

Getting Your Taxes Done for Free In Your Neighborhood



**It's Your Money.
You Earned It.
Now Claim It!**

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The Directory

This directory will help you find a free tax preparation site at a New York City location near you.

If you worked, even part-time, in 2006 and earned less than \$38,350, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This credit can be worth up to \$6,100, depending on how much you earned during the year and other factors. Filing your taxes is the only way to claim this important credit.

If you think you are eligible, **you may not need to pay to get your taxes done!**

Going to a commercial tax preparer can cost you \$100 or more. And getting a “rapid refund,” which is really a high-interest loan, will cost you even more! You can avoid these costs by going to one of the many free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites listed in this directory.

Each VITA site is certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to provide free, high-quality tax preparation services. Most sites speak the languages commonly found in their neighborhoods. To qualify for assistance at a VITA site, your income must be less than \$40,000 if you have dependent children or less than \$20,000 if you do not have dependent children. Most sites open in mid- to late January and operate through April 15th.

When you go to a free tax preparation site, please bring the following with you:

- a copy of last year’s tax return, if available;
- photo identification;
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cards/letters for you, members of your household, dependents and anyone who provided child care;
- W-2s, 1099s, or any other wage, salary and income statements including unemployment compensation;
- and your bank account and routing information, if available (a voided check will provide this information).

If you are filing your taxes with a spouse, you both must be present.

These are only some of the many sites in New York City. For other IRS-sponsored VITA sites, call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or the city information line at 311.

Bronx

FORDHAM:

FoodChange at Morris Senior Center

80 East 181st Street (between Morris & Walton)

Subway: D to 182nd -183rd Street

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call 311

HIGHBRIDGE/MORRISANIA:

ARIVA Bronx Tax Center

69 E. 167th Street, 2nd Fl. (corner of Gerard Ave.)

Subway: 4 to 167th Street or B/D to 167th Street

Hours: Mon. - Thu. 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

718-292-2983

SOUNDVIEW:

ACORN at Soundview Community in Action

1217 Stratford Ave., 2nd Fl. (between E. 172nd St. & Westchester Ave.)

Subway: 6 to Morrison-Soundview

Bus: B4, B27

Hours: Tues. - Fri. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

718-246-7900 Ext. 341

SOUTH BRONX (THE HUB):

FoodChange at St. Jerome's Catholic Church

230 Alexander Ave. (use 138th Street entrance)

Subway: 6 to 3rd Ave. - 138th Street

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call 311

Brooklyn

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT:

FoodChange at Bed-Stuy Restoration

1368 Fulton Street (inside courtyard of Bed-Stuy Restoration)

Subway: A, C to Nostrand Ave.

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call 311

Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union at Black Veterans for Social Justice

665 Willoughby Ave. (between Throop Ave. & Marcus Garvey Blvd.)

Subway: G to Myrtle-Willoughby or J, M to Myrtle Ave.

Bus: B43 to Hart, B54 or B38 to Throop, B15 to Willoughby

Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays (only 2/2, 2/27, 3/3 & 3/17) 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

917-671-1000 (by appointment only)

BUSHWICK:

Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union

1474 Myrtle Ave. (between Menahan & Grove Streets)

Subway: L to Myrtle-Wycoff Avenues

Hours: Tues. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.;

Fri. & Sat. 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

917-671-1000 (by appointment only)

DOWNTOWN:

FoodChange at Sovereign Bank

195 Montague Street, 4th Fl. (between Court & Clinton Streets)

Subway: M, N, R to Court Street, 2, 3, 4, 5 to Borough Hall

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call 311

EAST NEW YORK:

ACORN at MHANY Storefront

447 New Lots Ave.

Subway: L to New Lots Ave.

Bus: B15 to New Lots/Pennsylvania Ave.

