

TCE (*Tax Counseling for the Elderly*) & **VITA** (*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*)

FREE Tax Preparation & Electronic Filing

of Federal, Arkansas & Oklahoma Income Tax Returns
starting Monday, January 28th and ending Monday, April 15th

RSVP Center, 401 North 13th Street, Ft. Smith

(Red rock building on southwest corner of Grand Avenue and 13th Street)

Monday & Tuesday* **9 a.m. — 6 p.m.**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday* **9 a.m. — 4 p.m.**

Saturday* **9 a.m. — 1 p.m.**

*(*No Fridays or Saturdays or Tuesdays after 4 pm in March.)*

To qualify for services: Income limit is \$54,000 **unless** you or your spouse: is 60 years of age or older, **or** is active duty military.

Please bring the following with you:

- Social Security **cards** for you, your spouse, and any dependents OR an I-TIN letter.
- Proof of identification for yourself and your spouse if filing jointly (driver's license or military ID).
- W-2 and/or 1099's from each employer.
- For direct deposit of refund bring a check or account # and routing #.
- SSA-1099 form if received Social Security benefits.
- Unemployment compensation 1099-G form (if any).
- All 1099 forms and information for other income (if any).
- A copy of last year's tax return (if available).
- If itemizing—information about deductions/credits.
- Dependent care /Day care provider information; either Social Security # or EIN # (if any).
- Forms 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statement) (if any).
- College students will need Form 1098T and copy of student account.

Call 782-2525 for additional information.

First-come-first-serve, no appointments.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is it really free? Yes, WestArk RSVP members volunteer their time to prepare tax returns without charge to the taxpayer. Each RSVP volunteer receives extensive annual training and is certified by the IRS.

Is there an income limit?

- Not if you or your spouse is 60 years of age or older.
- Not if you or your spouse is active duty military.
- Otherwise, we can prepare returns for families with incomes less than \$54,000.

May I make an appointment? No, no appointments, Service is first-come-first served.

Will you answer tax questions over the phone? No.

When is the quickest time to get my taxes prepared? Anytime during the month of March or 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

What if I need a prior year return or an amended return prepared?

Starting March 4th returns for 2017 and 2016 and amended returns for 2016, 2017 and 2018 will be prepared. You will need a paper copy of any return you wish to amend.

Do-it-yourself for families with incomes of less than \$66,000 online at myfreetaxes.org. Service is free and offers federal and state tax returns.

NOTE: WestArk RSVP tax assistance in Fort Smith will close during **bad weather** when the Fort Smith Public School are closed.