# HOW CAN I FILE MY TAX RETURN?

As of Sept. 25 2020, the Prosper Tax Help program will be closed for the remainder of the year.

The Prosper Tax Help program will reopen in January, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you next year! For the latest updates on our upcoming 2021 tax season:



📞 (512) 610-7374



### **Option 1:**

**File on your own on MyFreeTaxes.com.** MyFreeTaxes is free, and customer chat/phone support is available.

## **Option 2:**

**Hire a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).** The Austin Chapter of Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants has a referral service and directory and can provide additional information on selecting a CPA. Visit cpascount.org/directory.

#### **Option 3:**

**Hire an Enrolled Agent (EA).** An EA specializes in income tax, although many of them also do other accounting/bookkeeping tasks. EAs often charge less than CPAs. Visit captxea.org for a local directory.

#### **Option 4:**

**Hire a paid preparer you trust.** For guidance, visit the "Choosing a Preparer" page on the IRS website: irs.gov/newsroom/ten-tips-for-choosing-a-tax-preparer.



#### Are you filing to renew or apply for marketplace insurance?

You need to file a tax return with your proof of marketplace insurance (Form 1095-A). To get a copy of your 1095-A, log in to your marketplace account at heathcare.gov.

#### Are you filing in order to apply for financial aid?

If you're a dependent student, you must include your parents' tax return with your financial aid application. If you're 24 or over and/or were employed last year, you may need to file a tax return. If you were enrolled in school last year, you may need to file a tax return with your tuition statement (Form 1098T).



#### Did you receive an IRS letter?

You should contact the IRS office to ask for an extension of time (this will not stop any interest on past due balances). Then, call us at 512-610-7374 so that we can advise you further.