Eligibility Criteria

CVITP Website - Determine if you are eligible:
https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program/need-a-hand-complete-your-tax-return.html

In order to be eligible for the CVITP and use the SSF Tax Clinic services. Individuals must have a modest income and a simple tax situation. If you're unsure after reading this, please email taxclinic@ssfinc.ca and we'll help determine eligibility.

This may include:

- Seniors (65 years old +)
- Indigenous Individuals
- Low to Modest-income Individuals (Criteria below)
- Newcomers to Canada
- Persons with Disabilities
- Students
- First Time Filers

Please note you do NOT need to be a Seneca student or alumnus . Our clinic is open to anyone who meets the eligibility criteria.

Modest Income

The following table provides a guideline to determine what is considered a modest income. In general, a modest income means the total family income is less than or equal to the amount shown in the chart below, based on the size of the family.

Family size	Total family income
1 person	$48,000
2 people	$66,000
3 people	$72,000
4 people	$78,000
5 people	$84,000

More than 5 people	$84,000, plus $5,000 for each additional person

* Family size includes an individual, or a couple, and their dependents.

* If you are within $5000 of the threshold above, you may still be eligible for our services. Please reach out to us at taxclinic@ssfinc.ca.

Simple tax situation

In general, a tax situation is **simple** if an individual has no income or if their income comes from these sources:

✅ **Generally Eligible**	❌ **Won't be Able to Complete the Tax Return**
• **Employment income (T4)**	• Sale of a Primary Residence
• **Pension / OAS / CPP / EI / social assistance**	• Rental income
• **Scholarships or bursaries (T4A)**	• Complex investment income or large capital gains
• **Interest income under $1,200 (T5)**	• Foreign property over CAD $100,000
• **Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs)**	• Bankruptcy during the tax year
• **Self-employment under $1,000 (with limited expenses)**	• Deceased Individual's Tax Return
• **T2202 Tax Slips**	• Foreign Income except U.S. Social Security benefits