

Planning for Income Tax Season

TCE Program:

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program provides free tax help to people aged 60 and older. Trained volunteers from non-profit organizations provide free tax counseling and basic income tax return preparation for senior citizens. Volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

As part of the IRS-sponsored TCE Program, AARP offers the Tax-Aide counseling program at more than 7,000 sites nationwide during the filing season. Trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteer counselors help people of low-to-middle income with special attention to those age 60 and older. For more information on TCE, or to locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site, call **888-227-7669**.

AARP will begin offering tax assistance on February 1 for the previous tax year. You can also check on their website here: for the [TAX AIDE](#) site locator. Just enter your zip code. For low income and disabled individuals there are VITA programs, see <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/faqs/pcs/vita.html> for further information, check with the Tax Aide sites as well, or just call 211.

VITA Sites:

Tax preparation assistance for low to moderate income- For General information, Call **800-906-9887, or 211**. The VITA program is a cooperative effort by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and many individual states, including Wisconsin. Volunteers trained by the IRS and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) prepare basic income tax returns for free. Most VITA sites offer free electronic filing.