



Greater Capital Region CASH Coalition

Rensselaer County CASH Chapter

*IRS CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER PREPARERS NEEDED...*

*Additional Volunteer Positions Available...*

**Want To Help Low-Income Working Families / Others Receive Tax Savings They Are Entitled To?**

**What is VITA?**

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide Programs offer free tax preparation to low-to-middle income individuals and families, including persons with disabilities, seniors citizens and taxpayers whose first language is not English. All sites use IRS accepted volunteer electronic software for filing.

All VITA and AARP sites need several key volunteer positions: tax preparer, quality reviewer, greeter, scheduler, financial educator, and general office assistant. Volunteering for VITA/AARP provides individuals with an experience to be part of a large coalition effort to help many taxpayers gain additional income through credits on their tax returns. Becoming an IRS certified volunteer tax preparer will look great on anyone's resume!

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For AARP contact: David Aikens via email: [daikens49@earthlink.net](mailto:daikens49@earthlink.net) or call: 279-4701 or 479-0226.

**Further Information**

Here are five things the IRS wants you to know about becoming a VITA/TCE volunteer:

1. No previous experience is required.
2. Volunteers receive specialized training from certified VITA/TCE volunteers and can serve as greeters, reviewers or tax preparers.
3. IRS provides free tax law training, e-file training and all the materials needed to prepare basic individual income tax returns.
4. The hours are flexible. Volunteers are asked to serve an average of three to four hours per week from mid-January through the tax deadline date, which is April 17<sup>th</sup> (in 2012).
5. Volunteer sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools and other convenient locations.

All VITA and AARP sites offer free electronic filing of both Federal and State tax returns.

Last year nationwide more than 88,000 volunteers answered the call and made a difference by preparing more than 3 million tax returns for free at thousands of sites. Anyone can volunteer. It can be an exciting, educational and enjoyable experience. We need your help now!!! Think about becoming a volunteer and see what a difference it makes in your life as well as others...

