

NEED EXTRA CASH?



YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR:

**EARNED
INCOME
TAX
CREDITS**

AND THE

**WISCONSIN
HOMESTEAD
CREDIT**

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS:

Combined state and federal refund of :

- ✓ Up to \$8,098 for three or more children
- ✓ Up to \$5,962 for two children
- ✓ Up to \$3,390 for one child

WISCONSIN HOMESTEAD CREDIT

- ✓ Up to \$1,168 with signed rent certificate or property tax bill

YOU MAY QUALIFY IF LAST YEAR YOU:

- ✓ Met a certain income level.
Less than \$24,680 to claim the Homestead Credit and less than \$46,997 to claim state and federal Earned Income Tax Credits
- ✓ Were a legal resident of Wisconsin all year



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Katrina Shankland
71st ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



2014 TAX RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE



STATE CAPITOL, P.O. BOX 8953
MADISON, WI 53708

(608) 267-9649 or (888) 534-0071

Rep.Shankland@legis.wi.gov

Want to save more? Have your taxes prepared for free at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) location, sponsored by the IRS (SEE OTHER SIDE).

Dear Neighbor,

The tax season is upon us, and there are various ways that the State of Wisconsin provides assistance in filling out your state and federal income tax forms. I am sending you and your family this helpful information sheet that should assist during this Tax Season. **First and foremost, please be advised that the Tax Deadline is April 15 for the 2014 Tax Season. The Tuesday, April 15, 2014, deadline will apply to any of the following:**

- 2013 state individual income tax returns, whether filed electronically or by paper (Forms 1, 1A, WI-Z, 1NPR)
- Requests for an automatic six-month tax-filing extension, whether filed electronically or by paper.
- Tax year 2013 balance due payments, whether filed electronically or by paper.
- Tax-year 2013 contributions to a Roth or traditional IRA.
- Individual estimated tax payments for the first quarter of 2014, whether paid electronically or by check.

As your State Representative, I believe it is important that you have choices during this tax season, and I hope you will take advantage of the choices that the State of Wisconsin provides to you when doing your state and federal income tax forms. As always, I appreciate your input on important state matters and encourage you to contact my Capitol office via e-mail—a quick, convenient, and cost-effective method of reaching me. My e-mail address is Rep. Shankland@legis.wi.gov.

Further information about our district or myself can be found on the office website at <http://shankland.assembly.wi.gov>.

Sincerely,



REP. KATRINA SHANKLAND
71st Assembly District

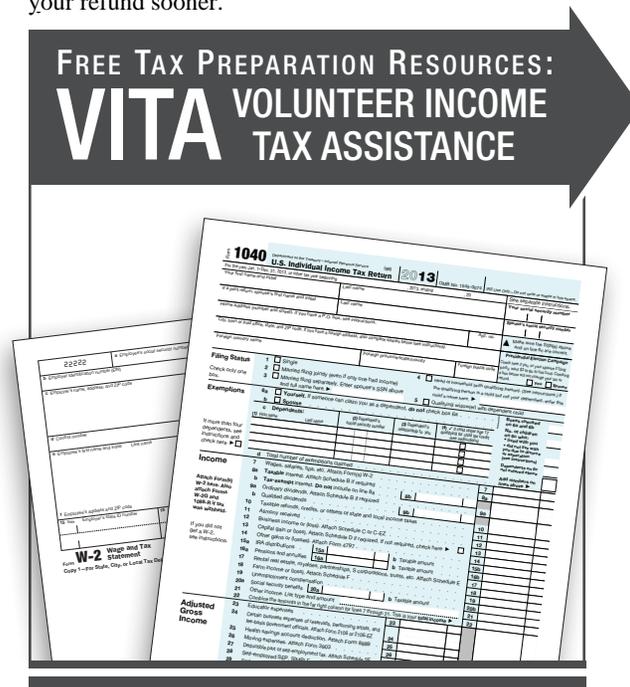
TAX PREPARATION RESOURCES:

I encourage you to visit a local FREE tax preparation site, commonly known as VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. The VITA program offers free tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less annually and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns.

Last year, volunteers assisted 261 households in Portage County to secure nearly \$432,000 in income tax refunds. Those are dollars that flow directly back into our community.

Free tax preparation services are also available for senior citizens through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program. TCE offers free tax help with priority assistance to people who are 60 years of age or older, specializing in questions unique to seniors.

Trained community volunteers will help you with special credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Wisconsin Homestead Credit. Many sites also provide electronic filing, so you can receive your refund sooner.



WHAT INCOME TAX FORMS WILL A VITA/TCE SITE PREPARE?

A VITA/TCE site will prepare the following forms:

1040EZ

1040A *with* Schedules 1, 2, 3, & EIC

1040 *with* Schedules A, B, EIC, & R

1040V (Payment Voucher)

1040ES (Individual Estimated Tax Payment)

2441 (Child and Dependent Care Credit)

8863 (Educational Credits)

8812 (Additional Child Tax Credit)

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE VITA/TCE SITE?

Customers are asked to bring their W-2 and tax statements, information on other sources of income and any deductions, and Social Security numbers for taxpayer(s) and dependents. Those claiming homestead credit should bring a rent certificate and/or a copy of their 2013 property tax bill, and a record of any Wisconsin Works (W2) payments received in 2013. Both spouses must be present to file a joint return.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Mid-State Technical College (VITA)

933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point
(Appointments on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays)

Aging & Disability Resource Center (TCE)

Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point
(Appointments on Thursdays and Fridays)

Portage County Public Library (TCE)

1001 Main Street, Stevens Point
(Appointments on Saturdays)

For more information on tax services in Portage County, call the United Way's 2-1-1 or visit www.unitedwaypoco.org.