

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide available now through April 15

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WASHINGTON — Now through April 15, 2019, AARP Foundation is providing free tax assistance and preparation through its Tax-Aide program.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service.

Since its inception, the program has served more than 68 million taxpayers.

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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 almost 5,000 locations in neighborhood libraries, malls, banks, community centers and senior centers nationwide.

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

"AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax assistance to those who need it most," said Daphne Kwok, AARP Vice President of Multicultural Leadership, Asian American and Pacific Islander Audience Strategy.

"With the support of bilingual volunteers, some Tax-Aide locations offer assistance in additional languages to help taxpayers who don't speak English or speak English as a second language prepare their returns."

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 2018, 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 \$1.3 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$212 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

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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.

About AARP Foundation

AARP Foundation works to end senior poverty by helping vulnerable older adults build economic opportunity and social connections.

As AARP's charitable affiliate, we serve AARP members and non-members alike.

Bolstered by vigorous legal advocacy, we spark bold, innovative solutions that foster resilience, strengthen communities and restore hope.

To learn more visit aarpfoundation.org.