



Taxpayer Education Interest Card

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Telephone Number (include area code) _____

Organization's Name (if applicable) _____

I would like more information on the following:

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)
- Practitioners Education
- Student Tax Clinic
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- Understanding Taxes
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- Small Business Self-Employed
- Bank, Post Office and Library (BPOL)
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinics

Complete both sides and mail to the nearest IRS office listed on this brochure.

Do you get a "kick" out of helping someone who really needs help? Do you enjoy making a contribution in your community? Are you willing to give a little of your time? Do you have an aptitude for tax work? Are you good at meeting and dealing with people from widely different backgrounds? Do you take pride in doing a good job?

If you answered "yes" to all or most of these questions, you are a prime candidate for one or more of the volunteer programs that the Internal Revenue Service offers in your community. You are needed. The IRS is not able to offer individual tax assistance to everyone. However, the IRS does train volunteers to help people. You can be one of them.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

VITA is one program where volunteers are needed. The IRS trains volunteers to help people prepare basic tax returns for those with a low to limited income, individuals with disabilities, and non-English speaking persons and elderly taxpayers. The volunteers serve in the community at neighborhood centers, libraries, churches, shopping malls and other convenient locations. Volunteers also provide assistance and return preparation for prior year federal income tax returns, as well as, the earned income and advanced earned income tax credits. A number of locations also offer electronic filing. People also are needed as instructors, site managers, publicity coordinators and receptionists.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

TCE is another volunteer program where tax skills and a helping hand are offered. TCE offers free tax help to people who are 60 years or older. Many of the volunteers are retired themselves and are affiliated with nonprofit groups that have received grants to run a local TCE program. Grant funds are used to reimburse volunteers to pay mileage and other travel expenses so they can go wherever they are needed - retirement homes, neighborhood sites or private houses of the homebound. Some TCE sites offer electronic filing at no charge to the taxpayer. There are many volunteers opportunities available as instructors, tax assistants, site coordinators, receptionist, and other important positions.

Community Outreach Tax Education

In the Community Outreach Tax Education program individuals conduct lectures or seminars on some aspect of tax law. The presentations are targeted at groups of taxpayers who have a common occupation or tax concern - farmers, retirees and small business owners. Outreach is offered year-round at convenient community locations and at convenient hours, including evenings and weekends. Tax education seminars are tailored to the interests of each group attending. Tax return preparation sessions cover federal tax forms line-by-line so that taxpayers can prepare their returns correctly.

Small Business Self-Employed Tax Program

Through the Small Business Self-Employed Tax Program the IRS offers a variety of business tax workshops, seminars and courses in partnership with community sponsors. Our nationwide sponsors include community, junior and technical colleges, universities, trade schools, business and economic development agencies and chambers of commerce. In addition to Federal taxes, many programs include state and local requirements through cooperative efforts with those government entities.

Understanding Taxes Programs

Since nearly everyone will have to pay taxes eventually, what better time to learn the basics than while in school? Besides, many students already have part-time jobs or other sources of income requiring them to file a tax return. That's why the IRS has three Understanding Taxes Programs for eighth grade, high school and post-secondary learners, which provide basic tax education to students.

If you enjoy teaching, or helping others to teach, and are knowledgeable about taxation, you can help the taxpaying citizens of tomorrow by teaching these programs.

Visit Tax Interactive "TAXI" at www.irs.ustreas.gov/taxi. This entertaining and educational website is a great way to teach today's youth about their tax rights and responsibilities.

Practitioner Education

Tax professionals can learn about recent tax law changes at Practitioner Institutes, which will enhance the professional quality of the services they provide. These institutes are sponsored by qualified educational institutions, state and local governments, professional and other nonprofit organizations. Qualified tax professionals who would like to volunteer to acquaint fellow practitioners with the latest developments in the tax field might enjoy serving in this program.

Student Tax Clinics

Perhaps you are willing to help a student in the field of taxation to get some "hands-on" experience providing counsel to taxpayers whose returns are being examined. Law and graduate accounting school students are given special permission to practice before the IRS on behalf of taxpayers who can't afford professional help. As a volunteer, you can help with clinic operations or even serve as a Student Tax Clinic Director.

Bank, Post Office and Library (BPOL) Program

This program offers a chance to give back a little to your community. The IRS supplies over 47,000 libraries, banks, post offices, technical schools, state and local governments, and similar facilities with free tax forms and instructions. Tax Forms on CD-ROM and reference materials are available at many participating libraries. Once the tax materials are placed at these facilities, patrons still have to be directed to the proper form, or booklet to suit their needs. That's where you can help.

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITC) program provides grants to organizations that provide legal assistance to low-income taxpayers in controversies with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and/or informs individuals for whom English is a second language of their tax rights and responsibilities. Under this program IRS is authorized to award qualifying organizations matching grants of up to \$100,000 per year to develop, expand or continue qualifying low-income taxpayer clinics. LITCs are administered and sponsored by accredited law, business, or accounting schools where students represent taxpayers in tax controversies before the IRS or the courts. In addition, LITCs may be administered and sponsored by non-profit organizations. If you are interested in volunteering your services at one of the clinics, please contact your local Taxpayer Education Coordinator.

In the case of all these programs, the Taxpayer Education Coordinator in your IRS district office can provide you with further information about these opportunities. To get the most up to date tax products and information visit us on the World Wide Web at www.irs.gov.

Addresses and Telephone Numbers for IRS Taxpayer Education Coordinators

Contacts by mail or phone should be made to the attention of the "Taxpayer Education Coordinator." The Taxpayer Education Coordinator can also be reached by calling Toll-Free 1 (800) 829-1040

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