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## Liberty Tax Service Addresses the need for Qualified Tax Preparers: Offers Free Tax Class

Hales Corners, WI (September 19, 2014) – A recent study by the National Taxpayer Advocate shows that more than half the nation has used a tax return preparer who had no credentials and was not subject to state oversight or minimum standards. To help these 42 million Americans find the most qualified people to prepare their tax returns, Liberty Tax Service supports a new program of voluntary tax preparation certification launched by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and is offering free tax classes to the public.

"While we set high standards that we require all of our tax preparers to meet, the IRS voluntary certification program adds one more layer of credibility for taxpayers," Liberty Tax Service Angie Curtis stated. "It's scary to think how many people are having their tax returns prepared by someone who isn't properly trained. With the constantly changing tax breaks, ongoing education is essential and credibility is key. That's why we offer our free tax classes to the public, regardless of where the tax preparer finds employment."

With no obligation for employment at Liberty Tax Service, fall <u>tax classes</u> are offered at locations across the country. Enrollment has recently opened for the company's ten-week tax school, which can help students learn personal tax-savings advantages and strategies, as well as a new skill that may lead to a new career path. There is a small fee for books and supplies.

Liberty Tax Service's Basic Income Tax classes are designed to cover every facet of individual income tax preparation, including the latest tax changes and how to apply the tax code to various situations. Students can expect to learn all schedules, credits and forms that can be filed with an individual tax return, and then apply their tax knowledge to prepare taxes both on paper and using the computer. No prior tax experience is necessary to enroll, and the only cost may be a minimal charge for books.



Class schedules are flexible with day or weekend sessions. For registration and other details, call Liberty Tax Service at 1-800-658-1042 or visit <a href="http://www.libertytax.com/tax-education.html">http://www.libertytax.com/tax-education.html</a>.

## **About Liberty Tax, Inc.**

Founded in 1997 by CEO John T. Hewitt, Liberty Tax, Inc., formerly known as JTH Holding, Inc., is the parent company of Liberty Tax Service. Liberty Tax is the fastest-growing tax preparation franchise and has prepared almost 18 million individual income tax returns in more than 4,400 offices and online. Liberty Tax's online services are available through <a href="Months: Elberty Tax">eSmart Tax</a>, <a href="Liberty Online">Liberty Tax</a> online services are available through <a href="Esmart Tax">eSmart Tax</a>, <a href="Liberty Online">Liberty Online</a> and <a href="DIY Tax">DIY Tax</a>, and are all backed by the tax professionals at Liberty Tax locations and its nationwide network of approximately 35,000 tax preparers. Liberty Tax also supports local communities with fundraising endeavors and contributes as a national sponsor for many charitable causes. For a more in-depth look, visit <a href="Liberty Tax Service">Liberty Tax Service</a> and interact with Liberty Tax on <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> and <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>.

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