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AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Offers Free Online Tax Prep Assistance

New Virtual Option Helps Older Taxpayers Get the Tax Credits They Deserve, Even During the Coronavirus Pandemic

WASHINGTON — Beginning today and continuing through July 15, AARP Foundation is providing free access to online tax software through its Tax-Aide program.

The virtual service is being offered as an alternative to AARP Foundation Tax-Aide’s traditional in-person services, which were suspended at the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and which remain on hold until further notice. Although Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation and filing services to all taxpayers, many of its clients are over 60 — a group considered by health experts to be at higher risk of developing complications from COVID-19.

MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX-AIDE SITES WILL NOT RE-OPEN FOR THIS TAX SEASON. The health and safety of our volunteers, staff and taxpayers is our top priority, and the decision not to re-open was made with their protection in mind.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offering online options to assist taxpayers affected by the suspension of in-person services:

- A self-prep option, providing taxpayers with free access to software so they can prepare taxes on their own, is available at signup.aarpfoundation.org/preparing-your-taxes-online.
- If taxpayers would like help completing their own taxes, they can request the assistance of a volunteer to coach them through the process via phone or computer screen-sharing. Visit aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide for information and updates.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation’s largest volunteer-run free tax preparation service. The program is offered in conjunction with the IRS, and AARP membership is not required. Volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to ensure they understand the latest changes to the U.S. Tax Code.

About AARP Foundation
AARP Foundation works to end senior poverty by helping vulnerable older adults build economic opportunity and social connections. As AARP’s charitable affiliate, we serve AARP members and nonmembers alike. Bolstered by vigorous legal advocacy, we spark bold, innovative solutions that foster resilience, strengthen communities and restore hope.

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