# FILE ONLINE YOURSELF FOR FREE

Doing your own taxes with *guided tax software* can be *faster*, *simpler*, and *cheaper* than using a preparer.





IRS Free File allows taxpayers to use IRS trusted partner organizations' software to complete *free federal tax returns*, and free or cheap state tax returns, if they have an **Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)** of under \$79.000.\*

Use the "Find Your Trusted Partner(s)" tool to determine which partner organization is best for you, then follow the link to their website to create an account and do your taxes for free. Most partners have experts available live to quickly answer any questions you may have.

If you do not qualify for a free federal or state tax return, you can also file through one of the IRS trusted partners for as low as \$25. Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is defined as total income minus any "adjustments" that you are eligible to take; for example, self-employed health insurance premiums, contributions to certain retirement accounts, or student loan interest paid, to name a few.

\*Active duty military members are able to file for free regardless of their AGI.

### OTHER OPTIONS

### 1. GetYourRefund.org

- Free current-year self-preparing software in English and Spanish for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$79,000
- Free online volunteer-preparing for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$66,000, for up to three years into the past.

#### 2. MyFreeTaxes.com

- Free current-year self-preparing software in English and Spanish for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$79,000
- Free online volunteer-preparing for taxpayers with an AGI lower than \$60,000, for up to three years into the past.
- Forwards you to Cash App Taxes if you are above their AGI restrictions, where you can file a tax return for free regardless of income.

#### 3. WisTax (revenue.wi.gov/Pages/WisTax/home.aspx)

- Free current-year Wisconsin State tax return preparation without an AGI limit (must not be first-time filer and meet other requirements)
- Free Wisconsin Homestead Application separate from state return (must not be first-time filer and meet other requirements)

## IRS.GOV

Making an account on IRS.gov is also a great way to access and keep up with your tax information online.

By making an account on IRS.gov, you can view:

- Tax reports for every year you've filed
- The amount you owe, if you have filed a return for this year
- Your payment history and any scheduled or pending payments
- Digital copies of select notices from the IRS

#### You can also:

- Make a payment online, which also automatically files an extension for you!
- See payment plan options and request a plan via the "Online Payment Agreement"
- Apply for or access your Identity Protection PIN (IP-PIN) number

## IRS DIRECT FILE



Keep an eye out for *IRS Direct File* in the future. Direct file is a new system being made by the IRS which lets you file your taxes *directly with them*, avoiding all third-party organizations and without income restrictions. The pilot for the program is not currently available in Wisconsin. Learn more at directfile.irs.gov.

