

Free tax preparation help in SeaTac

If you need help with your taxes, free help is available in SeaTac for households making less than \$50,000 per year who need basic individual tax returns. United Way of King County is offering Free Tax Preparation at 18 sites throughout King County January 18 to April 14, 2011, including two locations here in SeaTac on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Help with Amharic, Cambodian, Somali, and Spanish speaking clients is also available at the SeaTac locations.

The program is designed to help low and middle-income families prepare their income tax forms, take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other tax credits while avoiding fees associated with commercial preparers.

Free Tax Preparation by United Way of King County is available at the following two SeaTac locations:

LCSNW / Angle Lake Family Resource Center

4040 S. 188th Street

Tuesdays, 6 PM – 9 PM, Somali & Spanish Saturdays, 9 AM – 1 PM, Spanish

Sea-Tac Airport / Airport Jobs Office

17801 International Blvd

(From inside the airport on the Ticketing Level, take Elevator 1 to Level M. Turn left off the elevator, then turn right and proceed along the walkway. The office is on the right. Look for the Airport Jobs sign above room 6447.)

Thursdays, 6 PM – 9 PM, Amharic & Spanish Saturdays, 10 AM – 2 PM, Cambodian

No appointment is necessary and agents will be available from now to April 14. Many sites get very crowded, especially during January and April. Clients should arrive as close to the site's opening time as possible for the best chance of getting served. Clients who arrive later may not be able to see a volunteer.

Quality Tax preparation is provided by IRS-certificated, multilingual volunteers. Multiple languages are available at different locations throughout King County. This is a free service for households making less than \$50,000; citizenship not necessary and electronic filling will be utilized for faster refunds.

In addition to filing tax returns, clients will be able to purchase savings bonds, open credit union accounts, sign up for prepaid debit cards, and apply for public benefits such as the Washington Basic Food Program.

Those interested in the tax preparation assistance must bring photo identification and Social Security Cards (or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers) for themselves, spouses and dependents. They should also bring wage and earnings statements (W-2 Forms), interest and dividend information concerning their income and expenses for the year of 2010 and also a bank account number (checking or savings) to have your refund directly deposited into your account. You should bring anything else that you think may affect your return, even if you are not sure.

Service is for basic tax returns only (no business taxes, rental income or sale of property or stock). For more information on the United Way Tax Preparation Program including site locations and maps, visit www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp. You can also call 2-1-1 or 1-800-621-4636 for additional information.