

## VITA SITES IN THE SHAWANO AREA

**Shawano CoVantage Credit Union**  
715-524-8200 Ext. 3226

Starting Feb 1st by appointment only  
Mondays 10 am-3:30 pm  
Wednesdays 5-7 pm  
Fridays 9 am—1:00 pm

**Pulaski Senior Citizens Center**  
920-822-8100

Starting Feb 4th by appointment and  
continue until April 7th, every Thursday  
from noon until 5:00 pm

**Gillett Public Library**  
920-855-6224

Starting Feb 2nd by appointment and  
continue until April 12th, every Tuesday  
from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm.

**Menominee Tribe**  
715-799-5139

559 Library Road, Keshena  
Monday to Wednesday—9:00 to Noon  
And 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Thursday and Friday—1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Appointments needed, call to schedule



Of Shawano County

## EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS

### WHAT ARE THEY?

Put simply, they help families and individuals who earn low-to-moderate incomes keep more of what they earn. They lower taxes, add to wages and make work more affordable.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

An Earned Income Tax Credit can result in thousands of extra dollars to families—yet every year, many families who think they're not eligible fail to claim them.

### WHO MISSES OUT?

Tax payers who have earned income but are not required to file taxes miss out on this credit. Only one in four who are eligible actually apply for an EITC.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON  
MONEY YOU'RE  
ENTITLED TO!**

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FREE AND EASY  
TAX HELP

Financial Education Center

**UW**  
**Extension**  
University of Wisconsin-Extension



**UW Extension-Shawano County**  
**Nancy Schultz—FLE**  
311 N Main, Room 101  
Shawano, WI 54166  
715-526-6136

# VITA

## WHAT IS THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM?

The VITA program is a cooperative effort by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and many individual states, including Wisconsin. Volunteers trained by the IRS and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) prepare basic income tax returns for free. Most VITA sites offer free electronic filing.

## WHO CAN GET HELP AT A VITA SITE?

- ◆ VITA income tax assistance is available for:
- ◆ Individuals/Couples of any age with income under \$53,000
- ◆ Individuals with disabilities
- ◆ Elderly individuals
- ◆ Individuals who qualify for the homestead credit or the earned income credit

## VERY IMPORTANT—SAVE TIME

Please bring ALL of the needed items with you to the site.  
If items are missing, your tax return CANNOT be completed.

- ◆ Photo ID and Social Security Cards for you
- ◆ Social Security Cards for all dependents, and spouse if filing jointly
- ◆ Wages statements—Form (s) W-2
- ◆ Pension and social security statements—Form (s) 1099R and SSA—1099
- ◆ Affordable Health Care Statements—Form 1095-A, (B) or (C)
- ◆ All 2015 informational statements, including
  - Interest and dividend statements—Form (s) 1099INT and 1099DIV
  - Mortgage interest statements—Form (s) 1098
  - Tuition payments statements—Form (s) 1098-T
  - Property tax receipt (s) for any property taxes paid in 2015
  - Closing statement for home purchased in 2015 (only applicable dates)
- ◆ Copy of last year's tax return, if available
- ◆ Information about any other sources of income, both taxable and non-taxable
- ◆ Info on all other deductions/credits (include charitable contributions or employee business expenses.)
- ◆ If homestead credit is claimed
  - A completed rent certificate and/or copy of your 2015 property tax bill
  - A printout of any Wisconsin Works (W2) payments received in 2015
- ◆ A record of any estimated tax payments made for the 2015 tax year
- ◆ If direct deposit of your refund is desired, a voided check for a checking account or deposit slip for a savings account

\*\*\*\*Do your own taxes for free, if your income is less than \$60,000 at:

<http://www.myfreetaxes.com>

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