**AARP New york Tax-Aide Program seeks volunteers**

You could help your neighbors and members of your community with their tax returns …all it takes is a commitment and some training. Each year from the first of February through mid-April, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help prepare federal and state tax returns for low and middle income taxpayers. AARP Tax-Aide, the nation’s largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service, is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation. Volunteers of all backgrounds are welcome. You do not need to be an AARP member nor a retiree. No prior experience in tax preparation is necessary and volunteers of all ages who have some basic computer familiarity are welcome. Volunteers are needed not only for tax preparation, but also to greet taxpayers at tax sites, assist with client communication, etc.

Tax counselors receive free tax training and become IRS certified by passing the IRS exam. They help residents one-on-one at tax sites in their own communities. Volunteers work at a tax site as a team, with experienced tax counselors on hand to assist newer volunteers. It’s a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and help others in your community.

To register as a volunteer for AARP-Tax Aide you can start and register on-line at [tinyurl.com/taxaidevolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/taxaidevolunteer) and select the yellow “Become a Volunteer” box in the center of the page and complete the simple registration form. Signing up does not carry an obligation to volunteer – it will simply allow one of our local representatives to contact you about the program.

Tax-Aide volunteers are asked to give a minimum commitment of at least one four-hour shift per week from February 1 through April 15 at a site close to home. Nationwide, more than 34,000 Tax Aide volunteers serve about 2.6 million taxpayers annually.

The AARP Tax-Aide program is a wonderful resource for the American taxpayer. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers get a great deal of satisfaction from helping people deal with the challenges of preparing their tax forms. If you want to help yourself and others with their tax returns, this is the program for you.