by our volunteers.

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CIRCUIT BREAKER

Some sites offer assistance with Property Tax Reduction (Circuit Breaker) applications. Applications are available from county assessors and must be filed with them by April 15th.

PROCEDURES

Your volunteer will put a site identification number at the bottom of your return. This information will indicate your return was prepared by one of the many trained volunteers in Idaho. This will in no way affect the likelihood of an IRS examination (audit) of your return.

FREE e-filing AVAILABLE

Using IRS e-file (electronic filing) is the most accurate way to file a tax return. You get your refund back in less than half the usual time – even faster with Direct Deposit! Proof is received that the IRS has accepted your return. If you have a balance due, you can pay using a credit card or ask to have it debited from your bank account. All sites in Idaho electronically file tax returns – fast, simple and secure.

For additional Tax-Aide sites that may not be listed in this brochure call 1-888-AARPNOW or the Idaho CareLine at 211 or 1-800-926-2588 Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MST. 211 web access – www.idahocareline.org

WHAT TO BRING

1. Valid picture ID and social security cards or a document from SSA with your name and SSN.
2. Social Security cards for dependents.
3. Bank account information for direct deposit.
4. Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) from each employer.
5. Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV (to report interest and dividends).
6. SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 (to report social security and railroad retirement).
7. 1099-R (to report pension income).
8. List of your medical, taxes, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses (to itemize your deductions).
9. Copy of last year's tax return (helps volunteer prepare this year's return).
10. Child and disabled dependent care information.
11. For Circuit Breaker, income information and amount of medical expenses.

IS THE REFUNDABLE EARNED INCOME CREDIT FOR YOU?

If you:

- Have earned income (wages, tips, etc.) and ...
- Have a child living with you in your home for over six months, and ...
- Have a valid social security number for you and your child, and...
- Have income under \$43,279 (\$48,279 for married filing jointly),
OR

If you:

- Are single or married filing a joint return, WITH NO CHILD, you or your spouse are at least age 25 but under 65, and earned less than \$13,440 (\$18,440 for married filing jointly).

You may qualify for the **EIC**. See one of our volunteers to find out.


PROPERTY TAXES & NEW CAR PURCHASES

Be sure to bring the amount of real estate taxes you paid, even if you can't itemize. In addition, if you bought a new car after February 17, 2009, bring the amount of the sales tax paid.

LAST YEAR'S RETURN

Some sites may have carry forward information from the prior year but most do not. Please bring a copy of last year's return to help in preparation of this year's return.

TAX-AIDE & VITA SITES

- Many sites require appointments. Call if indicated.
-  All sites are wheelchair accessible unless otherwise indicated.
- Languages in addition to English are noted (e.g., L-Spanish).

Boise

Boise Coalition – CEI VITA
2717 South Vista Avenue
(Please enter through the laundry room at the back of the building.)

Feb 1 – Apr 15
Walk-in
Monday – Thursday 2:00 PM – 8:00PM
Saturdays 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Boise Senior Citizens Center
690 Robbins Rd
Feb 2 – Apr 8
Walk-in
Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Hillcrest Retirement Center
1093 S Hilton St
Feb 3 – Apr 7
Walk-in
Wednesdays
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

St. Marks Catholic Church
7960 Northview St
Feb 2 – Apr 8
Walk-in
Tuesday & Thursdays
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Stevens Henager College VITA
1444 S Entertainment Avenue
Feb 8 – Apr 15
Walk-in
Monday - Thursday
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Additional hours by appointment 383-4540 ext 1832

Caldwell

Caldwell Senior Center
1009 Everett St
Feb 3 – Apr 7
Walk-in
Wednesdays (Closed Feb 24th)
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**CEI Canyon County Site
VITA**

Community Action Office
114 E Simplot Blvd
Feb 8– Apr 15
Walk-in
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Every other Saturday
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**College of Idaho
McCain Student Center**

2112 Cleveland Blvd
Feb 2 – Apr 6
Walk-in
Tuesdays 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Eagle

Eagle Public Library
100 Stierman Way
Feb 13 - Apr 10
Walk-in
Saturday Feb 13, 27, Mar 6,
13, Apr 3, 10 ONLY
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Eagle Senior Center

312 E State St
Feb 2 – Apr 6
Walk-in
Tuesdays, Feb 2, 16, Mar 2,
16, Apr 6 ONLY
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Emmett

Emmett Senior Center
719 S Johns Ave
Feb 5 – Apr 9
Walk-in
Fridays
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Garden City

Garden City Library
6015 Glenwood St
Feb 6 – Apr 10
Walk-in
Saturdays 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Glenns Ferry

Three Island Senior Center
492 E Cleveland Ave
Feb 1 - April 15
Appointment preferred
App't Phone: (208) 366-2051
Monday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Kuna

Kuna Senior Center
229 Avenue B
Feb 1 – Apr 5
Walk-in
Mondays, Feb 1, 8, 22, Mar 8,
22 & Apr 5 Only
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Meridian

Meridian Community Center
201 E Idaho Ave
Feb 2 – Apr 8
Walk-in
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Mountain Home

**Mountain Home Air Force
Base**
VITA – Active Military, Retired
Military and Guard Personnel
Schedule to be announced
Appointment Only
Call 208-828-4997

**Mountain Home Senior
Center**

1000 N 3rd E
Jan 30 – Apr 10
Walk-in
Saturdays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
For Shut-ins and individual
appointments (208) 587-1196

Nampa

**CEI Canyon County Site
VITA**
1703 3rd Street North
Feb 1 - Apr 15
Walk-In
Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**Hispanic Cultural Center of
Idaho**

315 Stampede Drive
Room 100
Feb 4 - Apr 8

Walk-In
Thursdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Payette

**CEI Payette Site – WICAP
VITA**
245 7th Ave N
Feb 8 - Apr 15
Appointment Only
App't Phone: (208) 549-2066
Mondays
2:00 PM – 800 PM

Placerville

**Placerville-Idaho City
Various locations & Shut ins**
Feb 1 – Apr 11
Appointment Only
App't Phone: (208) 392-9934

Ontario, Oregon

Veteran Memorial Hall
25 NW 8th Street
Feb 1 – Apr 15
Appointment Only
App't Phone: (541) 889-7651