Financial Assistance

AARP Tax Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low to moderate-income taxpayers – especially those 50 and older – at nearly 5,000 locations nationwide.

Phone: (888) 687-2277

Find a Tax-Aide location near you:

https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action

Email: taxaide@aarp.org

Ann Arbor Thrift Shop

Ann Arbor Thrift Shop members answer requests from social service case workers on behalf of people who need emergency aid for clothing, housing, utility bill payment, medical or dental care, car repair and transportation. Services are available to Ann Arbor residents only. A referral is required for assistance.

Address: 3530 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Phone: (734) 662-6771

Website: www.annarborthriftshop.org

Hours: Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm

B&B Payee Services

B&B Payee Services provides Representative Payee Services, Federal Fiduciary Services, Conservator Services and Financial Management assistance. They help all who are experiencing financial obstacles, including those with disabilities, low income, or receiving Social Security and/or Veterans benefits.

Address: 124 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 480-1347

Website: http://www.bbpayeeservices.org

Email: info@bbpayeeservices.org

Catholic Social Services Tax Assistance Program

Tax preparation volunteers are trained annually to help Washtenaw County limited-income seniors and adults with disabilities file simple income tax returns and credits.

Phone: (734) 712-7774

Website: https://csswashtenaw.org/seniors/tax-assistance-program/

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)

The Michigan DHHS provides income supplement programs for individuals who are temporarily or permanently disabled, who lack money for food, shelter, and utilities. These include: Food Stamps, Child Support Programs, Day Care Services, Work First Program (employment and job training), Low Income Energy Assistance Programs (LIEAP), Medicaid, and State Disability Assistance (SDA).

Address: 22 Center Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 481-2000

Website: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Eastern Michigan University Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Club

Get free tax return preparation from IRS certified preparers at our Ypsilanti sites.

Address:

EMU College of Business, Room 102

300 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 487-0867

Website: https://www.emich.edu/studentorgs/bap/vita.html

Email Contacts: emubapacc@gmail.com

Friends In Deed

The Direct Assistance Program helps families prevent utility shut off, repair a car to get to work or medical appointments, obtain a prescription or other one-time medical needs and more.

Address: 1196 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Help Line: (734) 484-4357

Furniture Line: (734) 484-7607

Website: http://www.friendsindeedmi.org/

Email: Office@FriendsInDeedMI.org

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:30am-12pm

GreenPath Debt Solutions

Since 1961, GreenPath has been helping people regain control of their finances --- and their lives. In addition to other services, GreenPath offers free credit counseling and debt counseling to help ease your financial stress, address your financial concerns, and develop a plan for living a financially healthy life.

Address: 5397 West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (800) 550-1961

Website: http://www.greenpath.com/

Debt counseling in person: Wed & Fri, 8am-5pm

Debt counseling by telephone:

Mon-Thurs, 8am-10pm

Fri, 8am-7pm Sat, 9am-6pm

Housing Bureau for Seniors

In partnership with AARP, they host free tax assistance programs throughout the tax season.

Phone: (734) 998-9339

Website: http://www.med.umich.edu/seniors/

Email: <u>housingbureauseniors@umich.edu</u>

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

They help low-income taxpayers tackle and resolve issues with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Address: 701 S State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Website: https://www.law.umich.edu/clinical/litc/Pages/default.aspx

Phone: (734) 936-3535

Michigan Ability Partners (MAP)

MAP representative payees handle disabled clients' financial affairs from paying bills and distributing clients' allowance, to helping them develop a budget, building personal financial management skills, repairing credit, and in most cases regaining independence over their financial affairs.

Address: 3810 Packard Rd., Suite 260, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Phone: (734) 975-6880

Email: info@mapagency.org

Website: http://www.mapagency.org/housing--payee.html

Michigan Free Tax Help

Whether or not you owe any income tax, if you are a Michigan taxpayer, you can get FREE help in completing your income taxes by an IRS trained volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) or tax counseling for the elderly (TCE) preparer.

Navigate this website to learn more about VITA, the EITC, organizations that offer free tax assistance, and more.

Website: http://michiganfreetaxhelp.org/

Michigan Helping Hand Program

This website helps Michigan citizens facing economic hardship find the services they need. Simply click on one of the five tabs for links to information about jobs and training, unemployment benefits, health care, family support, and housing.

Website: https://www.michigan.gov/helpinghand

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POWER Inc.

Our economic development services include:

- Family Financial Academy: Nine-week comprehensive financial management courses
- **Michigan \$ave\$:** Washtenaw IDA (Individual Development Accounts), a savings program to purchase a home, start a business, or return to school for limited income families
- **Links to Home Ownership:** Home ownership and foreclosure prevention for low-income families with children in Washtenaw County
- Washtenaw Housing Education Partners (WHEP): Homebuyer preparation for first-time purchase

Address:

301 W Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 961-1990

Website: http://www.powerclf.org/programs-and-services/economic-development/

Social Security Administration

This is the location to apply for social security retirement or disability benefits.

Address: 3971 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Phone: (800) 772-1213 **Website:** www.ssa.gov

St. Francis

This organization can help you prepare returns if income is \$45,000.00 or less. Call the Parish Office at (734) 821-2100 to make a 45-minute appointment. No walk-ins! Please call to make an appointment.

Address: 2250 E Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Phone: (734) 821-2100

Website: https://www.stfrancisa2.com/tax-help/

Hours: Every Saturday, February through April, 10:30 am to 2:00 pm



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Synod

Synod's Representative Payee Program provides financial management of Veterans, Social Security and SSI benefits on behalf of individuals who have difficulty using their payments to meet their basic needs. A representative payee helps beneficiaries who need assistance in managing their benefits.

Address: 615 S Mansfield St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 483-9363

Website: http://www.synodhelps.org/

United Way of Washtenaw County

United Way of Washtenaw County offers free tax help by appointment.

Address: 2305 Platt Road, MI 48104

Phone: (734) 971-8200

Website: https://www.uwwashtenaw.org/freetaxhelp

Email: vita@uwwashtenaw.org

Veteran Affairs

The VA provides accurate, efficient and timely services to ensure delivery of benefits to veterans and their families. They may be able to assist veterans in an emergency.

Address: 2155 Hogback P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645

Phone: (734) 973-4540

Website: https://www.washtenaw.org/959/Veterans-Affairs