

# Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Sites in Cameron County, TX

## OPTIONS

Call 2-1-1 for a complete list of free VITA sites near you in the Rio Grande Valley!

<b>Do It Yourself MyFreeTaxes.com</b>	File your own tax return online for <b>free with no income or age limit</b> using United Way's free self-preparation solution at <b>MyFreeTaxes.com!</b> File from home. Fast. Easy. Free! Mobile optimized. Helpline and chat features. Spanish language option after registration. Returning users will love the upgraded service with even more free forms!
<b>VITA Remote GetYourRefund.org</b>	Certified volunteers file tax returns remotely for those with annual income under <b>\$57,000</b> and a simple tax return at <b>GetYourRefund.org</b> . Create an account and your local zip code will route you to a Rio Grande Valley VITA site. Stay home and file safely. You must have an email account and be able to upload and download tax documents with smart phone or PC. Local volunteers will communicate with you through GetYourRefund to prepare your return. Volunteer capacity is limited due to COVID-19 pandemic.
	Volunteers at the following VITA sites will prepare tax returns at GetYourRefund.org. These sites are not open to the public during the pandemic and will only communicate via GetYourRefund: CDCB, BISD (Pace, Lopez and Hanna High Schools) and United Way of Southern Cameron County. Register for BISD student-prepared tax returns at <a href="https://getyourrefund.org/bisd">GetYourRefund.org/bisd</a> . VITA sites in Hidalgo county will also provide services via GetYourRefund.
<b>VITA Drop-Off</b>	VITA service has changed due to COVID-19 and will not provide face-to-face interaction with tax preparers this tax season. Select sites will provide drop-off service. Please see the list below to find a location. Most sites require an appointment. Bring all tax documents with you. You must have annual income under <b>\$57,000</b> and a simple return to receive drop-off service. Volunteer capacity is limited. Many facilities are closed to the public, so do not walk in to a site unless you have an appointment or the site publishes walk-in hours.

VITA Drop-Off Location		Address	Appointment or Walk-In	Opening and Closing Dates	Day	Time
<b>In-Person Drop-Off Sites</b>	<b>BISD- Hanna Early College High School</b>	2615 Price Road <b>Brownsville</b> 78521	Curbside Drop-Off. No appointment needed. Register for remote service at <a href="https://getyourrefund.org/bisd">GetYourRefund.org/bisd</a> .	January 25 - February 23 <i>* Super Tax Tuesday event: Feb.2 one day only</i>	Mon <i>*Tues</i>	4:15pm - 6:30pm <i>*9:00am- 2:00pm 1 day only 2/2</i>
	<b>BISD- Porter Early College High School</b>	3500 International Blvd <b>Brownsville</b>	Walk In / Drop Off.	January 25- March 8	Mon	4:30pm - 7:00pm
	<b>BISD- Rivera Early College High School</b>	6955 FM 802 <b>Brownsville</b> 78521	Walk In / Drop Off.	January 26 - February 23	Tues	4:30pm - 6:30pm
	<b>Ethel Whipple Memorial Library</b>	402 W. Ocean Blvd <b>Los Fresnos</b> 78566	Appointment Only. <b>(956) 233-5330</b> . Drop Off.	January 29 - March 19	Friday	10:00am - 3:00pm
	<b>Texas Southmost College ITECC Room F-6</b>	301 Mexico Blvd. <b>Brownsville</b> 78520	Appointment only: Sign up online at <a href="https://free-tax-assistance-vita-cameron-county-tx.as.me/itecc">https://free-tax-assistance-vita-cameron-county-tx.as.me/itecc</a> or call (956) 295-3761 or register at <a href="https://getyourrefund.org/tsc">GetYourRefund.org/tsc</a> .	February 1 - April 15 <i>(Holidays - Closed on Sat. Feb 27, Sat. Mar 13, Fri. Mar 19, Sat. Mar 20, Fri. Apr 2 and Sat. Apr 3.)</i>	Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat	9:00am - 5:00pm 9:00am - <b>8:00pm</b> 9:00am - <b>8:00pm</b> 9:00am - 5:00pm 9:00am - 5:00pm 9:00am - 4:00pm (see holidays)
	<b>Port Isabel High School</b>	18001 TX Hwy 100 <b>Port Isabel</b> 78578	Curbside Drop-Off. No appointment necessary.	January 27 - March 8 Open weekly on Mondays except closed on Mon. Feb. 8. <i>*Other open days: Tue 2/2, 2/16; Wed 1/27, 2/3, 3/3; Thurs 2/11, 3/4.</i>	Mon <i>Tues *</i> <i>Wed *</i> <i>Thurs *</i>	2:15pm - 3:45pm weekly 2:15pm -5:30pm 2 days only 2:15pm -3:45pm 3 days only 2:15pm -5:30pm 2 days only
	<b>Laguna Madre Youth Center</b>	190 Port Rd. Port Isabel 78578	Curbside Drop-Off. <b>Appointment only</b> . Call <b>956-943-6310</b> .	February 10 - March 31	Wed	5:30pm - 7:30pm
	<b>United Way of Northern Cameron County</b>	320 E Harrison St <b>Harlingen</b> 78550	Appointment only. Call 956-423-5954 Drop-Off.	February 17 - March 31	Wed	3:00pm - 6:00pm



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To find free tax help at VITA sites near you in the Rio Grande Valley call the dialing code 2-1-1, visit [211texas.org](http://211texas.org) or register at [GetYourRefund.org](http://GetYourRefund.org).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic VITA Free Tax Assistance is offering self-prep, remote and drop-off service options for those with income under \$57,000 with a simple return: Do It Yourself at [MyFreeTaxes.com](http://MyFreeTaxes.com); Remote virtual VITA at [GetYourRefund.org](http://GetYourRefund.org); and limited Drop-Off service at participating VITA sites. Please see the schedule on page 1 for more details.

## What you need to bring to your tax appointment:

- Valid photo identification.
- Original Social Security Cards for all household members.
- A copy of last year's tax return if available.
- Health Insurance Form 1095-A if you purchased insurance through the government marketplace or broker.
- Income documents such as Forms W-2, W-2G, & 1099 from all employers and other sources (social security, **unemployment**, pension, etc.).
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099).
- **Notice 1444 or amount of Economic Impact Payment (stimulus) received.**
- Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit of refund.
- For students with post-secondary tuition expenses or grant income bring Form 1098-T.
- Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number.
- Identity Theft prevention pin, if assigned by the IRS.
- Both spouses must be present to sign the required forms for Married Filing Jointly returns.
- VITA sites do not prepare Married Filing Separately returns.
- High School sites do not prepare self-employment returns (1099-Misc).



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