



Keep your cash. You earned it!

Free Tax Assistance will begin January 25, 2021. Make an Appointment Today!

The City of Chicago offers free, confidential tax help from late January through mid-April in partnership with Ladder Up. Trained volunteer tax preparers can assist you in completing and electronically filing Federal and Illinois tax returns for tax year 2021 and, in some cases, for prior years. Also find out if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), and other tax credits!

Who is eligible for free tax help?

- Families earning up to \$57,000 annually
- Individuals earning up to \$32,000 annually

If you are unsure whether or not Ladder Up can prepare your return, please call Ladder Up's hotline (312) 409-1555 with details of your tax situation or check Ladder Up's website: www.goladderup.org/TAP

THE TAX FILING DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

Ladder Up is now a Drop-off Service!

Come to a tax site and drop-off your tax documents and have your return completed virtually. This service is offered by appointment only!

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES

For more information, visit www.taxprepchicago.org or call (312) 588-6900 to schedule an appointment.

What to bring to a tax site

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Original Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for yourself, your spouse, and ALL other individuals listed on your tax return
- A valid form of photo ID (for you and your spouse if you are filing a joint return)
- Bank routing and account numbers for your savings account, checking account, and/or prepaid card
- Verification of health insurance if purchased through the Marketplace (Form 1095-A)
- Copy of previous year's tax return, if available
- If Married Filing Jointly, BOTH spouses must be present to have the return prepared

2. YEAR-END INCOME STATEMENTS

- W-2 for each job
- 1099-MISC or 1099-K for Self-Employment income, such as ride-share driving with Uber/Lyft
- 1099 Forms for retirement, Social Security, unemployment, interest, dividends, stock sales, and miscellaneous income

3. EXPENSES AND CREDITS

- Record of educational expenses you paid for children in grades K-12
- Tuition expenses paid for you or your child to attend college or university (Form 1098-T or similar document) Student loan interest paid (Form 1098-E)
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- Childcare expenses: Provider name, address, and tax ID or Social Security number
- Homeowners: Mortgage interest (Form 1098) and real estate taxes paid
- Job-related expenses (if you are self-employed)

