

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **Volunteer: Help re-VITA-lize your community!**

Are you looking to learn a new skill while helping those in your community? The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, or VITA, is looking for volunteers to help prepare tax returns in Okaloosa County.

VITA sites provide free income tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers (generally those who make \$ 51 ,000 and below) who need help filing their returns. VITA sites will be located at JobsPlus in Crestview and Goodwill in Fort Walton Beach. Training will be scheduled for early January.

Tax experience is not required. VITA volunteers are IRS trained and certified. VITA volunteers come from all walks of life and include professionals, retirees, college and high school students, IRS employees and others who simply want to help taxpayers in their communities.

Not only will you feel a sense of pride by helping people fulfill their tax obligation, but you also will learn new skills that will benefit you outside the VITA program. Becoming a VITA volunteer is easy, and training is offered both online and in a classroom setting.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Elaine Courtney at 850/689-5850 or e-mail at [ecourtne@ufl.edu](mailto:ecourtne@ufl.edu).

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