

Volunteers Needed! No prior experience necessary!

Just-a-Start Income Tax Assistance Clinic

Volunteer Opportunity: Just-A-Start Corporation, a Cambridge-based nonprofit, is seeking volunteers to assist as tax return preparers at its Tax Assistance Clinic, part of the IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, from January-April 2019. Trained preparers work one-on-one with clients to provide high-quality tax return preparation (training provided).

The Need: The Earned Income Tax Credit is the largest anti-poverty program in existence today, annually lifting millions of families above the poverty line. In Cambridge, the federal EITC returned more than \$7.5 million to low-income families in 2015, while a state credit allows filers to receive an additional refund on their Massachusetts taxes. Yet 20% of eligible filers do not claim the tax credit, and many who file with high-cost professional preparers lose a portion of their refund to fees. Our clinic prepares returns free of charge for families and individuals who qualify.

The Position: Volunteer Tax Preparers work with the clinic manager to prepare and review returns for clients. Tax Preparers must complete training on preparing a basic income tax return before volunteering, though this training is provided. No experience is necessary or expected. Experienced preparers are welcome. **Volunteers are expected to contribute two (2) hours per week to the clinic.**

The Clinic: The clinic is located at 402 Rindge Ave. in Cambridge, 0.2 mi. from the Alewife Station, and features on-site parking. The clinic will operate Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings from Jan 22 – April 16, 2019.

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