

Volunteer Opportunity

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is a free tax preparation and assistance for taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. All of our counselors are volunteers. You do not need to be a member of AARP to be a volunteer.

For the tax year 2014, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide of Northern California successfully e-filed over 21,800 federal tax returns, serving more than 32,400 people. Northern California extends from San Joaquin County to the Oregon border and from Yolo County to the Nevada border.

The program is in need of additional volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Currently, one of Tax-Aide's important resources is the small number of retired enrolled agents in our program. Tax-Aide would like to attract more enrolled agents, especially those who are retired, in becoming volunteers for AARP Foundation Tax-Aide in Northern California. Enrolled agents, with their years of experience, would be a tremendous addition in helping people who need assistance with filing their taxes.

Every AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteer must be certified to assist taxpayers in preparing their tax returns. The training includes updating all counselors in current tax law, training in the use of the program's application software, and the policies and procedures of the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. To be certified to prepare taxpayer's tax returns, each volunteer must pass the Standards of Conduct test, the Intake, Interview and Quality Review test, and the tax law Advanced Exam. The Standards of Conduct are a very important piece of our program and are enforced rigidly.

For more information on how you can join the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team in Northern California, contact Lynn Poole at norcaltaxaide@gmail.com or visit our website, www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/.

Thank you for your interest.