

Dear Client:  
January 2026

**Our office location is the same as last year.** We are in the Farmers Insurance Agency, on the southeast corner of 144<sup>th</sup> Place and LaGrange Road, at 9567 144<sup>th</sup> Place, in Orland Park. A flyer is enclosed with this letter telling you about the types of insurance they offer through the various companies they represent.

The One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) Act was passed and will affect 2025 tax returns. The SALT (State And Local Taxes) deduction limit has been raised from \$10,000 to \$40,000 for those itemizing. New deductions have been added for qualified tips, qualified overtime, certain car loan interest, and for taxpayers 65 and over, plus other changes.

Two options to prepare your tax return this year:

**Option 1,** Schedule an appointment to come into our office. **Before** February 1, call 708-337-2099, (my cell phone) **After** January 31, you can also call 708-403-0966 (our office phone). Or **text** my cell phone, 708-337-2099, Or, e-mail me at [douggehrketaxprep@gmail.com](mailto:douggehrketaxprep@gmail.com) to schedule an 'in office' appointment.

**Option 2,** if you prefer not to come into our office for your appointment, you could either:

- 1) **Mail** your tax documents to Gehrke Tax Prep, 9567 144<sup>th</sup> Place, Orland Park, IL 60462
- 2) **Drop off** your tax documents at our office
- 3) **Scan** your tax documents to [douggehrketaxprep@gmail.com](mailto:douggehrketaxprep@gmail.com)
- 4) **FAX** your tax documents to our office @ 708-349-5070
- 5) **Contact us first**, so we can expect, and look for, your tax documents

There are **four situations** where you will need to bring in, or send us, additional information

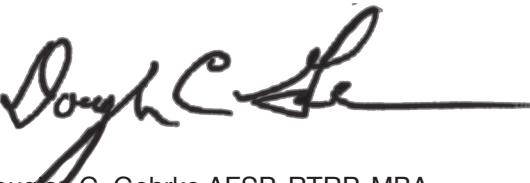
- 1) If you sold stocks, or any other financial instruments in 2025. We will need your entire **Final** Brokerage Statement (**1099-B**). **Final** Statements typically do not arrive until late February to mid-March
- 2) If you, your spouse, or any of your dependents, took any college classes in 2025. We will need Form **1098-T**, from the College. Your student may need to access that form online.
- 3) We need Form **1095-A** if any of your health insurance was purchased though the Marketplace
- 4) Bring in records of any Energy Improvements you made to your personal residence. You may qualify for a tax credit. Examples include insulation, windows, doors, solar panels, furnace, and air conditioning.

Our website, [gehrketaxprep.com](http://gehrketaxprep.com) offers you the ability to pay your tax prep fee by E\*Check, or by credit card. Our website also has many helpful tips, suggestions, and links to aid in the understanding of your tax return.

We are raising our tax prep fees this year by \$10, or more, if your tax prep requires additional forms and expertise.

\*\*Our Office Hours remain from 9am-8pm, on Monday-Saturday, and Sunday mornings\*\*

My son, Rob, is an Optometrist. Many of you have used him for eye care and have become his patients. His office contact number (Lockport) is 815-836-3564. He also has a Bedford Park Office. Thanks for your consideration.



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