



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.

Achievement Academy's Family Self-Sufficiency Program

The Achievement Academy's core program is Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), a five-year voluntary program available to families and individuals currently receiving federal Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) from the San Diego Housing Commission and those living in our public housing properties.

FSS provides participants with a wide array of services, such as financial literacy education, job training, career planning, book scholarships, small business start-up training and referrals, and homeownership programs.

Orientation Date and Time: Monday, January 10, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in Spanish. No appointment is necessary.



Achievement Academy Workshops

Location: 188 1/2 Calle Primera, San Ysidro, CA 92173
Financial Skills Education (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Wed. Jan. 5	Earned Income Tax Credit Taxes & EITC	Find out if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit and how to apply for it.
Wed. Jan. 12	How to Buy a Car and Save Money Budgeting	Learn money savings tips on how to buy a car. Learn about consumer rights and how to determine the real value of the car you want to purchase. Learn how to finance and save money in the process.
Wed. Jan. 19	Using Savings and Checking Accounts Checking & Savings	Learn all about checking and savings accounts. Learn how to obtain free checking and avoid high cost accounts.
Wed. Jan. 26	The Causalities of Credit Credit & Debt	Understand good and bad debt. Know the hidden costs of using credit cards. Learn how to manage debt associated with credit card use.

Computer Literacy & Work Readiness

Mon. Jan. 3	Computers 101: Introduction to Windows XP 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Tues. Jan. 4	Work Readiness 101: Create Your Cover Letter 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 6	Work Readiness 101: Build Your Resume 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Fri. Jan. 7	Computers 101: Introduction to Computers 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 8	Work Readiness 101: Create Your Cover Letter 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Mon. Jan. 10	Computers 101: Introduction to Computers 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 11	Work Readiness 101: Build Your Resume 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Thurs. Jan. 13	Computers 101: Introduction to Windows XP 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 18	Work Readiness 101: Research a Company 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Wed. Jan. 19	Computers 101: MS Word 2007 Introduction 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 20	Work Readiness 101: Job Search Engines 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Fri. Jan. 21	Computers 101: MS Word 2007 Intermediate I 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 22	Work Readiness 101: Research a Company 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Mon. Jan. 24	Computers 101: MS Word 2007 Intermediate I 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 25	Work Readiness 101: Job Search Engines 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Thurs. Jan. 27	Computers 101: MS Word 2007 Introduction 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 31	Computers 101: MS PPT 2007 Introduction 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.		

College Admissions Workshop

Learn about UC and Cal State College admission requirements.

- Monday, January 24, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 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 Achievement Academy satellite center in San Ysidro on Wednesdays after 10:30 a.m.

San Ysidro

Computer Lab Hours

- Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
- Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

* Some Fridays and Saturdays will be open. Please call the Achievement Academy for specific dates.

Tutoring Now Available

Do you need help with your homework, scholarships, or college applications? Come to the Achievement Academy satellite center in San Ysidro to meet one-on-one with a University of San Diego (USD) tutor.

Tutoring is available for students at high school level through college. Tutoring days and hours vary. For a schedule, please call the Achievement Academy satellite center in San Ysidro at (619) 662-3000.

For more information about the Achievement Academy satellite center in San Ysidro, please call (619) 662-3000.

The Achievement Academy satellite center in San Ysidro will be closed on January 1, January 14, January 15, January 17, January 28, and January 29.