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## **AARP TAX-AIDE PROVIDES FREE TAX TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

AARP Tax-Aide, is the nation's largest, free, all volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service. Each year from February 1 through April 15, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns for low- and middle -income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. You don't need to be an AARP member or be a retiree to volunteer (or to receive assistance from AARP Tax-Aide volunteers).

*"The AARP Tax-Aide program is a wonderful resource for the American taxpayer," says Pete Doniger, NM State Coordinator. "AARP Tax-Aide volunteers get a great deal of satisfaction from helping people deal with the challenges of filing taxes. If you want to help yourself and others, this is the program for you. As always, we need more volunteers to assist our 35,000 clients statewide preparing their taxes."*

### **TRAINING IS FREE**

AARP Tax-Aide tax counselor volunteers receive comprehensive training in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Leadership positions coordinate program activities such as technology, training, administration and/or publicity. Although tax training and certification is encouraged, it is not required for all positions. Volunteers are reimbursed for limited expenses, including mileage. For more information about becoming a local AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, call the AARP Info Center at 505-830-3096 or visit our web site at [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).

### **ALL SERVICES ARE FREE**

To find a site in New Mexico that provides this free service to low and moderate income taxpayers, call 505-830-3096 or visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).