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## **Tax-Aide Program Seeks Volunteers**

Tax season is still a few months away, but the AARP Tax-Aide program is currently seeking volunteers who want to serve their community by volunteering.

K-State Research and Extension Wildcat District is excited to partner with the AARP Tax-Aide program to offer free tax preparation and filing services for the 2025 tax season. In 2024, sites were opened in both Pittsburg and Girard. This partnership hopes to open new sites within the Wildcat District which includes Crawford, Labette, Montgomery and Wilson counties.

Volunteers are needed to fill various roles such as tax preparer, reviewer, tech support, and office organization. Volunteers come from a variety of industries and range from retirees to college students and do not need to be AARP members.

Tax-Aide volunteers make a meaningful difference in the lives of others by helping them build their financial resilience. “Even modest refunds can impact the lives of older adults, especially those living with low incomes,” said Julie Smith, Extension Agent and Tax-Aide Volunteer. “Volunteers help make sure taxpayers don’t miss out on credits and deductions they have earned and need.”

Sites are open February through April. Volunteers are needed to open sites in both Parsons and Independence for 2025.

The first step to volunteer is to register and submit a volunteer request at <http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/get-involved>. A local coordinator will follow up to discuss opportunities and the training options.

During the 2024 tax season, over 27,000 volunteers assisted at 3,600 sites nationwide and helped over 1.6 million taxpayers receive 1.2 billion dollars in refunds.

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