

# FREE TAX PREPARATION IN STORY COUNTY

## AMES:

### AARP Tax-Aide Help

#### Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave.

Now through April 15 with support in English and Chinese  
By appointment only Monday, Tuesday, Thursday with evening slots available on Tuesdays.

To make an appointment, visit [www.amespubliclibrary.org/tax](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org/tax) or call (515) 239-5646 (press 4 for Adult Services). **You will need to pick up a packet of information at the library before your appointment or go early enough to fill it out beforehand.**

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

#### Iowa State University, 1117 Gerdin Business Building

February 21 –April 13 (No appointments March 14-18)

By appointment only during the following scheduled times:

- Mondays 5:00–9:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays 5:00–9:00 p.m.

Appointments can be made online at [isuvita.setmore.com](http://isuvita.setmore.com).

Households with incomes of \$58,000 or less are eligible.

\*Please note, appointments may take up to 2-3 hours, plan accordingly.

## ONLINE:

### Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) VITA Program - Interpretation provided

Former refugees and immigrants and family members earning up to \$60,000/year or English is not primary language are eligible.

An ITIN can be used in place of a Social Security Number.

Call LSI Language Hotline at [877-558-2609](tel:877-558-2609) or Eddah Bunei at [515-271-7351](tel:515-271-7351) with questions or to schedule.

In-person appointments are available in Des Moines.

### MyFreeTaxes.com

No income limit and available in both English and Spanish\* with Helpline available from 9am-5pm daily.

Free for tax situations including W-2 income, Schedule C Self Employment, 1099-INT or 1099-DIV student, education expenses, unemployment income, standard deductions, EITC, Child Tax Credits, child and dependent care expenses.

\*Spanish version works best for users earning up to \$73,000



### Remember to bring:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security cards (or ITIN at LSI) for you, your spouse, and dependents and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Birth dates for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Wage and earning statement(s) (Forms W-2, W-2G, 1099-R)
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Form 1099)
- A copy of last year's Federal and State returns
- Bank routing numbers/account numbers for direct deposit
- Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number (individual's Social Security Number or the Employer Identification Number of the business)

### Keep in mind:

- To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.
- You must also know whether you are being claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

### Possible transportation assistance:

- HIRTA: (877) 686-0029
- Central Iowa RSVP: (515) 292-8890 in Ames or 4917 in Story County outside Ames

