

## WHEN AND WHERE CAN I GET MY TAXES DONE FOR FREE?

Tax returns will be prepared  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
from January 17, 2011 through April 14, 2011.

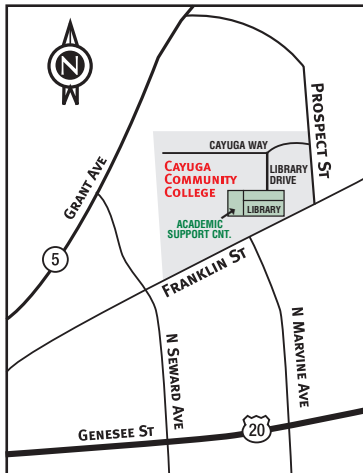
MONDAYS 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
TUESDAYS 8:30 am to 11:30 am  
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
THURSDAYS 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### LOCATION



Academic Support Center  
197 Franklin Street, Auburn, New York 13021

Use Prospect Street Entrance.



TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

**CALL**  
**315.282.0533**

PLEASE DO NOT CALL CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Finding a Doctor, Applying for Jobs,  
Buying a House...?

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on everything from filing your tax return  
free online to getting help for your  
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# FREE Tax Preparation

## Get it Fast!



## Get it Free!

### Cayuga County

# CASH

Creating Assets Savings and Hope

# 315.282.0533

## WHAT IS CA\$H for CAYUGA COUNTY?

**CA\$H** (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) for Cayuga County is a FREE TAX PREPARATION PROGRAM administered through United Way of Cayuga County. IRS certified volunteers assist individuals and families, who are in the low to moderate income level, by preparing their Federal and NYS tax return FREE OF CHARGE. These IRS CERTIFIED volunteers are trained to capture every possible tax credit, ensuring that the taxpayer is getting the maximum refund that is allowed by law. You get your tax refund FAST by E-FILING and using DIRECT DEPOSIT. Don't pay costly fees to get YOUR money! **CA\$H** for Cayuga County is here to guide you through the entire process.

## WHAT IS THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT?

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable tax credit designed for lower income working families and individuals. Income considered when calculating the Earned Income Tax Credit INCLUDES Wages, Self-Employment Net Income, Union Strike Pay, L/T Private Disability Payments, nontaxable Combat Pay (if you choose to include). Earned Income DOES NOT INCLUDE Child Support, Alimony, Unemployment Compensation, Social Security, Social Security Disability, Welfare Benefits, Food Stamps, Job Training Benefits, Pensions, Interest and Investment Income. The amount of the credit varies depending on your level of income and how many children you claim. The tax credit can even generate a tax refund larger than the amount of tax paid in through withholding. In 2010, taxpayers who participated in the **CA\$H** program, received anywhere from \$457 to \$5,657 in EITC tax credits. If you are on Public Assistance (TANF), or receive food stamps, the EITC portion of your tax refund generally is not counted as income or resources. Ask your worker if you have questions regarding Public Assistance.

## TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CA\$H for CAYUGA COUNTY PROGRAM:

You **MUST** have had income of **less than:**

- \$30,000 if single with no dependents
- \$49,000 if single with one or more dependents
- \$49,000 if married with zero or more dependents

## TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT:

You **MUST** have worked in 2010. Earned Income and Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) must each be **less than:**

- \$43,352 (\$48,362 if married filing jointly), with THREE OR MORE qualifying children
- \$40,363 (\$45,373 if married filing jointly), with TWO qualifying children
- \$35,535 (\$40,545 if married filing jointly), with ONE qualifying child
- \$13,460 (\$18,470 if married filing jointly), with no qualifying child and you are between the ages of 25 and 65

## YOU ALSO MUST:

- Reside in Cayuga County
- File a tax return
- Have a social security number
- Be a US Citizen or resident alien

## BUT YOU CANNOT:

- Be a qualifying child of another person
- File married separately
- File form 2555 or 2555EZ
- Have investment income of more than \$3,100

## QUALIFYING CHILD CRITERIA

THE CHILD MUST...

- Be your son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, foster child, grandchild, or other blood related child
- Have lived with you for more than 1/2 the year
- Be under 19 years of age, or 24 if a full-time student, or any age if permanently and totally disabled
- Be younger than the person claiming the child
- Not have filed a joint return other than to claim a refund

## WHAT TO BRING:

### CHECKLIST

- Your spouse, if you are married filing jointly
- NYS Driver's License for you, and your spouse if filing jointly, or some other form of picture ID. NO TAX RETURNS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT PROPER ID
- Social security cards for you, your spouse, and children you are claiming, along with correct birth dates for each
- W-2s from **ALL** jobs you held in 2010
- All 1099s that you receive (1099G, 1099Misc, 1099Int)
- If you, your spouse or a child attended college – Tuition Expense Statement (1098T), Student Loan Interest Statement (1098E)
- If you paid for child care – Documentation listing: provider name, address, Tax ID# and amount paid
- Documentation of **Court Ordered Child Support** including SSNs and birthdates
- Rental information for NYS Credit
- Voided check or savings account statement if you are doing direct deposit
- Any letter or notice that you received from the IRS in 2010
- A copy of 2009 tax return, if available
- Homeowners should bring Real Estate Tax paid in 2010
- First time home buyers – bring all paperwork

## IF YOU PLAN TO ITEMIZE BRING DOCUMENTATION FOR:

- Home interest and property taxes paid
- Medical bills paid
- Charitable contributions made
- Gambling losses (up to the amount of winnings)