

LOVE DOING TAXES FOR FREE?

Normal? Probably not.
Helpful? Absolutely.



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Help families in Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana file their taxes, claim credits, and get the refunds they've earned.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Weeknight and weekend hours.
- Sites throughout the region.
- Comprehensive training provided.
- Teamwork and support.
- IRS certification, college internships, service learning opportunities.
- Up to 18 continuing education credits for CPAs, CFAs and Attorneys.

No previous experience is necessary.

Volunteers commit to a minimum of 12 hours during tax season, January 20 - April 17, 2018.

Sign Up Online: UWGC.org/tax-volunteer
Or call 513-762-7255

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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Regional Earned Income Tax Credit Collaborative Mission:

Build financial stability for families in SW Ohio, N Kentucky and SE Indiana by helping them file their taxes to claim tax credits and refunds.

WHAT?

- Tax Prep connects volunteers one-on-one with individuals needing assistance.
- Volunteers prepare taxes for individuals and families with low and moderate incomes, ensuring that each family files taxes, claims credits, and gets the refunds they've earned.
- VITA sites at churches, schools, colleges, recreation centers and agencies
- With tax coaching, volunteers help individuals learn to file taxes using free online software.
- At "closed sites" corporate volunteers serve their own colleagues at the worksite.

WHEN?

- Training in November/December/January.
- Tax season is January 20 - April 17, 2018
- Each tax shift is 3-4 hours on a weeknight or Saturday; some day hours also available.
- Volunteer at least 3 shifts during tax season

TRAINING

- Classroom training starts in December
- Volunteers certify online through an IRS test
- Certified volunteers are protected from liability
- Up to 18 CEUs for CPAs, CFAs and attorneys
- New volunteers shadow experienced volunteers
- Quality review process assures that multiple volunteers review each return.

WHERE?

- Ohio: Hamilton, Butler, Clermont Counties
- Kentucky: Kenton, Campbell, Boone, Grant Counties
- Indiana: Dearborn County

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Individuals can serve as greeters, screeners, hosts, tax preparers, reviewers, coaches, interpreters, technologists, and site coordinators.
- Companies/Corporate teams can recruit volunteers together, train together, adopt a community tax site and volunteer together as a group, sponsor and run a community tax site, and offer a "closed" tax site to their colleagues.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Families depend on refund of withheld earnings to meet their basic expenses.
- The Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit move families and children out of poverty.
- Filing taxes is a legal obligation, yet it requires high levels of education and computer competency.
- Tax returns are required to access student financial aid, health insurance premium credits, home mortgages and many government benefits.
- Many for-profit tax preparation services are expensive; some entail predatory loans and deceptive practices.
- This program connects annual tax season services to financial education and stabilization.

HOW? Sign up to volunteer at UWGC.org/tax-volunteer

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