

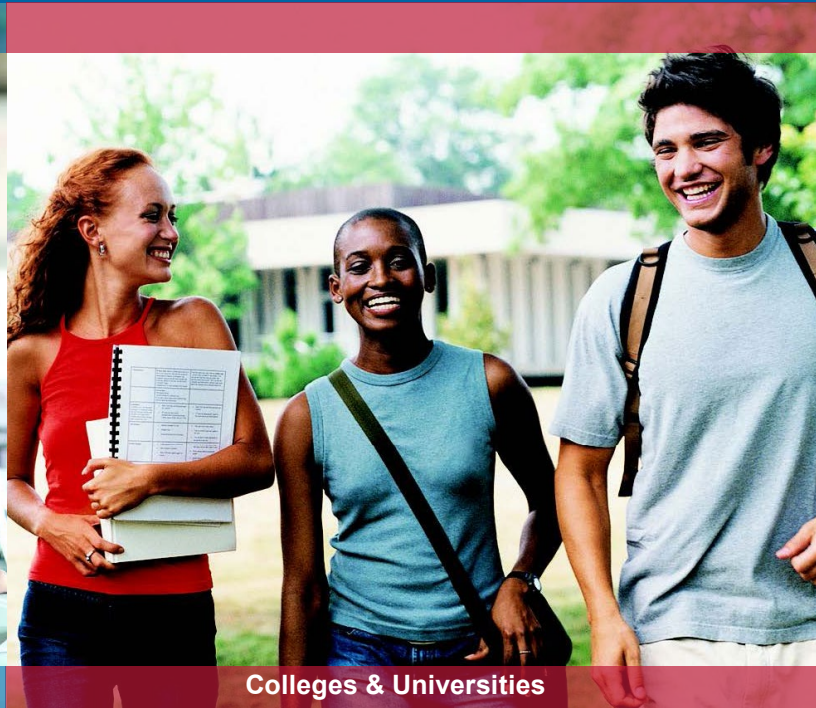


EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Technical & Trade Schools



Colleges & Universities

Providing Service to the Community and Building Wealth

Student incentives (college credits, service hours, social skills, business acumen)

Recognition as a community partner

BECOME AN IRS PARTNER TO HELP IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Make a difference in your community by partnering with the IRS and thousands of nationwide organizations to bring FREE tax return preparation services to low-to-moderate income taxpayers including students, staff, and faculty at your institution.

Tax benefits and free preparation services can offer strong financial stability for people and the communities in which they live.

One or all of our models listed below can be implemented to serve your students, staff, faculty, and community:

Traditional Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites (VITA)

Traditional VITA sites use the traditional face-to-face model to obtain information from taxpayers in order to complete their return. Traditional VITA sites have pre-planned schedules and students work together as a team. This model provides an opportunity for students to develop strong leadership, tax law knowledge, and communication skills.

Facilitated Self-Assistance

The Facilitated Self-Assistance model affords taxpayers the opportunity to prepare and file their own return using brand name software at no cost.

Virtual VITA

Virtual VITA sites link an intake site (where tax documents are received and secured) to a preparation site, where the tax return is prepared. Virtual VITA was introduced to address the needs of rural taxpayers.

BENEFITS OF PARTNERING WITH IRS – SPEC Enhance Student Business Acumen and Social Skills

- Increase knowledge of tax law
- Acquire/improve business acumen through interviewing clients, reviewing documents, and preparing tax returns
- Enrich school experience by participating in applied service learning
- Improve employment opportunity as a result of VITA experience (resumé builder)

Link Directly to Free Application to Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Tax returns processed through the IRS VITA Program comply with the FAFSA Application requirement of providing a tax return

Receive Recognition as a Community Partner

- Builds community involvement
- Brings financial resources into the community
- Provides student and employee financial benefits

Build Wealth in the Community

Low-to-moderate income individuals and families benefit tremendously from the institutions offering free income tax preparation. Many of these individuals are lifted out of poverty by the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax credits and benefits.

Prepare Accurate Returns

IRS SPEC ensures that volunteers are certified and quality standards are followed which results in accurate returns being prepared through this program.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Many current partners are educational institutions. They support the program by:

- Sponsoring a site at the school
- Providing student volunteers
- Linking a Facilitated Self-Assistance Site to your school's web page
- Adopting and marketing a Facilitated Self-Assistance Site
- Providing site space and other resources such as computers and printers
- Advertising sites and free assistance to students, staff, faculty, and other members of the community

IRS – SPEC SUPPORT

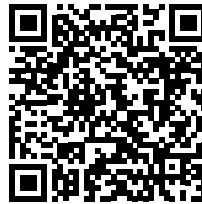
IRS – Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication (SPEC) Relationship Managers can assist your school in establishing a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program suited for your educational institution.

These Relationship Managers can assist you with tasks such as:

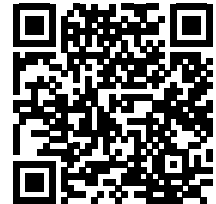
- Online training for volunteers
- Incorporating VITA Training into a tax or accounting class
- Ordering free IRS approved tax preparation software
- Introduction to local VITA partners and coalitions
- Providing free tax preparation training products

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit www.irs.gov and keyword search “Partner with the IRS” or go to: www.irs.gov/Individuals/Become-an-IRSPartner-to-Help-in-Your-Community
- Visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Variety-of-Opportunities
- Email: partner@irs.gov



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www.irs.gov/Individuals

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TESTIMONIALS

Testimonials from current educational institution partners:

“The Accounting students gain IRS certification, an opportunity to use their skills, build their resume and serve their community”

Dr. Bill Hammer, Stephens College of Business, University of Montevallo

“We realize that the sharing of office space, computers, printers, tables, chairs along with internal and external promotion of the free tax preparation, we are providing a community service that helps us achieve our mission.”

“The opportunity for members of our various communities to access this amenity also assists with bringing more people on our campus, thus encouraging the recruitment of potential students.”

Dr. Ed Meadows, President, Pensacola State College

“VITA is the perfect service learning program. As faculty, I found it both exciting and rewarding to witness the positive outcomes of students who serve in the program. I am looking forward to the next tax filing season.”

Donald McWilliams, CPA, CFE, Instructor of Accounting, Jackson State University