Hours: Tues. - Fri. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

718-246-7900 Ext. 341

FLATBUSH:

ACORN at NY State Senator Kevin Parker's Campaign HQ

2917 Glenwood Road, 2nd Fl. (between Nostrand Ave. & E. 29th Street)

Subway: 2 to Flatbush Ave. - Brooklyn College

Bus: B41 to Flatbush Ave. - East 29th Street

Hours: Tues.- Fri. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

718-246-7900 Ext. 341

SUNSET PARK:

FoodChange at Center for Family and Life

5505 Fourth Ave. (between 55th & 56th Streets)

Subway: R to 53rd St., N to 59th Street

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call 311

Manhattan

EAST HARLEM:

Union Settlement Federal Credit Union at Head Start

218 E. 104th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenues)

Subway: 6 to 103rd Street

Hours: Tues. - Thurs. 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.;

some Mondays

917-671-1000

Union Settlement Federal Credit Union at SCAN/LaGuardia
Memorial House

307 E. 116th St. (between 1st & 2nd Avenues)

Subway: 6 to 116th Street

Hours: Tues. - Thurs. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; some Mondays

917-671-1000

ARIVA/AHA Tax Center

161 E. 106th Street (between Lexington & 3rd Avenues)

Subway: 6 to 103rd Street

Hours: Sat. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

718-292-2983

HARLEM:

FoodChange Food and Finance Center

284 St. Nicholas Ave. (between 124th & 125th Streets)

Subway: 2, 3, A, B, C, D to 125th Street

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call 311

Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union
2052 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. (between 121st & 122nd Streets)
Subway: A, C to 125th Street
Hours: Mon. & Sat. (by appointment only)
212-222-0328 Ext. 215

LOWER EAST SIDE:

Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union
People's Center for Economic Independence Tax Site
37 Avenue B (at 3rd Street)
Subway: V to 2nd Ave. and J, Z to Delancy/Essex Streets
Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
212-529-8197 Ext. 30

Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union at Grand Street Settlement
80 Pitt Street
Subway: V to 2nd Ave. and J, Z to Delancy/Essex Streets
Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
212-529-8197 Ext. 30

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS:

FoodChange at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp.
76 Wadsworth Ave., 2nd Fl. (between 176th & 177th Streets)
Subway: 1, 9 to 181st Street or A to 175th Street
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;
Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Call 311

Queens

JACKSON HEIGHTS:

FoodChange at Institute for Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly Senior Center
75-01 Broadway, 3rd Fl. (between 75th & 76th Streets)
Subway: E, F, G, R, V to Jackson Heights/Roosevelt Ave. or
7 to 74th Street- Broadway
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;
Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Call 311

JAMAICA:

FoodChange at First Presbyterian Church

89-60 164th Street (between Jamaica & 89th Avenues)

Subway: E, J, Z to Jamaica Center or F to 169th Street

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call 311

Staten Island

SAINT GEORGE:

FoodChange at SI Bank & Trust

15 Hyatt Street (between Central Ave. & Stuyvesant Place)

Subway: Staten Island Railway to St. George Station

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; No Fridays in March;

Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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More About the EITC

To receive the EITC you must have a Social Security number that allows you to work in the U.S. Depending on your income in 2006 and the number of children you were raising, the EITC can be worth up to:

- \$6,124 with two or more children and an income less than \$36,348 (\$38,348 if you were married).
- \$3,708 with one child and an income less than \$32,001 (\$34,001 if you were married).
- \$556 with no children, if you are between the ages of 25 and 64, and earned less than \$12,120 (\$14,120 if you were married).

Your investment income for 2006 must be less than \$2,800.

The child claimed for the EITC must be your child, stepchild, grandchild, foster child, or a relative that you are raising. The child must be 18 years or younger, or up to 23 years if s/he is a full-time student. The child must have lived with you for more than half of the year and have a valid Social Security number.

Remember, if you don't go to a free tax preparation site, ask the person who prepares your taxes about claiming the Earned Income and Child Tax Credits.

About the Children's Defense Fund-New York

The Children's Defense Fund's (CDF's) Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

CDF provides a strong effective voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investments before they get sick or into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown.

CDF began in 1973 and is a private, nonprofit organization supported by foundation and corporate grants and individual donations. We have never taken government funds.

In 1992, the Children's Defense Fund established an office in New York. Our unique approach to improving conditions for children by combining research, public education, policy development, community organizing, and advocacy activities has made CDF-NY an innovative and tireless leader in speaking out for New York's children.



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