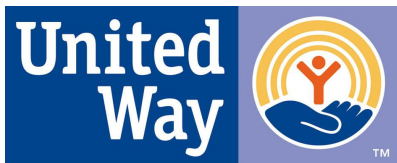


From February 1 through April 15th each year, the AARP Tax-Aide program offers free one-on-one counseling, as well as assistance on the telephone and internet to help individuals prepare basic tax forms, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and other standard schedules.

Counties Served:	1	2	3	4	5
Columbia		x	x		x
Emanuel				x	
Glascocock					x
Jefferson	x				
Jenkins					x
Lincoln	x	x	x		
McDuffie					x
Richmond	x	x	x		

1. **Augusta Richmond County Library**
 - (706) 821-2604
2. **Columbia County Library**
 - (706) 863-7959
3. **Doctors Hospital**
 - (706) 651-6716
4. **Euclhee Creek Library**
 - (706) 860-6333
5. **Jeff Maxwell Library**
 - (706) 793-2020



Are you eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit?

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) helps people who work but do not earn a lot. Working families with incomes below \$43,279 (\$48,279 married filing jointly) and childless workers with incomes under \$13,440 (\$18,440 married filing jointly) often qualify.

Generally, you must have earned income as an employee, independent contractor, farmer or business owner to qualify. Taxpayers under the minimum retirement age who receive disability payments from an employer plan may also be eligible.

You must meet the following EITC requirements:

- Must have a valid Social Security Number
- You must have earned income from employment or from self-employment.
- Your filing status cannot be married, filing separately.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year, or a nonresident alien married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien and filing a joint return.
- You **cannot** be a qualifying child of another person.
- If you do not have a qualifying child, you must:
 - ◊ be age 25 but under 65 at the end of the year,
 - ◊ live in the United States for more than half the year, and
 - ◊ not qualify as a dependent of another person
- Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earn income)
- Meet EITC Thresholds and Limitations
- Special rules may apply

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income (generally, \$58,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing.

Counties Served:	A	B	C
Burke		x	x
Columbia	x	x	x
Lincoln	x	x	x
McDuffie	x	x	x
Richmond	x	x	x

- A. **30901 Development Corp**
 - (706) 722-4999
- B. **Augusta Tech College**
 - (706) 771-4063
- C. **Augusta Urban Ministries**
 - (706) 722-8195

