

AARP Tax Aide Program

Background

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service available to low and moderate-income taxpayers of all ages with special attention to people age 60 and older.

The Foundation's Tax-Aide Program helps the most vulnerable people build and protect their assets through free income tax preparation.

Each year, Tax-Aide volunteers help people across the country with their tax returns, making sure they receive all of the deductions they may be eligible for.

In 2009, Tax-Aide volunteers helped people receive over \$200 million in Earned Income Tax Credit, a source of cash for people with limited resources.

Tax Aide Program Today

The program has grown tremendously since it started in 1968 with four volunteers. Approximately 34,600 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, now help more than 2.6 million taxpayers file their federal, state, and local tax returns each year. The AARP Tax-Aide program is offered at approximately 6,500 locations nationwide in senior centers, libraries, community centers, and at other convenient locations.

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to assist with filing the 1040 Form and the more standard of the schedules, including Schedules A and B. Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance. Electronic filing (e-filing) is offered at most sites, with no charge to the taxpayer. E-filing ensures more accurate tax returns and faster processing of tax refunds.

What's in this for the Chapter? Or the Payoff, ROI, etc.

1. Additional opportunities to display our volunteerism with an organization that has partnered with the chapter in the past.
2. Increased exposure of our brand to the public and local community at large.
3. The opportunity to get paid for our tax expertise in smiles, appreciation, hugs—or all of the above.

One of Several Positions Available

Tax Volunteer – Provides assistance in accordance with policies and procedures of AARP Tax-Aide and IRS grant requirements. Must pass the Advanced level of the IRS test to be certified by the IRS for the purpose of providing tax assistance in this program.

Testimonials from Past Participants in the Program

Last year AARP Tax-Aide helped nearly 2.6 million individuals prepare and file their federal income taxes. Read what they had to say about AARP Tax-Aide:

An AARP Tax-Aide volunteer

You told me I would have fun and I laughed. You were right. I never thought preparing taxes for others would be this much fun! I'm ready to do it again next year.

An AARP Tax-Aide volunteer

Many in the neighborhood would be hard pressed to have their taxes prepared if they had to pay someone. This is a very valuable service.

An AARP Tax-Aide client

...Your volunteers made us feel welcome and secure in providing us both with an outstanding professional service which in our lowered income status of recent years was most welcome. Thank you so much.

AARP Tax-Aide Client

I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciate your [AARP] Tax-Aide service. I utilized the service...on February 2, 2009. ...The personnel there were very kind, courteous, helpful and efficient. Thanks to them, I was able to get my Federal and State taxes prepared and e-filed in a short period of time. Please accept my thanks...

How can you sign up?

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Website for more info and to apply for a volunteer position

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