

## FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

In 2020, VITA volunteers assisted more than 1,700 individuals and families in preparation of their federal and state income taxes. Despite the COVID-19 global pandemic, the VITA program returned more than \$2.6 million to our community and an average of \$1,547 to these individuals and families.

### ONSITE, PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Meet with an IRS-certified VITA tax assistant for one hour at a VITA site to complete your federal and state income tax returns.

#### **CONVENIENT LOCATIONS**

For 2021, VITA will have two appointment sites in Cedar Rapids open days, evenings, and Saturdays. There will also be two convenient tax return intake sites.

#### **SIMPLIFIED PROCESS**

The VITA personnel will assist in making a sometimes complex and complicated tax preparation process a more trouble-free experience for you. Simply schedule your appoint with 2-1-1, bring the necessary and required documentation, complete an intake form, and sit with the volunteer to complete your tax return.

# **ADVANTAGES**

- Personal assistance
- Electronic filing
- Direct deposit to your checking or savings account
- Complete both federal and state tax returns in one sitting
- Convenient locations and hours
- Free to individuals earning less than \$54,000

# WHAT TO EXPECT

- Understanding volunteers
- Opportunity to address your concerns and questions
- A complete and confidential tax return filing
- Quick electronic filing of state and federal tax returns

## WHAT TO BRING

- Proper identification, including photo ID and social security card, for all individuals who will be included on your tax returns
- All wage and income documents
- Last years tax returns

Beginning mid-January you can set up an appointment.

- Any college expenses and scholarships
- Bank routing information
- Additional items you will need will be identified when your appointment is scheduled

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