

# Free Tax Help



## **(Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, & Washington County Volunteer Site Listings)**



*A Volunteer Program administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with IRS and the Oregon Dept. of Revenue.*

### **FREE TAX HELP**

Confused about your taxes? Having trouble filing? Then take a moment to read this. Chances are there's a location near you where you can get free assistance with your state and federal tax return.

This program is staffed by volunteers who have received training from the IRS and the Oregon Department of Revenue. They are ready to assist you in the completion of your tax returns – AND it's absolutely free!

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

This program is designed to help most elderly, low-income, limited English proficiency, and disabled taxpayers with the preparation of their basic tax returns. In addition, many people that have income under \$37,263 and qualify for the refundable **Earned Income Credit (EIC)** have their returns prepared by our volunteers.

### **ERA NOTICE**

The Elderly Rental Assistance (ERA) forms and information will be mailed to most eligible participants. To complete the forms, please bring the package together with the items listed in "**WHAT TO BRING.**"

### **PROCEDURES**

Your volunteer will indicate TCE at the bottom of your tax return. TCE represents Tax Counseling for the Elderly. This return is one of thousands prepared by trained volunteers and in no way affects the likelihood of an IRS examination (audit) of your return.

## **FREE e-filing AVAILABLE**

Using e-filing (electronic filing) can get you your refund faster. Or if you have a balance due, e-filing reduces processing errors, gives you confirmation that your return has been received, and you still have until April 17, 2006 to pay without any interest or penalty added. The IRS e-file program may be available in your area – if you're interested, ask your volunteer.

***For additional sites that may not be listed in this brochure call 1-888-AARP NOW.***

## **WHAT TO BRING**

1. Picture identification for yourself and spouse, if married filing joint.
2. Social security card(s) or Taxpayer Identification number(s) for you, your spouse and all dependents.
3. Copy of last year's tax return (**very important** – helps volunteer prepare this year's return).
4. Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) from each employer.
5. Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV (to report interest and dividends).
6. SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 (to report social security and railroad retirement)
7. 1099R (to report pension income)
8. List of your medical, taxes, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses (to itemize your deductions).
9. Child and disabled dependent care information.
10. For ERA Form – landlord information and amount of rent, utilities, and fuel paid in 2005.
11. The Multnomah County Tax return package if you lived in Multnomah County in 2005.

## **IS THE REFUNDABLE EARNED INCOME CREDIT FOR YOU?**

You may qualify for the **EIC**.

If you:

- Have earned income (wages, tips, etc.) and ...
- Have a child living with you in your home for over six months, and ...
- Have a valid social security number for you, your spouse if filing a joint return, and your child, and...
- Have total income under \$37,263, and...
- Have investment income under \$2,700, and...
- Have no Foreign Income Exclusion

**OR**

If you are:

- Single or married filing a joint return, **WITH NO CHILD**, and are...
- At least 25 but under 65, and earning less than \$13,750.

See one of our volunteers to find out.

## 2006 TAX-AIDE SITES

- Are by **Appointment Only** unless noted.
- All sites are wheelchair accessible unless noted.
- Local area codes apply.
- Languages in addition to English are noted (e.g., L-Spanish).

### ***Clackamas County***

#### **Canby**

Canby Library  
292 N Holly St  
Sign-in, Wed 4:30-5:30pm for  
Wed evening session

#### **Gladstone**

Gladstone Senior Center  
1050 Portland Ave  
Mon. 9am to 2pm  
Appointment only, call 655-7701

#### **Lake Oswego**

Lake Oswego Adult Center  
505 G Ave  
Thurs 9-4pm  
Appointment only, call 635-3758

Lake Oswego Public Library  
706 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Mon 5-8pm, Fri 10-4pm  
Appointment only, call 636-7628

#### **Milwaukie**

Milwaukie Center  
5440 SE Kellogg Crk Dr  
Mon & Fri 9am to 4pm  
Appointment only, call 653-8100

#### **Oregon City**

Pioneer Community Center  
615 Fifth St  
Tue & Fri 9-3pm  
Appointment only, call 657-8287

#### **Sandy**

Sandy Senior Community Center  
38348 Pioneer Blvd  
Wed. 9am to 12n  
Appointment only, call 668-5569

### **West Linn**

West Linn Adult Community  
Center  
1180 Rosemont  
Tue 9-3pm  
Appointment only, call 557-4704

### **Wilsonville**

Wilsonville Community Center  
7965 SW Wilsonville Rd  
Thur 9-4pm  
Appointment only, call 682-3727

### ***Columbia County***

#### **St. Helens**

Columbia County Mental Health  
Bldg  
58646 McNulty Way  
Walk-in Tues 6-9pm, Sat 9-12N  
Appointment only, 397-0960

St. Helens Senior Center  
375 S 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Tue. & Thurs. 9:00 to 1pm  
Appointment only, call 397-3377

### ***Multnomah County***

#### **Gresham**

El Programa Hispano  
451 NW 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sat. 9 to 1pm  
Appointment only, call 669-8350  
L-Spanish

Gresham Regional Library  
385 NW Miller  
Mon. 12n to 4pm  
Appointment only, call 988-5387

Gresham Senior Center  
600 NE 8<sup>th</sup>  
Fri. 11 – 3, Starts February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Appointment only, call 988-4870

