

FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR ELIGIBLE MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES!

The 2018 tax season is quickly approaching and once again United Way of [Lancaster County's VITA Program \(Volunteer Income Tax Assistance\)](#) will provide **free** tax preparation services to eligible individuals and families. This is a great opportunity for qualifying individuals and families who earned less than \$62,000 to have their taxes done for **FREE** and **save the hundreds of dollars** that for-profit companies charge to prepare taxes. The VITA service is aimed at those whose total household income in 2017 was \$62,000 or less, and who would like assistance in preparing their federal, state and local tax returns.

Visit www.FreeTaxPrepLancaster.org for eligibility qualifications.

- There are 15 different free tax preparation sites across Lancaster County and each has IRS trained volunteers who will complete 2017 federal, state and local returns for free.
- **The Office of Experiential Learning and Career Management (ELCM) and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) hosts a VITA Program site at Millersville University. The VITA site is located in McComsey Hall on Saturdays in January, February, March, and April.** Employees wishing to participate should schedule appointments during non-work hours.
- The trained preparers will also help determine if workers are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a very valuable credit for income-eligible taxpayers who worked during 2017 and can be worth up to \$6,318.

HOW TO SCHEDULE A FREE TAX APPOINTMENT

Simply call **2-1-1** (United Way of Lancaster County) or **717-291-5462** to schedule an appointment. Appointments go quickly, so call as soon as possible. You don't need all of your tax forms to schedule.

DO YOUR OWN TAXES FOR FREE FROM HOME

United Way's VITA Program also provides **FREE** online software for you to complete you federal and state tax returns from your home. If your household income was less than \$62,000 and wish to file your own taxes for **FREE**, visit <http://uwlanc.org/MyFreeTaxesInstructions> to file.

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE VITA PROGRAM TO STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES?

In 2017, VITA returned over \$11.4 million in tax refunds and over \$2.3 million in tax preparation fees back into the pockets of Lancaster County residents.

NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call United Way of Lancaster at 717-291-5462 or visit www.FreeTaxPrepLancaster.org

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