



Free Tax Preparation

With the 2010 tax season fast approaching, did you know that if you earned less than \$49,000 you can have your taxes done for FREE? Our tax preparers have been certified by the IRS and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program can help you get the largest refund possible. In addition, we can help you receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), up to \$450 for single persons with no children and up to \$5,600 for persons with children.

These are items you will need to bring when you have your taxes done, (if applicable):

- Social Security cards and birth dates for all taxpayers and dependents
- Photo Identification
- All tax forms received from employers and banks (i.e. W-2, 1098, & 1099's)
- Copy of your 2009 federal tax return, if you have one available
- Information for all deductions or credits
- Information for other income or expenses
- Total paid for day care services & day care provider's tax ID number
- Bank routing number and account number, if direct deposit of refund is desired

Please call (619) 578-7451 to schedule a tax preparation appointment at the San Diego Housing Commission's downtown Achievement Academy or at the Achievement Academy satellite center in City Heights.



Achievement Academy

1045 11th Avenue, downtown San Diego
Two Achievement Academy satellite centers operate in San Ysidro & City Heights.

Achievement Academy — “Top of the Class” Profile



Patrice is a graduate of the Achievement Academy's Family Self-Sufficiency program. She was able to set aside \$8,256 in her Aspire Individual Development Account—a special savings account that is matched up to \$4,000 by the Housing Commission.

She is employed full-time as an Accounts Payable Coordinator Supervisor and is currently enrolled at Miramar College where she is studying for a degree in Accounting.

Patrice has also been accepted into the Housing Commission's Home of Your Own program for first-time homebuyers.

“Thank you so much Housing Commission! I am going to volunteer for Project Homeless Connect to give back for all that I've received,” exclaimed Patrice.

The Achievement Academy will be open on Saturday, January 8, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be closed on January 1, January 14, January 17, and January 28.



Achievement Academy Workshops & Orientations

Financial Skills Education Workshops

Sat. Jan. 8	Taxes 101 Taxes & EITC	What are taxes? <i>Facilitator: Shanin Rahimi</i> 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tues. Jan. 11	Road to Financial Freedom Credit & Debt	This workshop helps you take the first steps on your journey to financial freedom. Know what a Debt Management Plan is and learn about paying back unsecured debt. <i>Facilitator: Springboard</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 25	EITC Taxes & EITC	What is Earned Income Tax Credit? <i>Facilitator: Home Start</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Work Readiness Workshops

Thurs. Jan. 13	Interviewing Strategies	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. <i>Facilitator: Job Works</i> 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 25	Resume Building	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. <i>Facilitator: Job Works</i> 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 27	Job Search Burn Out	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. <i>Facilitator: Job Works</i> 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Computer Literacy Workshops

Wed. Jan. 12	Introduction to "Word"	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 26	Introduction to "Excel"	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Homeownership Orientation

Tues. Jan. 18	First-Time Homebuyers HOME Workshop	<i>Facilitator: Housing Opportunities Collaborative</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Wed. Jan. 19	One-on-One Work Readiness- Related Service Appointments	To schedule an appointment, please contact your Service Coordinator.
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Aspire Orientations

- Tuesday, January 4, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- MTW Orientation
Tuesday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Spanish Orientation
Tuesday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- MTW Spanish Orientation
Tuesday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Family Self-Sufficiency Orientations

- Tuesday, January 4, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 18, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Benefits Screening

Eligibility workers can assist you in determining if you qualify for a variety of benefits.

Please call (619) 564-7789 to schedule an appointment or just stop by the downtown Achievement Academy which is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Computer Lab Hours & Closures

- Computer Lab open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and occasional Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Computer Lab open until 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday this month, except Tuesday, January 11th.
- Saturday, January 8, 2011- Computer Lab open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 11, 2011- Computer Lab open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed for extended hours.
- Computer Lab is closed when the Achievement Academy is closed.

Tutoring Now Available

For days and hours call the Achievement Academy at (619) 578-7451 or visit our Web site: www.sdhc.org.