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Charlotte N.C. 28262

In order to make either a full surrender or a partial withdrawal from your Lifetime Fixed V contract, please complete and return the enclosed Request for Cash Withdrawal form, along with the IRS Form W-9.

Your Lifetime Fixed V contract permits the withdrawal of 10% of your initial premium each year without a Surrender Charge, known as a “Free Corridor” amount. If you elect to make either lump-sum or Systematic Withdrawals from your Lifetime Fixed V contract, and the amounts withdrawn exceed the 10% Free Corridor, you will be subject to a Surrender Charge. The Surrender Charge is determined by the year of the contract, with a charge of 6% if a withdrawal above the Free Corridor amount is made in year one or two, 5% in year three, 4% in year four, and 3% if a withdrawal over the Free Corridor amount is made in year five. Should a Surrender Charge apply to your withdrawal, you will receive the net payment amount, after the Surrender Charge has been deducted.

There is no maximum withdrawal amount, however, if you elect to withdraw a lump-sum of an amount that would cause the remaining account balance to fall below \$5,000 the withdrawal will be considered a full surrender of your contract. The entire contract accumulation will be withdrawn and the contract will be terminated.

The Federal Income Tax Withholding Election section of the form refers to the earnings portion of the payments you will receive. Federal income tax law requires that the withdrawal be treated as taxable earnings to the extent that, at the time of the withdrawal, the contract has any interest credited. If you are the owner of multiple After-Tax Annuity contracts issued during the same calendar year and request a lump sum withdrawal, then for tax purposes all of your contracts are treated as one. The withdrawal will be treated as taxable earnings to the extent of the combined earnings from all contracts. This is the case regardless of whether your actual withdrawal is from one contract only, several contracts, or all contracts issued in the same calendar year by the same company. This would include all Personal Annuity Select, Lifetime Fixed V and Variable Annuity Select contracts.

If you own multiple contracts, each issued in a different calendar year, and request a lump-sum withdrawal, then for income tax purposes each contract is treated separately. Depending on the amount of the withdrawals and the earnings accrued in each contract; there may be different taxable amounts for each contract. Please consult your tax advisor to determine the appropriate contract for your partial withdrawal.

If you live in one of the states listed below you must also download and complete the applicable mandatory state tax withholding form. Please select your state of residence in the **Tax Forms** menu then print, complete and include it with your Request for Cash Withdrawal form.

California, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia.

If you are a resident of the U.S or a U.S. territory, current law requires TIAA-CREF to withhold federal income tax from each payment at a rate of 10% of the earnings, unless you direct otherwise. If you choose not to have federal income tax withheld, please check the applicable box. In addition, withdrawals before age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% penalty on any earnings in addition to the regular income tax that must be paid. A 1099R tax form will be issued to you next January for your income tax filing purposes.

If you are neither a citizen of the United States nor a resident of the United States (you are classified as a “non-resident alien” for U.S. income tax purposes), current U.S. income tax law requires us to withhold tax from your payment at a rate of 30% of the earnings. You may be eligible to claim a lower withholding rate allowed by the Income Tax Treaty between the U.S. and country in which you permanently reside. To claim a lower treaty withholding rate, you must complete and return a U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (Ownership, Exemption or Reduced Rate Certificate) if you have not already done so. Please note that not all Income Tax Treaties between the United States and foreign countries may allow for lower treaty withholding in all circumstances. Lower treaty withholding may only be claimed if you provide us with your U.S. taxpayer identification number (TIN), which is either your social security number or your individual taxpayer identification number.

We will be happy to send your payment directly to your checking account via electronic transfer. The funds will be deposited directly into your checking account within 72 hours of being processed by TIAA-CREF. To have your funds sent to your checking account, please provide us with a voided or cancelled check.

For your convenience, you may submit your withdrawal request to TIAA-CREF’s After-Tax Annuity Operations via fax. Our fax number is (800) 914-8922. It is not necessary for you to mail these forms to us if you have submitted them by fax.

If you have any questions, please call our Planning and Service Center at 1 800 223-1200. A TIAA-CREF consultant will be happy to assist you.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE **READ BEFORE** FILLING OUT FORM

Questions?

For account information, to check the status of your request or any other questions, call: 800 223-1200, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. ET.

