

It is important to note that at times, tax-filing websites may make it difficult to access or complete the free-file option. For example, companies like H&R Block and TurboTax often have free options but make it confusing to find these free services on their website, or advertise additional services throughout the process that you would have to pay for. If you decide to use a guided tax preparation website, we recommend using one of sites that partner with the IRS to provide this resource, which can be found on the IRS website.

You can access the IRS Free File website **here**: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/>

For additional support, tutorials, and tips from the IRS on how to file your federal income tax return, visit: https://apps.irs.gov/app/understandingTaxes/student/tax_tutorials.jsp

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The VITA program offers free tax help for people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

- People who make \$57,000 or less per year
- People with disabilities
- Taxpayers who have limited English proficiency

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

The TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for individuals 60 years of age or older, and specializes in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues.

VITA and TCE programs are staffed by volunteers who want to give back to their communities. These volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS, and as such, their services are reliable and trustworthy in addition to being free of charge.

To learn more about these programs or find a VITA or TCE Site near you, visit:

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers>