



■ **FREE Tax Preparation and Electronic Filing for Quick Refund**

■ **Qualification for Tax Credits, including the Earned Income Credit (see back for details)**

■ **Linkage to Savings, Investment and Home Ownership Help**

For more information go to ForsythFreeTax.org OR call First Line 703-3000 or United Way 211

FREE VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) SITES

Get your taxes prepared FREE if you have income less than

\$48,000 (married, with children)

\$25,000 (single)

If filing as a married couple, both husband and wife must be present.

Downtown Health Plaza

1200 N. Martin Luther King Dr.
Mondays, 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (opens 1/25)

Rural Hall Library

7125 Broad Street, Rural Hall
Mondays, 1 – 5 p.m. (opens 1/25)

NEW SITE: Willows Peake (HAWS)

1350 Eller Way
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (opens 1/25)

NEW SITE: Goodwill Industries

2760 Peters Creek Parkway
Tuesdays, 4 – 7:30 p.m. (opens 1/19)

Goodwill Industries

2701 University Parkway
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 4 – 8 p.m. (opens 1/20)

Career Connections & Prosperity Center

585 Waughtown Street
Fridays, 12:00 – 4 p.m. (opens 1/22)

Central Library

660 West 5th Street
Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (opens 1/23)

Truliant Federal Credit Union

3200 Truliant Way
Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (opens 1/23)

Malloy-Jordan Heritage Center

1110 East 7th Street
Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (opens 1/23)

*Note: Friday and Saturday sites
will be closed April 2nd & 3rd
for the Easter Holiday.*

NOTE: Call 336-722-9400x450 or go online at ForsythFreeTax.org for other locations by appointment. Additional sites are also sponsored by AARP for low and middle income taxpayers with special attention to those 60 and older. For more information, please call 1-888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/taxaide.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

Please bring a picture ID, Social Security cards (or Individual Tax Identification Number) for yourself and each dependent (including children) you are claiming, your W-2 and/or 1099s, the Employer ID number or SS number of childcare providers, and last year's tax returns. If you want direct deposit of any refund, also bring a voided check or savings account information.

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If you qualify, the Earned Income Credit can give you up to \$5,657 additional refund this year for you and your family.

Take Charge of Your Financial Future!

What is the Earned Income Credit (EIC)?

The Earned Income Credit (EIC), is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the EIC exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who claim and qualify for the credit. The maximum credit is about **\$5,657**.

Taxpayers must file individually, married filing jointly, or head of household to qualify (not married filing separately). The credit is phased out at income levels of about \$48,000 (for taxpayers with three or more qualifying children) or \$18,000 (for individuals with no children).

To qualify, you must file a tax return, even if you did not earn enough money to be obligated to file a tax return.

What can a free tax preparation site do?

If you make up to \$48,000, we can complete your federal 1040 or 1040A return and file it electronically, including Schedules A and B (interest income and itemized deductions), child credit, child care credit, education credits, and EIC (Earned Income Credit). We cannot (for liability reasons) file Schedule C (Business Income) or Schedule D (capital gains and losses, including sale of real estate), certain types of self-employment income, or the Foreign Income Tax Credit. (AARP sites do handle some of these situations generally found in a senior citizen's return.)

We can also prepare and file your North Carolina tax forms electronically.

We use professional Tax-Wise software, and our volunteers are certified to prepare taxes by the IRS.

When will I get my refund?

If you choose direct deposit to a checking or savings account, you can expect your federal refund in about 10 days. If you want a paper check, it takes up to three weeks. State refunds are less predictable.

What if I owe taxes?

You have several options:

1. We can file your form electronically and give you a payment slip for you to mail to the IRS by April 15 with payment.
2. We can file your form electronically and you can have your payment deducted from your checking or savings account. Be sure to bring a voided check or savings account statement so we can get your account number.
3. We can print your forms and you can mail them with your payment by April 15.

Who sponsors Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (VITA) sites?

Most of the sites are sponsored by the Forsyth Working Families Partnership. Other VITA sites are sponsored by the AARP. There is never any charge for the service. Sites may also offer assistance in financial planning, asset-building, and first-time home ownership, also at no charge.

Forsyth Working Families Partnership includes Advocacy for the Poor, Center for Home Ownership, Chamber of Commerce, CHANGE, City of Winston-Salem, Consumer Credit Counseling, Davidson County Department of Social Services, Forsyth County Department of Social Services, Downtown Health Plaza, Experiment in Self-Reliance, Family Services-Ways to Work & Head Start, Forsyth County Public Health Department, Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina, Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, Internal Revenue Service, NW Piedmont Council of Governments, One Economy, Salem College, Sue Carson Communications, United Way of Forsyth County, Inc., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem Transit Authority, and the Winston-Salem Urban League.

