

Earn It. Keep It. Save It.

The money you save by using our free tax service goes directly in your pocket!

Partner Sites:

Broome Career & Community Service Center (Oakdale Mall - Former Sears Building)

501 Reynolds Road
Johnson City, NY 13790
Appointment Only, No Walk-Ins

United Way of Broome County

101 S. Jensen Road
Vestal, NY 13850
Appointment Only, No Walk-Ins

Call 2-1-1 or
1-800-901-2180 today to
schedule an appointment!

VITA Tax Program #127
Workforce NY
171 Front Street
Binghamton, NY 13905

VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



FREE TAX PREPARATION

FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES!

Find out if you're eligible for
FREE help with your taxes:
uwbroome.org/vita

• MAXIMIZE YOUR REFUND •
• IRS CERTIFIED TAX COUNSELORS •



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INFO

Sites open

January 27, 2021 - April 13, 2021

On Feb. 12, 2021, the IRS will begin accepting and processing 2020 tax year returns. Under the PATH Act, the IRS anticipates a first week of March refund for many EITC and ACTC taxpayers, if they file electronically with direct deposit and there are no issues with their tax returns. All paid and free preparers must follow this new delay rule.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS!

- Don't pay someone to prepare your taxes if you qualify for free tax prep!
- Don't rush to pay to file your taxes hoping for a refund before Feb. 25.
- Don't sign for a refund anticipation loan—it's way too costly!

TO QUALIFY:

- Total household income is less than \$66,000 for individuals and families with **and**
- Worked and lived only in New York State **and**
- No rental property income **and**
- If self-employed, no reported loss, no employees and business expenses under \$5,000.

TO BRING:

- **Picture IDs are required** for you, and your spouse. Your spouse must be present at the appointment
- **Social Security card** and birthdate for each family member are **required**
- **W-2 forms** for all jobs worked
- All **1099 forms** that you received
- Be prepared to discuss **Health Insurance Coverage**
- Copy of last year's income tax return
- Childcare provider's name, address and tax ID number, if applicable
- Bank account numbers for direct deposit
- If self-employed, bring business records for income and expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2021:

- COVID-19 safety protocols are in place and there will be limited contact with tax preparers. Due to this, tax returns will not be processed on the same day. Intake appointments will be scheduled, and tax information will be gathered at these appointments. The tax returns will be processed at a later date. Taxpayers will be given a scheduled day and time to return to the VITA site to pick up their copy of their income tax returns and tax information.
- Masks must be worn at all times.
- If you received unemployment in 2020, you must go to your online account to print out the 1099G form for your income tax return. The Department of Labor will not mail the form. Unemployment income is taxable income for both the Federal and New York State income tax returns. If you have any questions regarding the form, contact the Department of Labor.
- Interpreters are not guaranteed. Please bring one with you if possible.

Taxpayers also have the option of filing taxes for free for income up to \$66,000 at www.MyFreeTaxes.com