### **Portland – North**

Immaculate Heart Church  
2926 N Williams  
Walk-in Sun 2-5pm  
L – Vietnamese, French

Native American Youth  
Association (NAYA)  
4000 N Mississippi  
Sat 9-3pm  
Appointment only, 288-8177

North Portland Library  
512 N Killingsworth Ave  
Walk-in – Thurs 12N to 5pm

Peace Lutheran Church  
2201 N Portland Blvd  
Walk-in – Sat 9-1pm

### **Portland – Northeast**

Dishman Community Center  
77 NE Knott  
Sat. 12N to 4pm  
Appointment only, call 823-3692

Gregory Heights Branch Library  
7921 NE Sandy  
Walk-in - Sat. 10:30-2:30pm

Hollywood Senior Center  
1820 NE 40<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 12N-4pm, Tue 9-1pm,  
Thurs 12N-4pm  
Appointment only, call 288-8303

Lloyd Center  
2201 Lloyd Center # 2027  
Walk-in Sat & Sun 11-4pm

MLK Multicultural Center  
5325 NE MLK Blvd  
Fri 9am to 1pm  
Appointment only, call 988-5470

Salvation Army Rose Center  
211 NE 18th  
Tue & Thurs 9am to 1pm  
Appointment only, call 239-1221

Southeast Asian Vicariate  
5404 NE Alameda Dr  
Walk-in Sat 1-4pm  
L - Vietnamese

### **Portland – Northwest**

Friendly House I  
1808 NW Irving  
Mon 9-2pm & Thurs 10-3pm  
Appointment only, call 224-2640

Friendly House II  
2617 NW Savior  
Sat 10-3pm  
Appointment only, call 228-4391

### **Portland – Southeast**

Cherry Blossom Adult Program  
740 SE 106<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 9am to 12N  
Appointment only, call 988-6073

Human Solutions  
12350 SE Powell Ave  
Wed 9-1pm  
Appointment only, 548-0200

Midland Branch Library  
805 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Sign-in, Fri 11:30-12N for Fri  
session, Sign-in, Sat 11:30-12N  
for Sat afternoon session

Mt. Scott Community Center  
5530 SE 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Sign-in, Sat 8-9am for Sat  
session

Ngoc Son Temple  
8318 SE Harney  
Walk-in, Sun 10-2pm  
L- Vietnamese

Reach Community Development  
1225 SE Belmont  
Sign-in, Sat 8:30-9:30am for Sat  
session

SE Portland Community Center  
740 SE 106<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs 5:30-9pm  
Appointment only, call 823-3450

SE Portland Impact  
Multicultural Center  
4610 SE Belmont  
Mon & Thurs 9 to 1pm  
Appointment only, call 988-3660

Sellwood Community Center  
1436 SE Spokane St.  
Tue 9am to 1pm  
Appointment only, call 823-3195

The URS Club  
17200 SE Stark St  
Walk-in Sun 12N-5pm

Woodstock Branch Library  
6008 SE 49<sup>th</sup>  
Walk-In – Sat 12n-5pm

### **Portland – Southwest**

First Baptist Church  
909 SW 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tue & Thurs 9-12N  
Appointment only, call 228-7465

Loaves and Fishes  
7710 SW 31<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Mon & Wed 8:30 to 4:30pm  
Appointment only, call 244-5204

## ***Washington County***

### **Beaverton**

Beaverton City Library  
12375 SW 5th  
Mon, Wed & Thurs 5 to 8pm  
& Tue & Sat 10 to 2pm  
Appointment only, call 644-2197

Elsie Stuhr Center  
5550 SW Hall  
Thurs 1-5pm & Fri 9-5pm  
Appointment only, call 629-6342

### **Forest Grove**

Forest Grove Senior Center  
2037 Douglas St #784  
Thurs & Fri 9-4pm  
Appointment only, call 357-2021

### **Hillsboro**

Community Action  
1001 SW Baseline St  
Sat 9 to 4pm  
Appointment only (971) 223-6032  
L - Spanish

Hillsboro Public Library -  
Tanasbourne  
2465 NW 185<sup>th</sup>  
Tue 12N-7:30pm, Fri 1-5:30pm,  
& Sat 12N-3pm  
Appointment only, call 615-6500

Hillsboro Public Library –  
Shute Park  
775 SE 10<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 10-5pm (Feb and April)  
Thurs 10-5pm (March)  
Fri 10-5pm (Feb thru April 14<sup>th</sup>)  
Appointment only, call 615-6500

### **King City**

Arts and Crafts Building  
15245 SW 116<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Walk-in – Fri 10 to 3pm

### **Sherwood**

Marjorie Stewart Senior Center  
855 N Sherwood Blvd  
Tue 9 to 4pm  
Appointment only, call 625-5644

### **Tigard**

Tigard Public Library  
13125 SW Hall Blvd  
Sat 10 to 4pm  
Appointment only, 684-6537

Tigard Senior Center  
8815 SW Omara St  
Tue 8:30 to 4:30pm  
Appointment only, call 620-4613

### **Tualatin**

Tualatin Public Library  
18880 SW Martinazzi Ave  
Sat 10-4pm  
Appointment only, call 692-2000