

## Why Pay When You Can Get Your Taxes Done for Free?

More than half of all taxpayers pay a tax preparer to file their tax return. Before using a commercial tax preparer, check out the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** near you at **East Missouri Action Agency**. We can prepare and e-file your taxes for free!

The VITA Program offers free tax help to people whose incomes fall within the guidelines. If you earn under **\$40,000** for married filers and under **\$29,000** for single filers, you may be eligible. Volunteers receive training on how to prepare basic returns, and must pass the IRS Certification Test.

We can also prepare your State Income Tax Return (if also filing Federal) and the Missouri Property Tax Credit (MO-PTC) for elderly and/or disabled residents. East Missouri Action Agency sponsors the VITA program in all eight of our county outreach offices.

### **ITEMS YOU WILL NEED IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR TAXES PREPARED:**

- **Valid Photo ID for all taxpayers**
- **Social Security Cards for you, your spouse, and all dependents listed on the return**
- **Birth dates for all**
- **All Forms 1095-A, B or C, Health Insurance Statements**
- **Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received**
- **Income Documentation including:**
  - **W-2 Forms from all jobs worked in 2015**
  - **All 1099 Forms showing other income received in 2015**
  - **A blank check for direct deposit of your refund (no deposit slips allowed)**

If any of the following apply to you, then you must also bring documentation:

- Child care expenses, including the provider's address and federal ID#
- Mortgage company statements
- Alimony received
- Any notices received from the IRS or state tax office
- Property tax bills
- College tuition and student loan interest, and any statements from the college
- Additional forms of income such as:
  - Prizes and awards
  - Scholarships and fellowships
  - Lottery/gambling winnings

Filing your taxes can be easy and FREE. We encourage all low-income, elderly or disabled citizens to contact their local EMAA Outreach office to find out more details about these free services.

**The program begins January 30, 2017 and ends April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

### EMAA OUTREACH OFFICES

BOLLINGER	104 High St, Marble Hill, MO 63764	573-238-4220
CAPE	1111 Linden St, Cape Girardeau, MO 63702	573-334-5533
IRON	321 Knob St, Ironton, MO 63650	573-546-3191
MADISON	18 Court Square, Fredericktown, MO 63645	573-783-5226
PERRY	25 South Jackson, Perryville, MO 63775	573-547-2014
ST. FRANCOIS	903 E. Chestnut St, Desloge, MO 63601	573-431-0103
STE GENEVIEVE	360 Market St, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670	573-883-7252
WASHINGTON	10048 Settle Mill Rd, Cadet, MO 63630	573-438-3528

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