

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program



Purpose

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, sponsored by the IRS, offers free, high-quality tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less. Fisher College of Business students in the Master of Accounting program and Beta Alpha Psi go through an extensive training process and become IRS-certified volunteers, enabling them to provide basic tax return preparation and e-filing services to taxpayers in the community.

Impact

Preparation of 250-300 tax returns annually; over 3,000 tax returns prepared since 2004

Help taxpayers receive over \$400,000 in refunds each year, with total Federal refunds generated of over \$5 million since 2004

60-70 student volunteers annually, who devote close to 1,000 hours each year to training, certification, and volunteering in the program

How you can get involved:

- Volunteer at one of the 19 VITA sites in Franklin County
- Provide snacks, lunch, or dinner lunch for volunteers during tax season

To get involved, contact:

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Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Accounting & MIS Department, Fisher College of Business

Community Partners Involved

Tax Time Coalition of Central Ohio
Godman Guild
United Way of Central Ohio



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