

# File 2020 taxes with VITA for free from home

In partnership with the IRS and the Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS), the Woodbridge VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program is still available to prepare income tax returns at no cost for qualifying residents. Like everything else in a pandemic, the program looks a little different this year. If you have a camera phone and an email address, you can begin the process at [GetYourRefund.org/WBSC-CT](http://GetYourRefund.org/WBSC-CT).

This new and secure national VITA website was created to serve the virtual needs of the program during the pandemic. To use this website, you will be directed to fill out the intake questionnaire and upload specific documents. Your secure file will be conveyed to our local group of volunteer tax preparers based on your indicated preference. One tax preparer will contact you for a phone interview during which your taxes will be prepared. A second will call to review your return for accuracy, and finally you will receive a copy of your Federal and State returns via email to be electronically signed before they are e-filed. Estimated turnaround time from start to finish is one week.

Taxpayers who are unable to access a camera phone or email are encouraged to call Woodbridge Human Services at (203) 389-3429 to schedule an intake telephone appointment with a tax preparer and directions for drive-through document scanning.

The VITA program has operated for over 50 years, offering free tax help to people with low to moderate income, senior citizens, as well as people with disabilities and limited English. Volunteer preparers are annually trained and certified to IRS standards.

