



UNITED WAY
Lowcountry

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Keeping More Money in Local Lowcountry Pockets

At United Way of the Lowcountry, advancing self-sufficiency means helping people keep more of what they earn.

Our **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program provides free, reliable tax preparation services that help thousands of Beaufort and Jasper County residents claim every dollar they're entitled to—and move closer to financial independence.

What Is VITA?

Since 2007, VITA has connected eligible taxpayers with IRS-certified volunteers who prepare and file federal and state tax returns at no cost. This service ensures returns are accurate and that taxpayers claim valuable credits such as:

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Child Tax Credit
- Educator Expense Deduction

VITA's fast, accurate e-filing includes direct deposit, making tax season simpler and more rewarding for families.



Why It Matters

- Available to individuals and households earning \$69,000 or less annually
- Completely free, courtesy of trained IRS-certified volunteers
- Helps families keep more money to pay bills, save, and invest in their futures
- Expands access to tax credits often overlooked or missed

Where to Access VITA Services

Beaufort Area:

- Lobeco Library
- Beaufort Library
- Port Royal Library
- St. Helena Library

Bluffton & Hilton Head Area:

- Bluffton Library
- Deep Well Project
- Hilton Head Library
- VIM Clinic (Hilton Head)

Jasper County:

- Hardeeville Library
- AGAPE Family Life Center
(Hardeeville)
- Morris Center (Ridgeland)
- Tax-a-Thon at Hardeeville Recreation
Center (Saturday in late February)

Appointments are available at all locations; some sites also welcome walk-ins. To make an appointment or learn more, visit:

www.uwlowcountry.org/VITA

Expanded Appointment Opportunities

To better serve our community, United Way of the Lowcountry offers additional in-person VITA appointments in the summer and fall, giving more residents access to free, expert tax help.

The result: VITA is more than tax preparation—it's a critical step toward financial security and self-sufficiency, helping Lowcountry families keep more of their hard-earned money and build stronger futures.