

# 2016 VITA SITE SCHEDULE

Sites open beginning January 25, 2016

Includes DROP-OFF SERVICE locations

- No appointment needed
- Drop off tax return documents on days listed below **IN RED**
- Pick up your completed forms when they're finished

**Booker T. Washington Center**  
 1720 Holland Street, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**Corry School District / Administration Bldg.**  
 540 East Pleasant Street, Corry, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**Edinboro University**  
**Wiley Arts & Science Bldg.**  
 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**Erie Federal Credit Union**  
 1109 East 38th Street, Erie, PA  
 1220 West 32nd Street, Erie, PA  
**Drop-Off: Tuesdays only (for both locations), 9am-4:30pm**

**Fairview Presbyterian Church**  
 4264 Avonia Road, Fairview, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**4 NINE Thrift Store**  
 49 Smedley Street, North East, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**  
**Drop-Off: Wednesdays only, 5pm-8pm**

**Gannon University Center for Business Ingenuity**  
 900 State Street, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**GECAC**  
 18 West 9th Street, Erie, PA  
**Walk-ins only: Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-11am; 12:30pm-3pm**  
**Drop-Off: Monday-Friday, 9am-11am; 12:30pm-3pm**

**John E. Horan Garden Apartments Community Center**  
 730 Tacoma Road, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment: 814-454-1266**  
**OR Walk-in (February only)**

**Girard High School / Library**  
 1135 Lake Street, Girard, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**JFK Center**  
 2038 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**MLK Memorial Center**  
 312 Chestnut Street, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**Multicultural Community Resource Center**  
 554 East 10th Street, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment: 814-455-0212**  
**Drop-Off: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm**

**Porreco College/The Porreco Barn**  
 2951 West 38th Street, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**St. Benedict Education Center**  
 330 East 10th Street, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**Union City Elementary School / Computer Lab**  
 91 Miles Street, Union City, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 1-888-829-5680**

**Widget Financial**  
 2154 East Lake Road, Erie, PA  
 1595 West 26th Street, Erie, PA  
 4268 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA  
 1029 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA  
**By Appointment Only: 814-456-6231 x415**

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**Keep It**  
**Save It**

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# PUT MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

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# FREE TAX PREPARATION



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# CLAIMING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC) CAN HELP YOU GAIN CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY NOW!



Start an emergency savings account, make a down payment on a house, save for your child's college education, or pay down debt. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can help!

## How can Erie FREE Taxes help me?

If your income is \$54,000 or less, Erie FREE Taxes will prepare your income tax returns for free at one of many conveniently located VITA tax prep sites. We will also help you claim the EITC if you are eligible.

## What if I do not have a permanent address or any tax documents? Can you help me?

Yes. We can help you obtain the forms and documents you need. And, there are special tax rules that can help you if you have a difficult tax situation that involves an abusive spouse.

**Is your service confidential?** Yes. Trained VITA volunteer tax preparers must follow confidentiality guidelines established by the IRS.

## How do I know if I qualify for the EITC?

You may qualify if you worked (full or part time) during the tax year and...

- ✓ had a child living with you more than half of the year
  - child must be under 19 or
  - full time students must be under 24 or
  - permanently or totally disabled child, regardless of age or
- ✓ had no children living with you in the tax year and you are 25-64 years old

## How do I claim the EITC?

You have to file a federal tax return.

- ✓ Even if you don't owe any income tax you may qualify for the EITC

## How large of an EITC refund may I get?

The amount of EITC depends on if you are single or married, and the number of qualifying children in your home:

	If you are not married <u>and</u> earned income under...	If you are married filing jointly <u>and</u> earned income under...	Your EITC refund may be up to...
No children	\$14,820	\$20,330	\$503
1 child	\$39,131	\$44,651	\$3,359
2 children	\$44,454	\$49,974	\$5,548
3 or more children	\$47,747	\$53,267	\$6,242

**Find out more about VITA tax preparation services and the EITC.**

**Call 814-456-2937, ext. 236 or visit [UnitedWayErie.org/ErieFreeTaxes](http://UnitedWayErie.org/ErieFreeTaxes).**

## What is "Drop Off" service?

Drop Off Service is a free service that allows you to bring your tax information to one of several designated Erie FREE Taxes locations and return at a later time to review, sign, and receive copies of your completed returns. No need to wait while your tax returns are being prepared.

## I would like to do my own taxes. Can Erie FREE Taxes help me?

Yes. If your income is \$60,000 or less, by using Myfreetaxes, you can complete your own federal and state income tax returns online for free. Go to [UnitedWayErie.org/ErieFreeTaxes](http://UnitedWayErie.org/ErieFreeTaxes) and click on:



Certified tax preparers are available by phone or email to answer any tax related question you may have.

**No need to wait! Have your taxes done early!**

**Super Saturday EITC Awareness Kickoff Event**

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**

**9:00am - 1:00pm**

Free tax preparation at several locations.

By appointment only: **1-888-829-5680**

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