

# VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

# VITA | UNITED WAY

## A UNITED WAY COLLABORATIVE

Our nation's tax season will start on Monday, January 26, 2026 to begin accepting and processing 2025 tax year returns. You may qualify for one of the following options offered by the WNY Regional VITA Network partner organizations. If you earned \$69,000 or less in adjusted gross income, you can get your federal and state taxes e-filed for free\*, and you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

\*IRS e-file is fast, more accurate, secure and simple. While most returns can be processed, some may be more complex and need referral to a more specialized preparer.

## FILE YOUR TAXES ONE OF TWO WAYS:

### 1 VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) SITES

Free, supported tax preparation services for anyone who earns less than \$69,000. Volunteer tax preparers are fully trained and IRS certified to complete and e-file your return at no charge. Call 211 to make an appointment and find a free tax preparation site near you (dial 211 or 1-888-696-9211).

### 2 ONLINE: MYFREETAXES®

MyFreeTaxes® is a service offered by United Way for free tax preparation for people at all income levels who have a simple return. You can file your taxes completely online from the comfort of your home. Visit [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com) to get started.



# WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING WITH ME?

- Proof of identification (driver's license, state photo ID or other government issued identification that includes a photo)
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents  
Note: If you need to request a replacement card or update your Social Security record, go to [Social Security number & card](#) to find the best way to do this.
- An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter may be substituted for you, your spouse and your dependents if you do not have a Social Security number
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statements (Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-Misc) from all employers
- [Social Security Benefit Statements](#) (SSA-1099), if applicable
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available
- Proof of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number such as their Social Security number or business Employer Identification Number
- Forms 1095-A, B and C, Health Coverage Statements
- Copies of income transcripts from IRS and state, if applicable

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For more information and to find the tax site closest to you, contact 211 using one of the three ways below.

 **DIAL 211 OR 888-696-9211**

 **TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO 898-211**

 **VISIT 211WNY.ORG**