



Our Mission: Through partnership, guiding those in need to sustainable housing.

2021 VITA Schedule

Monday & Tuesday, Jan 25-Apr 13
Licking County Library
Main Branch
101 West Main Street
10:30 AM--4:30 PM

Wednesdays, Jan 27-Apr 14
Ohio Means Jobs
998 East Main Street
9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Thursdays, Jan 28-Apr 8
LCCH Office
23 South Park Place, Suite 200
4:30-7:30 PM

Saturdays, Jan 30-Apr 10
LCCH Office
23 South Park Place, Suite 200
9:00 AM-Noon

Call 740-345-1970 ext. 200 to schedule an appointment or to arrange for a drop-off. Walk-ins are not available at this time.

What is EITC?

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax credit designed to supplement wages and reward work. Eligible low-income taxpayers who earn income can claim the EITC when they file their return. The EITC eligibility limits for tax year 2019 ranged from \$15,570 for a single filer with no children to \$55,952 for a married filing joint couple with 3 or more children.



Money Saving Tips



- Don't pay for tax preparation. Free income tax preparation is available at VITA sites. With e-file and direct deposit, you can receive your refund in as little as 10 days.
- Don't pay to borrow your own money! If you leave a tax preparation appointment with cash, you have paid a fee to borrow against your refund. The Annual Percentage Rate on such loans can be as high as 142%.
- Claim the EITC if you can. If you earned income this year, and fall within IRS guidelines, VITA sites will claim the EITC for you.
- Avoid payday lenders and check cashing agencies. They charge an average fee of 3% to cash refund checks. You may pay \$45 or more to cash a \$1,500 check.
- Get a bank account. By opening an account you will be able to take advantage of direct deposit and avoid check cashing fees. It can also help you save for large purchases or a down payment on a vehicle or home.
- Use your refund to pay bills. Paying on time reduces late fees and helps you build good credit.
- Use your refund to pay your rent, vehicle insurance or other large expenses for six months or a year. Paying ahead reduces your overall cost, eliminates late fees and leaves more of your monthly income for living expenses.
- Use your refund to pay down your debt. Pre-paying just a small amount on your debt helps you pay off your debt more quickly.

What to Bring:

- **Valid photo identification and Social Security card/letter are required for all taxpayers.**
- Social Security card for your spouse & dependents.
- Bank account and routing numbers (if you would like direct deposit)
- W-2 forms (from all employers)
- 1099-G forms (unemployment)
- 1099-MISC (income)
- 1098 forms (dividends, interest)
- 1099-R forms (retirement)
- 1098-T forms (tuition or fees)
- Alimony income statements
- Social Security or SSI statement
- Student loan statement(s)
- Receipts for childcare/daycare, with name, SSN or tax ID of provider.
- Receipts or statements for itemized deductions (mortgage, property tax, health insurance, medical expenses, charitable contributions.)
- 1095A forms (Marketplace Insurance)
- Any other tax documents
- Copy of last years return (optional).
- **Signature and review with both spouses are required for Married Filing Joint returns.**



More Information

www.lcchousing.org

Tel: 740.345.1970

Appointments: ext. 200

Specific questions: ext. 229

Toll Free: 1.877.421.LCCH (5224)

Fax: 740.345.8826

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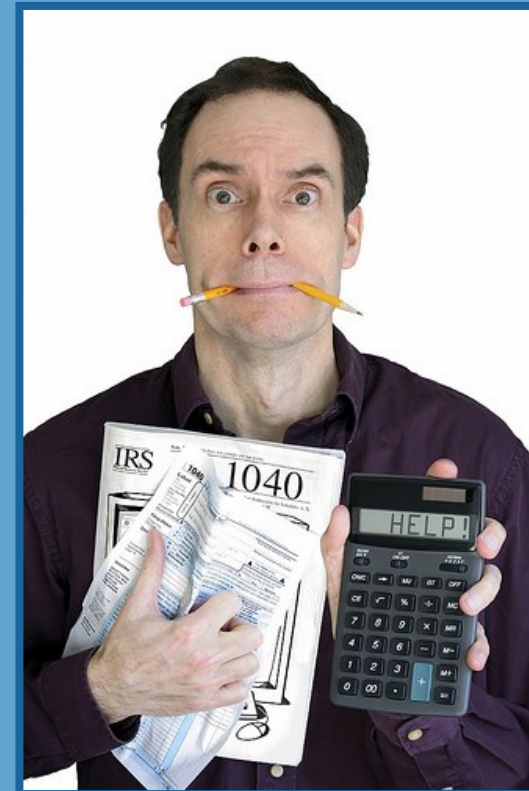
General Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:30-4:30
(Closed for Lunch 12:30-1:30)

Funding for the VITA program provided by:



Free Income Tax Preparation



Licking County Coalition for Housing

What is VITA?

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), is an IRS-sponsored program which offers **free** income tax assistance to eligible low and moderate income taxpayers. VITA sites are staffed and operated by IRS-certified volunteers who prepare and e-file Federal, State and School District Income tax returns. VITA can assist taxpayers whose Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in 2020 was \$57,000 or less per return.

VITA sites can only prepare personal income tax returns. Business returns, income from rental property or farms, and some advanced tax issues cannot be handled at VITA sites. Self-employed taxpayers are eligible with restrictions (may not have loss, home office, inventory, employees or expenses greater than \$25,000.)

LCCH VITA sites can amend and prepare returns for the current year and three prior years. Drop-off service is available, but the taxpayer must complete an intake questionnaire and be present to review and sign the return. Another person is not allowed to attend for the taxpayer, unless legally authorized to do so (Power of Attorney). Both spouses are required for a Married Filing Joint return.