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## FIVE GREAT REASONS TO E-FILE IRS TAX TIP, JANUARY 31, 2014

Are you still doing your taxes on paper? If so, join the 122 million taxpayers who e-filed last year. They already know that IRS e-file is the best way to file a federal tax return.

Here are five great reasons why you should e-file your tax return:

- 1. Accurate and complete.** E-file is the best way to file an accurate and complete tax return. The tax software does the math for you, and it helps you avoid mistakes.
- 2. Safe and secure.** IRS e-file meets strict guidelines and uses the best encryption technology. The IRS has safely and securely processed more than 1.2 billion e-filed individual tax returns since the program began.
- 3. Faster refunds.** E-filing usually brings a faster refund because there is nothing to mail and your return is less likely to have errors, which take longer to process. The IRS issues most refunds in less than 21 days. The fastest way to get your refund is to combine e-file with direct deposit into your bank account.
- 4. Payment options.** If you owe taxes, you can e-file early and set an automatic payment date anytime on or before the April 15 due date. You can pay by check or money order, or by debit or credit card. You can also transfer funds electronically from your bank account.
- 5. E-file's easy.** You can e-file your federal return through IRS Free File, the free tax preparation program available only at IRS.gov. You can also use commercial tax software or ask your tax preparer to e-file your return. If you qualify, IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly will e-file your return for free.

For more information about IRS e-file, visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

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## FEED YOUR WALLET!

- Get your FULL refund
- E-file to get your refund faster
- Fast, free and confidential
- IRS-trained volunteers can help you with your tax credits

### What is Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)?

A FREE income tax preparation service by IRS-trained volunteers for low to moderate income individuals/families.

You may be missing out on a federal refund up to several thousand dollars because you are not aware of the Earned Income Tax Credit and other benefits that you could qualify for.

### What is the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

A refundable credit for working, low to moderate income individuals/families. It is determined and received through federal income tax returns.

**Tax preparation begins mid-January through April 15, 2014.**

**For more information and a list of locations, visit [CAUW.org/taxprep](http://CAUW.org/taxprep).**

Be sure to bring the following documents with you:

- Valid photo ID
- Valid Social Security Cards for all dependents
- All W-2s (and other income information for 2013)
- Forms 1098 and 1099 (if applicable)
- All child care coverage and education expenses
- Checking and savings account information for direct deposit

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