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Who Qualifies?

Individuals or families with a combined income under $57,000 in 2012

What is needed?

- A valid email address
- Income Forms (W-2's, 1099's, 1098's)
- Access to a computer and internet

When is the tax day deadline?

You have until Monday, April 15th, 2013 to file your federal and state taxes.

Make sure you're ready to file:

STEP ONE: GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS

- **W-2s** for each job held in 2012 for each person in the household. This form reports your name, wages, and other tax information to the IRS.
- **1099s** and **1098s** showing other income (unemployment, social security, school loans, health care reimbursement, state tax refund, gambling winnings, contract work) that is reported to the IRS.
- **Income/interest statements** received for any savings account/investments
- **Bank account numbers**: A voided check or your bank or credit union's routing number and savings or checking account number for your refund to be deposited automatically into your account through direct deposit
- **Last year's tax return** (if you have it)

STEP TWO: COLLECT INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

- **Name and taxpayer number** as they appear on the Social Security Card (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number letter (ITIN) for you and all dependents (including children and elderly relatives that you care for)
- **Date of Birth and Relationship** (son, daughter, mother, etc.)
- **Current address** (it may be different from the address on your employment records)

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STEP THREE: GATHER ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO GET A LARGER REFUND

- Childcare expenses: name, address, Tax ID or Social Security Number of the child care provider
- Business expenses and assets: if you're self-employed or have a small business
- College: loans and/or scholarships received, and bills for technical/community college or university (Forms 1098-T/1098-E)
- Educator expenses for teaching grades K-12 (school supplies and materials used in the classroom)
- Charitable donations: list of contributions and amounts, receipts for contributions over $250
- Vehicles: Vehicle sales tax, personal property tax statement for each car you own, total miles driven for the year and/or total miles driven for business
- Renters: Amount of rent paid
- Homeowners: mortgage interest statement, real estate taxes paid (Form 1098), Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2012Retirement/IRA: Amount contributed to an IRA and total value as of December 2012
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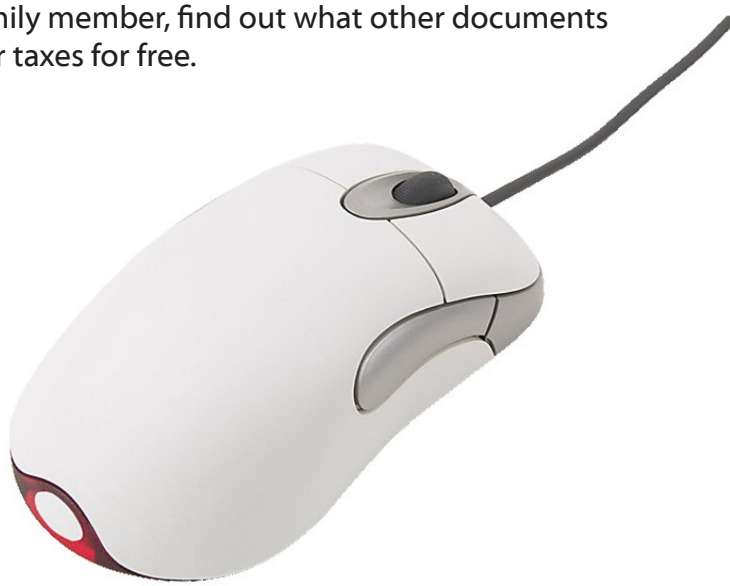
- ITIN: If you need to apply for an ITIN for yourself or a family member, find out what other documents you need to take with you when you get help filing your taxes for free.

STEP FOUR: FILE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE THROUGH MYFREETAXES

- Click the secured link below to access the software
- Click Create New Account to create a username and password
- Ensure that you enter your correct bank account information for direct deposit of your tax refund into your account



Having Trouble?

Call the MyFreeTaxes hotline at 1-855-My-Tx-Help.

STEP FIVE: FILL OUT FORM 8888 TO BUY TAX-TIME SAVINGS BONDS USING YOUR TAX REFUND

You have the option to use all or part of your tax refund to purchase Series I U.S. Savings Bonds for as little as $50 and up to $5,000. There is no fee to purchase or cash in bonds and if they are stolen, destroyed or lost, they can be replaced.

STEP SIX: KEEP COPIES OF YOUR FORMS AND TAX STATEMENTS

For your protection, keep any forms used to prepare your taxes and a copy of your return for seven years. This information will make it easier to file your taxes next year.

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