

# 2021 IRS Income Tax Preparation Assistance (VITA)

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Each year, during the months of February, March, and April, the legal aid programs in Missouri participate in The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This program uses IRS-certified volunteers to provide **free basic income tax return preparation** with electronic filing to qualified individuals. Eligibility is based on income, disabilities, and those who have limited English speaking ability.

In addition to VITA, the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free tax help for all taxpayers. However, this program specializes in helping those who are 60 years of age and older with questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. The IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

Before going to a VITA or TCE site, see [Publication 3676-B](#) for services provided and check out the [What to Bring](#) page to ensure you have all the required documents and information our volunteers will need to help you. \*Note: available services can vary at each site due to the availability of volunteers certified with the tax law expertise required for your return.

To locate a VITA/TCE site go to <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> This site will allow a search for a VITA/TCE site across the country where volunteers will prepare the return for the taxpayer. Local sites should be posted each year on the first day of January.

For more information, you may click on the following link in order to access the IRS VITA web link: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers>

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You may also contact one of the legal aid programs in Missouri for more details.

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