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Free Tax Preparation through the VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

BASIC ELIGIBILITY FOR VITA: The VITA program is for individuals who generally make \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. Also, individuals who are self-employed should have business expenses less than \$25,000, and individuals should not have income from a rental property.

COVID-19 AND VITA: Many VITA sites across the state have closed – at least temporarily – in an effort to ensure the health of volunteers and clients. Some physical VITA sites may reopen later in the spring as the tax deadline has been extended to July 15th. **However, there are still ways to file your taxes for FREE now.** Please see below for a list of Virtual VITA programs and other options for free filing right now.

VIRTUAL VITA Programs: Many VITA coalitions are offering clients an opportunity to still have their taxes completed for free by an IRS-certified volunteer via a combination of an online form and the telephone. Eligibility for the Virtual VITA program remains the same as traditional VITA. It is for individuals who generally make \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. Also, individuals who are self-employed should have business expenses less than \$25,000, and individuals should not have income from a rental property. Individuals who qualify for VITA and have access to a smartphone or computer, internet/WiFi, and a valid phone number and email address, may take advantage of the Virtual VITA Program. See below for links to sign up for Virtual VITA in various regions of the state:

Bridgeport Career Resources – Virtual VITA: <https://form.jotform.com/200846800289155>

Central & Northeastern CT (Hartford, Tolland, Windham Counties) – Virtual VITA: Book a telephone appointment at <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/b8q1qyjs/>

Lower Fairfield County – Virtual VITA: <https://form.jotform.com/200751255209146>

Middlesex County – Virtual VITA: <https://form.jotform.com/200751255209146>

New Haven County – Virtual VITA: <https://form.jotform.com/200715549679062>

New London County – TVCCA Virtual VITA: <https://jotform.com/201052784454150>

Waterbury Area – Virtual VITA: <https://form.jotform.com/200715549679062>

Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Meriden, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, Vernon, and Wallingford) – **Virtual VITA:**
<https://form.jotform.com/HRAVITA/VirtualVITA2020>

VIRTUAL VITA – Spanish Speakers: <https://form.jotform.com/Pgentile46336/lffvita-virtual-spanish-intake>

VIRTUAL VITA FOR NON-FILERS: Taxpayers – like Social Security recipients – who don't typically file but are looking to file in order to receive economic impact payments (EIP) for eligible children can do so through the EIP



Non-Filer Virtual Portal. The portal was developed to assist those individuals and their families not required to file a tax return in receiving their EIP payment. **IMPORTANT:** Non-filers have until **May 5th** to file a simple tax return to get the additional \$500 EIP for dependent children. The portal is available at <https://form.jotform.com/Pgentile46336/CAHSEIPNon-Filer>. And more information about the program can be found here: [EIP Flyer – May 5th Deadline](#).

OTHER FREE FILING OPTIONS:

- **MyFreeTaxes:** If your income was greater than \$56,000 last year or you prefer to do your taxes on your own, you can prepare your taxes yourself online for **free** at <http://www.myfreetaxes.com>
- **IRS Free File:** Taxes can also be filed for free on the IRS website: www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free.