

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, become a VITA volunteer!



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FREE TAX PREPARATION

VITAmix

A newsletter for sharing volunteering tax tips and updates, a forum to acknowledge our amazing volunteers, and a way to keep in touch with our supporters.



With November around the corner, the VITA countdown has begun, hooray! For those of you who want to get a jump on training, our **VITA Tax Associate Bootcamp** gives you the opportunity to dive deeper into federal and state tax law than our regular season 8-hour trainings in January. The Bootcamp is designed for **Tax Associate interns and returning volunteers** interested in getting certified at the Advanced level so that they can serve as Quality Reviewers at our tax sites. Like last year, Bootcamp will be scheduled over 4 weeks, with each class lasting a total of **24 hours** —16 hours during the week, and 8 hours on the subsequent Saturday. Each class is comprised of four, 4-hour sessions, and you must attend all sessions (1-4) prior to attending the final Saturday class to certify Advanced. Training will run November 18th through December 21st (except Thanksgiving week). In order to offer schedule flexibility, weeks 1 and 3 will be the same, as will 2 and 4. To view the proposed schedules, [click here](#). **Registration will open November 6th on VolunteerHub.**



On Nov 14th, CWF is hosting its annual fundraiser at the Ces-caphe Ballroom in Philadelphia. This year, the theme is

“Taking it to the Streets” to raise funds to support the expansion of our Mobile Tax Team operations. As part of the program, we will be honoring 3 incredible individuals who have not only been champions of CWF, but also for the clients and communities we serve. The event will be emceed once again by the one and only Jim Donovan from *CBS3 Eyewitness News*. For tickets and more info, please visit our [website](#).



Are you a seasoned volunteer with over 2 years of experience as a VITA volunteer or tax professional? Do you want to get paid to serve at one of our tax sites this upcoming tax season? Consider joining our Site Management Team as a Tax Preparer or Intake Specialist. For more info and to apply, visit our [website](#).





FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

In association with eMoney Advisor and the Financial Planning Association (FPA), CWF is conducting a series of financial literacy workshops

for anyone interested in Education Planning, Budgeting or Income Tax Basics. Two workshops were already held in October to educate taxpayers about first-time homeownership. The remaining workshops will be held twice a month from November through January. All attendees receive confidential consultations from a financial adviser. For more info and to find out when the next one will be scheduled, check out this [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) article or visit the [Tax Filers](#) page of our website.

Form **W-4**

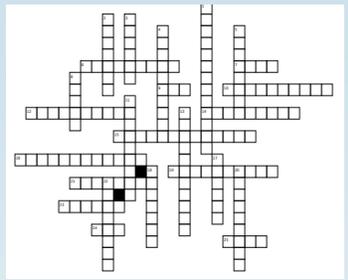
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Internal Revenue Service

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR WITHHOLDINGS LATELY?

With the introduction of the TCJA (Trump's tax law) last year, many taxpayers had their withholdings automatically adjusted by the law, and were surprised by the amount of their refund/tax liability. Accordingly, the IRS has revamped its W-4 form in an attempt to make it easier for taxpayers to accurately withhold the correct amount of taxes based on their situation (e.g. the form now requests taxpayer's filing status, whether they have more than one job, and amount of anticipated tax credits). We shall see if they've finally figured it out. Click [here](#) to view the new W-4 form.

TEST YOUR VITA VOCAB AND WIN

\$5: If you're a veteran VITA volunteer or an experienced tax



professional, test your tax knowledge with this fun crossword puzzle from our national coalition partner, Prosperity Now. What does the "Q" in QBID stand for? What was that strange new marking on the 2019 intake form? What is the acronym for the \$500 tax credit introduced last year? Know these answers? Then complete the crossword and email it to Jonathan ASAP, the **first 3 received will receive a \$5 Wawa gift card**. Download puzzle [here](#). Good luck!

UPDATE YOUR VITA ACCOUNTS! If you are a new volunteer or returning, do these 3 things to make sure you're ready for the upcoming training season:

- Create/update your [Vhub account](#) (our online volunteer portal)
- Create/update your IRS [Link&Learn](#) account (certification site)
- Be sure to add Jonathan's email (jbarnes@cwfp Philly.org) to your contacts to ensure you receive his informative, eloquent and inspiring emails about trainings, volunteer shifts and event updates.

November 1 - Final day to apply for Site Management Team position
November 14 - CWF's Counting on You Fundraiser - [click here](#) for tix
November 18 - Dec 21 - VITA Tax Associate Bootcamp (12 sessions)
January 4-25, 2020 - General trainings at Temple University
January 21, 2020 - PA tax sites open (NJ sites open Jan 28)

