

Dorchester County is looking for volunteers to work with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). The Internal Revenue Service promotes this program that involves volunteers helping community members who cannot afford professional tax assistance.

The VITA Program helps those with low-to-moderate incomes. Trained Volunteer Tax Assistors explain the many special credits and deductions, and how people may claim them on their tax returns. Volunteers will help individuals complete and electronically file their returns, all for free.

Volunteer Tax Assistors receive free instruction and all training and certification materials necessary to prepare basic income tax returns. Training and certification is conducted in December and the following January at locations that are convenient to instructors and volunteers.

Volunteers are also needed to help in other ways. Some volunteers help organize tax sites, while others only do publicity for a site. If you would like to get involved or would like more information, please contact Julie Byars at (843) 563-0151.