



Free Tax Assistance Programs for 2010

January 30 – April 10, 2010

Free tax assistance for the 2009 tax year is provided at Detroit Public Library branches by Accounting Aid Society and AARP (Edison Branch only). In addition to the libraries, Accounting Aid Society is offering free tax assistance at more than 20 other locations throughout southeast Michigan. Seniors and those physically unable to visit a tax site can use Accounting Aid's homebound tax service. For details, call the agency at 313-556-1920 or visit www.accountingaidsociety.org.

Walk-in Service Locations (First Come, First Served)

Be advised that the number of people served each day depends on the number of volunteer tax preparers available. People must register or take numbers on arrival. At Main Library on Fridays and Saturdays, the line forms at the Cass entrance well in advance of the library opening. On Tuesdays at Main, sign in begins at noon in the Popular Library; participants will be called in order of signup starting at 4:00. At Edison Branch on Tuesdays, sign in begins at 10:00 when the branch opens.

Main Library: 313.833.4000

5201 Woodward Avenue (Use Cass Entrance Only)

Saturdays, January 30 – April 10, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (except February 13)

Tuesdays, February 2 – February 23, 2010
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (February Only)

Fridays, March 5 – March 26, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (March Only)

Edison Branch: 313.852.4515

18400 Joy Rd. (W. of Southfield Fwy)

(This location is sponsored by the AARP and serves primarily **low-income senior citizens**)

Tuesdays, February 2 – April 13, 2010
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

By Appointment Only Locations

Call the branch for an appointment day and time as far in advance as possible, except for Knapp Branch where appointments are taken each Tuesday for the following Saturday.

Chandler Park Branch: 313.852.4346

12800 Harper (at Dickerson)

Saturdays, January 30 – April 10, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (except April 3)

Duffield Branch: 313.224.6460

2507 W. Grand Blvd. (E. of 14th)

Saturdays, January 30 – April 10, 2010
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (except February 20 and April 3)

Knapp Branch: 313.852.4283

13330 Conant (S. of E. Davison)

Saturdays, January 30 – April 10, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (except February 6 and April 3)
(At this location, appointments may be made in person or by phone on Tuesday **only** for the following Saturday.)

Program Eligibility

Accounting Aid Society offers free tax preparation by volunteers at four Detroit Public Library locations. Eligibility guidelines for this free service are based on annual household income:

Maximum Income

Individuals	\$25,000
Families	\$50,000

This service includes preparation of federal, state, and city tax returns, and application for credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, First-Time Homebuyer Credit, Home Heating Credit, Homestead Property Tax Credit, and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Incentives.

Documents to Bring

For tax assistance, bring driver's license or state ID; Social Security Numbers for yourself (and spouse and dependents if applicable); and income statements or forms such as W-2s, unemployment, pension, Social Security, child support, and miscellaneous Income. Proof of each Social Security Number must be provided (card, federal document, or copy of previous year's tax return that the society prepared).

To claim deductions or credits for home purchase, energy-efficiency upgrades, medical expenses, dependent care expense, or student loan interest or tuition, bring all supporting documents.

For the property tax credit, homeowners need to bring proof of the taxable value of their home, plus property tax bills from 2009. Renters need to bring lease agreements, rent receipts, and landlord's name and address.

For the heating credit, bring the amount spent on heating your home for the year. Contact your heat provider for this information, or find it on your December, January, and February statements. For 2009 taxes, the period will be 11/1/2008 to 10/31/2009.

To have federal and state refunds directly deposited to a bank or credit union account, bring institution name and routing number, and your account number.