

FREE TAX PREPARATION

This program is for low and moderate income households and senior citizens from Lackawanna County. Wage earners and non-wage earners are eligible for the service.

Locations and Dates for Free Tax Preparation for 2008

THIS SECTION LISTS THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR WALK-IN, NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED SERVICE FOR ALL OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY. LIMITED APPOINTMENT BASED SERVICE CAN BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

FIRST FLOOR, BRENNAN HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON 300 BLOCK OF MADISON AVE., SCRANTON, PA

Please see the reverse side of this flier for the listing of documents that you must bring with you to complete your return.

Tuesday	Feb-12	Noon - 6:00 PM	Monday	Mar-10	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb-13	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tuesday	Mar-11	Noon - 6:00 PM
Friday	Feb-15	9:00 AM - Noon	Wednesday	Mar-12	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Monday	Feb-18	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tuesday	Mar-25	Noon - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	Feb-19	Noon - 6:00 PM	Wednesday	Mar-26	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb-20	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Friday	Mar-28	9:00 AM - Noon
Friday	Feb-22	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM			
Monday	Feb-25	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Monday	Mar-31	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday	Feb-26	Noon - 6:00 PM	Tuesday	Apr-01	Noon - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb-27	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Wednesday	Apr-02	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday	Feb-29	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Friday	Apr-04	9:00 AM - Noon
Monday	Mar-03	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM			
Tuesday	Mar-04	Noon - 6:00 PM			
Wednesday	Mar-05	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM			
Friday	Mar-07	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM			

IF NEEDED, YOU MAY BRING AN INTERPRETER TO ANY OF THE SITES.

UPPER VALLEY AREA - by appointment only on the three dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Carbondale Senior Community Center
66 North Church St., Carbondale, PA
Call Lisa Durkin for an appointment at: 343-8835 ext. 108

Saturday	Feb 23	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday	Feb 25	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	March 1	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SERVICE - by appointment only on the two dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

First floor, Brennan Hall, University of Scranton
300 Block of Madison Ave., Scranton, PA
Call Leandra Barbuti - Ayala for an appointment at: 207-2283

Saturday	Feb 16	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday	March 8	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MID-VALLEY AREA - by appointment only on the three dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Valley Community Library
739 River St., Peckville, PA
Call Lisa Durkin for an appointment at: 343-8835 ext. 108

Thursday	March 6	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday	March 20	Noon - 4:00 PM
Thursday	April 3	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ABINGTONS AREA - by appointment only on the three dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Abington Area Community Library
1200 Grove St., Clarks Summit, PA
Call Lisa Durkin for an appointment at: 343-8835 ext. 108

Thursday	Feb 21	Noon - 4:00 PM
Monday	March 3	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	March 24	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOWER VALLEY - by appointment only on the three dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Taylor Community Library
710 South Main St., Taylor, PA
Call Lisa Durkin for an appointment at: 343-8835 ext. 108

Thursday	Feb 14	Noon - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	March 11	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	March 26	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

NORTH POCONO AREA - by appointment only on the three dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

North Pocono Senior Community Center - Route 435
Behind the Covington Police Dept. Building in Daleville, PA
Call Lisa Durkin for an appointment at: 343-8835 ext. 108

Thursday	Feb 28	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Thursday	March 13	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	March 19	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

If you have a checking or savings account you can have your return in as little as 7 to 13 days. Don't pay hundreds of dollars just to get your refund a week earlier - that's a waste of money!

In order to complete your federal, state & local tax returns, please bring the following documents with you to the tax preparation site:

- ⇒ Valid picture ID.
- ⇒ All W2's. + 1099's
- ⇒ Social Security Numbers or ITIN for yourself and all dependents (e.g. spouse, children - please bring your children's social security cards with you).
- ⇒ Completed W-7's as appropriate. (Application for Tax Identification Number for individuals who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.)
- ⇒ Last year's return (optional, but very helpful).
- ⇒ Any records relating to income & expenses (e.g. business, rental income, dividends, sale of stock: - you must bring information on the original cost of the stock).
- ⇒ Personal bank account check (if you would like direct deposit into your bank account).
- ⇒ Real estate tax receipts for rent/tax rebate.

If you are a wage earner you may be eligible for as much as \$4,716 from the IRS!!!

The **EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)** is a special tax benefit for low/ moderate income wage earners who work full or part-time. Workers who meet the guidelines may be eligible for as much as \$4,716 from the government, with the average benefit as much as \$1,500. In addition, if you have dependent children, you may qualify for the **Child Tax Credit**, worth up to an additional \$1,000 for each qualifying child.

Below are examples of income eligibility for the Earned Income tax Credit (both earned income and the adjusted gross income must be less than the amounts indicated).

Married filing jointly with more than one qualifying child – up to \$39,783
Single taxpayer with with one qualifying child – up to \$33,241
SingleTaxpayer with no qualifying children – up to \$12,590

I-CAN!TM E-File If you are comfortable using the Internet there is an alternate method for filing your taxes. Instead of coming to one of the sites listed on the front of this flier you can enter your data online. The Internet address is: www.icanefile.org?caller=587 Taxes are easy to do with I-CAN!TM E-File and you don't need to be a computer expert. Answer a few questions and I-CAN!TM E-File will prepare your tax forms for you and E-File them if you wish and if your return can be electronically filed.

Need access to the Internet. No problem. call the United Way of Lackawanna County to set up an appointment to use one of their computers: tel. 343-1267 ext 221 - starts mid to late January.

Tax Assistance Coalition Members:

**The University of Scranton VITA Program
The United Way of Lackawanna County
Catholic Social Services of Lackawanna County
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA
The Voluntary Action Center of NEPA
Consumer Credit Counseling of NEPA**

Tax preparation services provided by the University of Scranton VITA Program.