H&R Block Offers Scholarships to Military Spouses for Income Tax Course

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Classes, beginning August 14, teach fundamentals of tax preparation

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 15, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Annual enrollment for H&R Block's Income Tax Course is open and H&R Block (NYSE:HRB) will award full scholarships for spouses of active, reserve, wounded warrior and retired military personnel. H&R Block has offered these scholarships for more than a decade and granted more than \$200,000 in scholarship funds to thousands of military spouses in 2016 alone. The scholarship covers the cost of books and printed course materials. Tuition for the Income Tax Course is free.

"Offering a full-ride scholarship for the Income Tax Course to military spouses is just one of the ways we show our appreciation to our nation's service members and their families," said Thomas Collins, vice president of corporate communications at H&R Block and a retired Army colonel. "Military families can claim special tax benefits, but the additional rules and requirements add complexity to their tax situation. The Income Tax Course will teach them more about preparing their own taxes so they don't leave any money on the table."

Mobile career opportunities for military spouses

The H&R Block Income Tax Course, which started in 1978, gives students the opportunity to learn new skills from an industry leader. Not only will they better understand their own taxes, students also can learn to prepare taxes like a professional.

Enrolling in the class is not a guarantee of employment with H&R Block. However, because military life is very mobile, H&R Block – with 10,000 offices nationwide and on or near hundreds of military bases – provides a career opportunity that could allow military spouses the chance to maintain their careers even through relocations.

"It can be difficult for military spouses to keep and advance their careers through multiple redeployments and relocations. But more than 67 percent of graduates who participated in the scholarship program became tax professionals for H&R Block in 2017," said Collins. "Being an H&R Block tax professional is a career military spouses can take anywhere across the country and to hundreds of military bases around the world."

Income Tax Course covers the fundamentals

H&R Block is not only the expert in tax return preparation, but also makes taxes easy to understand and applicable to the needs of individual taxpayers. The Income Tax Course curriculum includes:

- Wages, Income & Taxes
- Filing Requirements
- Exemptions & Adjustments
- Interest & Dividends
- Itemized Deductions
- Credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit and Education Credits
- Retirement & More

The classes offer a unique blended-learning approach for students. It combines face-to-face classroom instruction from experienced tax professionals with self-study learning and activities. The self-paced study experience combines guided study with online learning. This innovative approach provides students with the best features of both classroom and online instruction in a flexible and convenient learning environment.

For more information, visit http://www.hrblock.com/class. To enroll in H&R Block's Income Tax Course, call 1-800-

HRBLOCK or enroll online. To learn more about careers at H&R Block, visit https://www.hrblock.com/careers.

About H&R Block

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