

Free Tax Help



(Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, & Washington County Volunteer Site Listings)



A Volunteer Program administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with IRS and the Oregon Dept. of Revenue.

FREE TAX HELP

Confused about your taxes? Having trouble filing? Then take a moment to read this. Chances are there's a location near you where you can get free assistance with your state and federal tax return.

This program is staffed by volunteers who have received training from the IRS and the Oregon Department of Revenue. They are ready to assist you in the completion of your tax returns – AND it's absolutely free!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This program is designed to help most elderly, low-income, limited English proficiency, and disabled taxpayers with the preparation of their basic tax returns. In addition, many people that have income under \$35,458 and qualify for the refundable **Earned Income Credit (EIC)** have their returns prepared by our volunteers.

ERA NOTICE

The Elderly Rental Assistance (ERA) forms and information will be mailed to most eligible participants. To complete the forms, please bring the package together with the items listed in "What to Bring."

PROCEDURES

Your volunteer will indicate TCE at the bottom of your tax return. TCE represents Tax Counseling for the Elderly. This return is one of thousands prepared by trained volunteers and in no way affects the likelihood of an IRS examination (audit) of your return.

FREE E~Filing AVAILABLE

Using e~filing (electronic filing) can get you your refund faster. Or if you have a balance due, e~filing reduces processing errors and gives you confirmation that your return has been received, and you still have until April 15, 2005 to pay without any interest or penalty added. The IRS e~file program may be available in your area – if you're interested, ask your volunteer.

For additional sites that may not be listed in this brochure call 1-888-AARPNOW.

WHAT TO BRING

1. Picture identification for yourself and spouse, if married filing joint.
2. Social security card(s) or Taxpayer Identification number(s) for you, your spouse and all dependents.
3. Copy of last year's tax return (**very important** – helps volunteer prepare this year's return).
4. Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) from each employer.
5. Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV (to report interest and dividends).
6. SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 (to report social security and railroad retirement)
7. 1099R (to report pension income)
8. List of your medical, taxes, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses (to itemize your deductions).
9. Child and disabled dependent care information.
10. For ERA Form – landlord information and amount of rent, utilities, and fuel paid in 2004.
11. The Multnomah County Tax return package if you lived in Multnomah County in 2004.

IS THE REFUNDABLE EARNED INCOME CREDIT FOR YOU?

You may qualify for the **EIC**.

If you:

- Have earned income (wages, tips, etc.) and ...
- Have a child living with you in your home for over six months, and ...
- Have a valid social security number for you, your spouse if filing a joint return, and your child, and...
- Have total income under \$35,458, and...
- Have investment income under \$2,650, and...
- Have no Foreign Income Exclusion

OR

If you are:

- Single or married filing a joint return, **WITH NO CHILD**
- At least 25 but under 65, and earning less than \$12,490.

See one of our volunteers to find out.

2005 TAX-AIDE SITES

- Are by **Appointment Only** unless noted.
- All sites are wheelchair accessible unless noted.
- Local area codes apply.
- Languages in addition to English are noted (e.g., L-Spanish).

Clackamas County

Estacada

Estacada Comm. Center
220 SW Clubhouse Dr
Wed. 9 to 4 – Starting Feb 23rd
Appointment only, call 630-7454

Gladstone

Gladstone Senior Center
1050 Portland Ave
Mon. 9am to 2pm
Appointment only, call 655-7701

Lake Oswego

Lake Oswego Adult Ctr.
505 G Ave
Tues. 1:30-5pm
Appointment only, call 635-3758

Lake Oswego Pub. Library
706 4th St
Wed. 10am to 3pm
Appointment only, call 636-7628

Milwaukie

Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Crk Dr
Mon & Fri 9am to 4pm
Appointment only, call 653-8100

Oregon City

Pioneer Community Center
615 Fifth St
Tue 9-3pm & Fri. 9 to 12n
Appointment only, call 657-8287

Sandy

Sandy Sr Community Center
38348 Pioneer Blvd
Wed. 9am to 12n
Appointment only, call 668-5569

West Linn

West Linn Adult Comm Center
1180 Rosemont
Tue 9am to 3pm
Appointment only, call 557-4704

Wilsonville

Wilsonville Senior Center
7965 SW Wilsonville Rd
Wed 9am to 5pm
Appointment only, call 682-3727

Columbia County

St. Helens

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
360 Wyeth St
Tue 6 - 9pm & Sat 10:30 - 2:30
Appointment only, call 397-0090

St. Helens Sr. Center
375 S 15th St
Tue. & Thurs. 9:30 to 1pm
Appointment only, call 397-3377

Multnomah County

Gresham

El Programa Hispano
451 NW 1st – L-Spanish
Sat. 9 to 1pm
Appointment only, call 669-8350

Gresham Regional Library
385 NW Miller
Mon. 12n to 4pm
Appointment only, call 988-5387

Gresham Senior Center
600 NE 8th
Fri. 11 – 3, Starting March 11th
Appointment only, call 988-4870

