

EITC – Santa Clara County Collaboration

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What is EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)

EITC is a refundable federal tax credit of up to several thousand dollars. Eligibility and dollar amount depend on the household's filing status, income, and number of qualifying dependents. Qualifying workers must also be U.S. citizens or resident aliens, have worked full or part time. Households which qualify for the EITC may also be eligible for the child tax credit and other credits.

Who is eligible for free tax help from EITC – Santa Clara County Collaboration?

Low-to-moderate income individuals and families may receive free tax preparation assistance through the collaborative partnership if they live in Santa Clara County. Assistance is available in multiple languages. U.S. citizenship is not required.

What is a VITA site?

VITA, or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites, were created by the IRS to offer low-to-moderate income individuals free tax preparation services. Often, as is the case with Santa Clara County, the IRS partners with local non profit and faith-based organizations to operate these VITA sites throughout the community.

How can I help?

- Volunteer as a tax preparer, financial counselor, or fill another role at one of the collaborative' sites.
- Promote EITC by distributing flyers and spreading the word.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Training for the fall session starts on October 27th, 2007 from 9am to 12pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact Angela Kung at 408-345-4318 or volunteer@uwsv.org.

Volunteer Tax Assistor – prepare basic tax returns for eligible individuals

Time Commitment	A minimum of 36 hours during tax season. Flexible schedules.
Training	Must complete free training (23 hours) course in October/ November and pass IRS certification exam.

Volunteer Quality Reviewer – on site tax review of all completed tax returns

Time Commitment	A minimum of 36 hours during tax season. Flexible schedules.
Training	Must complete free training (23 hours) course in October/ November and pass IRS certification exam.

Volunteer Screener (Certified & Non-Certified) – provide initial screening of documents and information necessary to be eligible for returns

Time Commitment	A minimum of 36 hours during tax season. Flexible schedules.
Training	Must complete free training course in October/ November (for certified (23 hrs) and non-certified(4 hrs) and pass IRS certification exam (for certified.)

Volunteer Computer Specialist – transmit electronic tax returns

Time Commitment	A minimum of 36 hours during tax season. Flexible schedules.
Training	Must complete free training (23 hours) course in October/ November and pass IRS certification exam.

Volunteer Interpreter – interpreter for individuals

Time Commitment	A minimum of 36 hours during tax season. Flexible schedules.
Training	No training required. All languages welcome and most needed are Vietnamese, Chinese, and Spanish.