

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers

Customize and post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles to tell your customers about the list of free tax prep online.

Where's your nearest free tax preparation site?

This year, with just a click of a mouse, you can easily find a location to have your tax return prepared free.

If you made \$49,000 or less last year and need help preparing your federal income tax return, you can go to the IRS Web site to find a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site near you.

1. Search: *VITA Site List*
2. Click on *Free Tax Return Preparation for You by Volunteers*
3. Click on the [VITA Site List online link](#)
4. Click on your state, then county (as applicable)
5. Find a site from the list sorted by zip code

Your search results will display the site name and address, days and times of operation, e-file availability, and whether language assistance is offered at a specific location.

IRS-certified volunteers provide free tax assistance through VITA for persons with low-to-moderate income. These sites are generally located in community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls and other convenient locations.

The VITA site locator is updated periodically, so check back if you do not see a site in your immediate area. You may also call the VITA site locator phone number at 1-800-906-9887 to find a site near you.

Another free tax preparation service available nationwide is the IRS-sponsored Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program with more than 6,000 tax preparation sites accessible during the tax filing season. Trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help people of low-to-middle income, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. To locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site, call 1-888-227-7669 or use the [Tax-Aide Locator](#) on AARP's Internet site.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to helpful information on IRS Website.

- [Free Tax Return Preparation for you by volunteers](#)
- [Nationwide Free Tax Preparation Site List](#)