Portland – North

North Portland Library
512 N Killingsworth Ave
Walk-in – Thurs 12n to 5pm

Peace Lutheran Church
2201 N Portland Blvd
Walk-in – Sat 9 to 1pm

Peninsula Senior Center
7508 N Hereford Ave
Tues. 10 to 2pm
Appointment only, call 289-8208

Portsmouth Middle School
5103 N Willis
Thurs 8:30 to 12n
Appointment only, call 988-5417

Portland – Northeast

Concordia University
2811 NE Holman
Fri 2 to 6pm
Appointment only, call 280-8131

Dishman Community Center
77 NE Knott
Sat. 12n to 4pm
Appointment only, call 823-3692

Gregory Heights Br. Library
7921 NE Sandy
Sat. 11am to 4pm
Appointment only, call 988-5386

Hollywood Senior Center
1820 NE 40th
Mon, Wed & Thus 12 to 4pm
Tue 9 to 1pm
Appointment only, call 288-8303

MLK Multicultural Center
5325 NE MLK Blvd
Mon 9am to 1pm
Appointment only, call 988-5470

Salvation Army Rose Center
211 NE 18th
Tue & Thurs 9am to 1pm
Appointment only, call 239-1221

Southeast Asian Vicariate
54040 NE Alameda Dr
Call for days at 680-6838

Portland – Northwest

Cedar Mill Comm Library
12505 NW Cornell Rd
Tue & Wed 10 to 4:30pm
Appointment only, call 644-0043

Friendly House I
1808 NW Irving
Mon 9am to 2pm
Appointment only, call 224-2640

Friendly House II
2606 NW Savior
Sat 9am to 2pm
Appointment only, call 224-2640

Portland – Southeast

E. Portland Community Center
740 SE 106th
Walk-in – Thurs 5 to 9pm

Cherry Blossom Adult Program
740 SE 106th
Thurs 9am to 12n
Appointment only, call 988-6073

Lents Loaves and Fishes
10325 SE Holgate
Wed 9am to 1pm
Appointment only, call 762-8997

Midland Branch Library
805 SE 122nd Ave
Tue 5 to 8pm, Fri 12n to 4pm
& Sat 12 to 5pm
Appointment only, call 988-5392

Mt. Scott Comm. Center
5530 SE 72nd Ave
Walk-in – Sat 9 to 1pm

Reach Comm Devel
1225 SE Belmont
Walk-in (Sat. 9-1pm)

Rockwood Branch Library
17917 SE Stark St
Thurs 12n to 4pm
Appointment only, call 988-5396

SE Portland Impact
Multicultural Center
4610 SE Belmont
Tue & Thurs 9 to 1pm
Appointment only, call 988-3660

Sellwood Community Center
1436 SE Spokane St.
Tue 9am to 1pm
Appointment only, call 823-3195

Woodstock Branch Library
6008 SE 49th
Walk-In – Sat 12n-5pm

Portland – Southwest

First Baptist Church
909 SW 11th
Mon & Thurs 9 to 12n
Appointment only, call 228-7465

Loaves and Fishes
7710 SW 31st Ave
Mon & Wed 8:30 to 4:30pm
Appointment only, call 244-5204

Washington County

Beaverton

Beaverton City Library
12375 SW 5th
Mon, Wed & Thurs 5 to 8pm
& Tue & Sat 10 to 2pm
Appointment only, call 644-2197

Elsie Stuhr Center
5550 SW Hall
Thurs 13:30-4:30 & Fri 8:30-4:30
Appointment only, call 629-6342

Forest Grove

Forest Grove City Library
2114 Pacific Ave
Fri 10am to 5pm
Appointment only, call 359-3247

Forest Grove Senior Center
2037 Douglas St #784
Tue 9 to 4pm
Appointment only, call 357-2021

Hillsboro

Community Action
1001 SW Baseline St
Sat 9 to 4pm
Appointment only (971) 223-6032

Hillsboro Public Library -
Tanasbourne
2465 NW 185th
Tue 1 to 8pm, Fri 12 to 6pm
& Sat 10:30 to 6pm
Appointment only, call 615-6500

Hillsboro Public Library –
Shute Park
775 SE 10th
Thurs & Fri 10 to 5pm
Appointment only, call 615-6500

King City

Arts and Crafts Building
15245 SW 116th Ave
Walk-in – Sat 10 to 3pm

Sherwood

Marjorie Stewart Senior Center
855 N Sherwood Blvd
Tue 9 to 4pm
Appointment only, call 625-5644

Tigard

Tigard Public Library
13125 SW Hall Blvd
Sat 10 to 4pm
Appointment only, 684-6537

Tigard Senior Center
8815 SW Omara St
Tue 8:30 to 4:30pm
Appointment only, call 620-4613

Tualatin

Tualatin Public Library
18880 SW Martinazzi Ave
Sat 10-4pm
Appointment only, call 692-2000