



Free Tax Help – Click here for information and resources

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Tax Time is Right Around the Corner and 2-1-1 Can Help

Free tax preparation is available to households through the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. VITA sites offer free tax services from mid-January through mid-April to individuals who qualify. Some initial information regarding this VITA season is below, but please visit this page again (211ct.org/taxhelp) or dial 2-1-1 (option 3, then 6) after **January 19th, 2021** for more information on how to connect with a VITA site in your area, and to get information about other tax services and credits.

Free Tax Preparation through the VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

BASIC ELIGIBILITY FOR VITA: The VITA program is for individuals who generally make \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. Also, individuals who are self-employed should have business expenses less than \$25,000, and individuals should not have income from a rental property.

ONLINE VITA PORTALS: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many physical VITA locations will not be open this year. But the Connecticut VITA coalitions are still offering clients an opportunity to have their taxes completed for free by an IRS-certified volunteer via a combination of an online form and the telephone. Individuals who qualify for VITA and have access to a smartphone or computer, internet/WiFi, and a valid phone number may take advantage of the online VITA options. See below for information about how to get started with VITA online in various regions of the state:

- **Hartford & Windham Counties:** Use this link to pre-register for the Virtual VITA program: <https://thevillage.jotform.com/203644662392862>. If you pre-register, you will be emailed the actual VITA link when this program opens on January 25th. Also, anyone who signs up via the pre-registration link will have their tax return given priority.
- **Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex, New London Counties:** Information coming soon! Check back after January 19th.

Other Free Filing Options for Individuals Who Don't Qualify for VITA

- **MyFreeTaxes:** Taxpayers of all income levels can easily and accurately file their simple taxes for free at <http://www.myfreetaxes.com>.
- **IRS Free File:** Taxes can also be filed for free on the IRS website: www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free.