

Volunteers Needed To Help People File Tax Returns

Do you like helping people? Then the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** sponsored by Seneca County's Division of Human Services and the United Way of Seneca County, may be just what you're looking for. The Internal Revenue Service promotes this program that involves volunteers helping community members who cannot afford professional tax assistance.

The VITA Program helps those with low-to-moderate incomes. Trained Volunteer Tax Assistors explain the many special credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. Volunteers will help individuals complete and electronically file their returns – all for free.

Who are these volunteers? People just like you – college students, law students, homemakers, members of volunteer or community organizations, and businessmen and women. You name it. Volunteer Tax Assistors receive free instruction and all training and certification materials necessary to prepare basic income tax returns. Training and certification generally is conducted in December and the following January. Although this may seem like a long way away, now is the time to sign up. Training and certification is conducted at locations that are convenient for both instructors and volunteers.

Volunteers are also needed to help in other ways. Some volunteers help organize tax sites, while others only do publicity for a site. If you have a skill and would like to help, we can find a way to involve you in the program.

If you want to get involved and would like more information about the VITA Program, contact Suzi at Seneca County Workforce Development 315.539.1912.