Directions for Preparing the *Packet for 2024 tax returns*

We can prepare and efile: prior year tax returns, self-employed, independent contractor returns, Schedules A,B, C and D, Earned Income Tax Credit, Education Credit, Child Care Credit, ITIN returns, returns for ITIN applications and ITIN information.

We cannot prepare: Rentals (Schedule E), 1040 non-resident returns (in the US less than 183 days), returns for LLC's, bitcoin/virtual currency sales, NY, CA, CT or complex state returns, healthcare with "shared policy allocation", depreciation, very complex returns or unusual investment returns.

Income limit guidelines (Number in Household)/income: (1) \$77,800, (2) \$88,900, (3) \$100,000, (4) \$111,300 (5) \$119,900.

- 1. Items to *bring*/ include in packet:
 - **Photo ID**: driver's license or passport, self and spouse
 - **Social security card or ITIN letters** for self, spouse, dependents (or, copy of last year's tax return *if* all persons same as 2023 and if don't have original documents)
 - o Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) if one has been assigned to you, your spouse, or dependents
 - **Bank Account information** (if you want to receive direct deposit of refund or make direct withdrawal payment of taxes)
 - o Bring voided check, or written Bank Name, Routing number, Account number
 - Bank Account <u>must</u> be in taxpayer or spouse's name!
 - **2023 tax return** (optional, but very helpful!)

2. Review and complete/sign 14446 Virtual VITA/TCE Taxpayer Consent (form in the packet).

3. **Complete the** yellow form 13614-C Intake/Interview (form in the packet). Be sure to complete/sign the back page 15080 Consent.

As you fill out the form 13614-C <u>Intake/Interview</u>, collect/bring any of the following documents that apply to you. (If you aren't sure if it's needed, bring it anyway.) Common forms are: W-2s, <u>all</u> 1099s, 1098-T or E, 1095-A (healthcare),5498-SA,1099-SA (for a HSA), some expenses for daycare and/or education (teachers) may be tax deductible (there are limits). For self-employed, bring record of business expenses, including business miles and income (1099-NEC)

Most people will not have enough deductions to itemize expenses (Schedule A) that begin at \$14,600. If you have a mortgage or very high medical expenses, you may be able to itemize. If so, bring documentation for property taxes, form 1098 Mortgage interest, medical expenses (limited to amount over 7.5% of AGI), charitable donations and home sale/purchase documents.

Bring any other documents pertinent to your tax return, including any received in an **envelope marked "important tax document enclosed**"

4. Review/Sign Appointment

VITA volunteers will contact you (via text) when your taxes are reviewed and completed. Make your review/sign appointment (SignUpGenius) <u>https://wyomingfreetaxservice.org/jackson</u> Come to your appointment at the Senior Center.

Review and sign your return. Receive a printed copy of your return.

5. VITA Efiles your tax return, usually within 24 hours.

All information that you provide will be handled/controlled/secured per <u>IRS Privacy, Confidentiality and Civil</u> <u>Rights</u> (pub 4299) protection requirements.