



Free tax preparation service celebrates

50 years and 50 million served

Now through April 17, AARP Foundation is providing free tax assistance and preparation through its Tax-Aide program.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, celebrating its 50th year, is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service.

Since its inception, the program has served more than 50 million taxpayers.

Tax-Aide started in 1968 with just four volunteers working at one site.

Today, nearly 35,000 volunteers serve low- to moderate-income taxpayers at 5,000 locations in neighborhood libraries, malls, banks, community centers and senior centers nationwide.

There's no fee, and AARP membership is not required.

Some locations offer assistance in additional languages.

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year to ensure they know about and understand the latest changes to the U.S. Tax Code.

In 2017, the program's volunteers helped 2.5 million people navigate complicated tax codes, ensure proper credits and deductions, and file their federal and state tax returns.

Taxpayers who used Tax-Aide received \$1.37 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$222 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs).

They also avoided tax preparation fees and pitches for high-interest tax credit or refund loans.

To find an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site or more information, including which documents to bring to the tax site, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669).

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.