



- **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 United Way 211 or County Info Line 703-3000

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE SITES

Get your taxes prepared FREE for low to moderate income (generally \$50,000 and below)

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

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

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Goodwill Industries

2760 Peters Creek Parkway
Tuesdays, 4 – 7:30 p.m. (opens 1/17)

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Sponsored by: Wake Forest University
2701 University Parkway
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 4 – 8 p.m.
(opens 1/18)

Truliant Federal Credit Union

Fred J. Sarda Pavilion Building
3200 Truliant Way
Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (opens 1/21)

Career Connections & Prosperity Center

585 Waughtown Street
Wednesdays, 4 – 8 p.m. (opens 1/18)
Fridays, 11 a.m – 3 p.m. (opens 1/20)
Saturdays, 9 a.m – 1 p.m. (opens 1/21)
Mondays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (opens 1/23)

Central Library

660 West 5th Street
Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (opens 1/21)

Malloy-Jordan Heritage Center

1110 East 7th Street
Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (opens 1/21)

NOTE: Call 336-722-9400x450 or go online at ForsythFreeTax.org for appointment only locations. 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:

Picture ID, Social Security cards (or Individual Tax Identification Number) for yourself and each dependent (including children) you are claiming, all W-2s 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, bring a check or savings account information.

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If you qualify, the Earned Income Credit can give you up to \$5,751 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 **\$5,751**.

Taxpayers must file as single, married filing jointly, or head of household to qualify (not married filing separately). The credit is phased out at income levels of about \$50,000 (for taxpayers with three or more qualifying children) or \$18,740 (for joint filers with no children, or \$13,660 for single filers 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 \$50,000, 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 17 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 17.

Who partners 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 City of Winston-Salem, Davidson County Tax Coalition, Experiment in Self-Reliance, Forsyth County Department of Social Services, Family Services-Ways to Work & Head Start, Forsyth County, Forsyth County Public Health Department, Forsyth Technical Community College, Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina, Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, Internal Revenue Service, Salem College, Sue Carson Communications, Truiliant Federal Credit Union, United Way of Forsyth County, Inc., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University and the Winston-Salem Transit Authority.

