

Free Tax Prep Help for Low-Income DC Residents



Tax season is here! You may be able to get a **refund** or **stimulus check**, but **you must file a tax return to get this money**. Here is a list of programs that offer **free tax prep help** to DC households that make **less than \$57,000**. (Note that some programs don't have openings to help right now.) There are **FAQs** on the **last page**.

Community Tax Aid

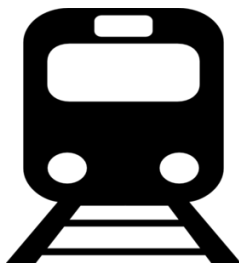
- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **Details:** Community Tax Aid offers **virtual** help and has a **waitlist** for **in-person** appointments.
 - To be put on the list for **virtual** help, go to <https://bit.ly/3r1g2ex>.
 - For **in-person** help, you will have an intake interview on the phone. You will then make an appointment to drop off and pick up tax documents. To join the **waitlist** for **in-person** help, call **202-830-1430**.
- **Website:** <https://www.communitytaxaiddc.org/free-tax-assistance/feb2021>
- **Questions?** Call **202-830-1480** or email info@communitytaxaiddc.org.

Catholic Charities Virtual Income Tax Assistance

- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **Details:** Catholic Charities has a **waitlist** for **virtual appointments**. To join the waitlist, go to <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/vita-registration>.
- **Website:** <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/vita>
- **Questions?** Call 202-319-6788 or email Jim.Shanahan@cc-dc.org.

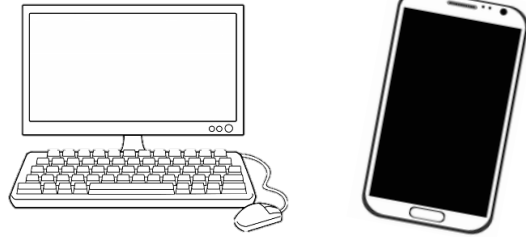
University of the District of Columbia (UDC)

- **Languages:** English
- **Details:** UDC is offering **in-person** tax prep help at its **metro-accessible** Van Ness campus (4250 Connecticut Avenue NW, Building 4250, Firebird Millennium Café). Services are **by appointment only**. Appointments are on a first come, first serve basis.



- Appointments are on **Saturdays** from **February 6–April 15** from **10:00 AM–3:00 PM**.
 - To make an appointment, go to <https://bit.ly/2NscOSK>.
- **Website:** <https://www.udc.edu/sbpa/sbpa/vita-tax-clinic/>
 - **Questions?** Call 202-274-7002 or email september.smith@udc.edu.

AARP DC Tax-Aide



- **Languages:** English
- **Details:** AARP offers only **virtual** tax prep help to DC residents at this time.
 - AARP offers help to people of **all ages** and **all incomes**.
 - To get help from AARP, call or text **202-642-9037** or email **DCTaxAide.Help@gmail.com**.
- **Website:** <https://bit.ly/3dnoXmo>
- **Questions?** Call **202-642-9037** or email **DCTaxAide.Help@gmail.com**.

United Planning Organization (UPO)

- **Languages:** English
- **Details:** UPO is offering **in-person** help **by appointment only**. Services are at the UPO Petey Greene Community Service Center (2907 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE).
 - For in-person help, you will first have an intake interview on the phone. You will then make an appointment to drop off tax documents. Call **202-231-7903** to make an appointment.
- **Website:** <https://www.upo.org/taxprep>
- **Questions?** Call **202-231-7903**

Prince George's Community College (PGCC)

- **Languages:** English, Spanish, and other languages on request
- **Details:** PGCC offers **virtual** and **in-person** tax prep help **by appointment only**.
 - **Virtual** appointments are **Monday–Friday** from **9:00 AM–9:00 PM** and on **Saturday** from **9:00 AM–5:00 PM**.



- To make an appointment, go to <https://pgccselftaxpreparation.setmore.com>.
- **PGCC will NOT prepare your taxes for you.** Instead, a certified tax volunteer will help you prepare your return and file on your own.
- **You must have access to internet and a laptop or computer (NO SMARTPHONES OR TABLETS) to get virtual help from PGCC.**

- **In-person** appointments are on the PGCC campus (301 Largo Rd., Largo, MD) on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday** from **9:30 AM–5:00 PM** and on **Tuesday** from **5:30–9:00 PM**.

- To make an appointment, go to <https://vitadropoff.setmore.com>.



- **Website:** <https://www.pgcc.edu/go/tax/>
- **Questions?** Call [301-546-5254](tel:301-546-5254) or email vita@pgcc.edu.

TerpTax (University of Maryland)

- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **Details:** TerpTax offers **virtual** tax prep help to U.S citizens, U.S residents, and non-citizens. Services are **by appointment only**.
 - **Virtual** appointments are **Monday–Thursday** from **5:00–9:00 PM** until **April 8, 2021**.
 - Go to <https://www.terptaxumd.org/help> for info videos on how to schedule an appointment, send in your documents, and attend your virtual appointment.
- **Website:** <https://www.terptaxumd.org/>
- **Questions?** Email terptax@gmail.com.



Can't find anyone to help with your taxes?



- You can **file on your own using free online software** through IRS Free File. Go to <https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/filing-status> for a list of online software options.
- More info at <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>.

FAQs

Can programs in Maryland help people in DC?

Yes! The Maryland programs on this list can help people who live in DC.

How do virtual appointments work?

You log on to a virtual appointment through your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer. Some programs can only give virtual help on a laptop or computer.

What documents will I need for tax prep help?

Most programs will ask you for the below documents. They may ask you for other documents. **If you are filing with a spouse or have kids, you will need their documents, too.**

1. Photo ID
2. Social Security Card or ITIN letter
3. W2s, 1099s, and any other income documents
4. Copy of your 2019 tax return (if you have one)
5. Bank account's routing number and account number (if you have one)

Anything else I should know?

Once you find a program to help you, remember to ask **what documents you will need** and **how to attend your appointment**.