General Information

Any tax information included in this written or electronic communication was not intended or written to be used, and it cannot be used by the taxpayer, for the purpose of avoiding any penalties that may be imposed on the taxpayer by any governmental taxing authority or agency.

Your account will be valued as of market close on the date we receive this form in good order. If your request is received after market close on a business day, your account will be valued at the close of the next business day.

You can withdraw any amount from \$1,000 and up as often as you like from the Variable Account(s) and once every 180 days from the Fixed Account of the Teachers Personal Annuity or Personal Annuity Select, provided you have not made a transfer from the Fixed Account to any of the Variable Account(s) during that period.

Lifetime Fixed V Contracts

Your Lifetime Fixed V contract permits the withdrawal of 10% of your initial premium each year without a Surrender Charge, known as a "Free Corridor" amount. If you elect to make a lump-sum withdrawal from your Lifetime Fixed V contract, and the amounts withdrawn exceed the 10% Free Corridor, you will be subject to a Surrender Charge. The Surrender Charge is determined by the contract year in each interest guarantee period, with a charge of 6% if a withdrawal above the Free Corridor amount is made in year one or two, 5% in year three, 4% in year four, and 3% if a withdrawal over the Free Corridor amount is made in year five. The surrender charge will not apply during the calendar month following the end of each interest rate guarantee period. Should a Surrender Charge apply to your withdrawal, you will receive the net payment amount, after the Surrender Charge has been deducted.

There is no maximum withdrawal amount; however, if you elect to withdraw a lump sum of an amount that would cause the remaining account balance to fall below \$5,000, the withdrawal will be considered a full surrender of your contract. The entire contract accumulation will be withdrawn and the contract will be terminated.

Lifetime Variable Select Contracts

As with the Lifetime Fixed V contracts, there is no maximum withdrawal amount for the Lifetime Variable Select contract. However, if you elect to withdraw a lump sum of an amount that would cause the remaining account balance to fall below \$25,000, your contract will be subject to the Annual Maintenance Fee. This fee of \$25 is deducted from your account if the contract balance drops below \$25,000 on your contract's anniversary, or at the time you make a contract surrender.

Tax Information

Federal Tax

You may be subject to a 10% federal tax penalty for early withdrawal if you are under age 59½ when you take this withdrawal. Please consult with your tax advisor.

If you are the owner of multiple After-Tax Annuity contracts issued during the same calendar year from the same company, and request a lump-sum withdrawal, then for tax purposes all of your contracts are treated as one. The withdrawals will be treated as taxable earnings to the extent of the combined earnings from all contracts. This is the case regardless of whether your actual withdrawal is from one contract only, several contracts, or all contracts issued in the same calendar year by the same company.

If you own multiple contracts, each issued in a different calendar year, and request a lump-sum withdrawal, then for income tax purposes each contract is treated separately. Depending on the amount of the withdrawals and the earnings accrued in each contract there may be different taxable amounts for each contract. Please consult your tax advisor.

State Tax

If you live in AR, CA, DE, GA, IA, KS, MD, ME, MA, NE, NC, OK, OR, VT or VA, you must complete the applicable mandatory state tax withholding form when requesting a cash withdrawal. If not included in your package, please go to our website: www.tiaa-cref.org/forms under General Tax Forms and select your state of residence in the menu. Then print, complete and include it with your Request for Cash Withdrawal form.





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PLEASE PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS USING BLACK OR DARK BLUE INK.

STEP ONE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Is this a new permanent mailing address?

YES NO

If you claim residence **AND** citizenship outside the U.S., you must complete Form W-8BEN in addition to this form to certify your foreign tax status. We **CANNOT** process this request without the W-8BEN form. To print this form, go to www.tiaa-cref.org/forms, and see General Tax Forms. For questions call TIAA-CREF at **800 223-1200**.

Name _____
first middle initial last

Name of Annuitant _____
(if different) first middle initial last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State of Legal Residence _____ Citizenship _____
if outside US, write in country

Contact Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

SSN or TIN

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STEP TWO WITHDRAWAL

Select the product or products for your withdrawal.

Indicate either a dollar amount or a whole number percentage of the available amount (up to 100%). The minimum withdrawal is \$1,000 or 100% if the fund balance is less than \$1,000.

A. TEACHERS PERSONAL ANNUITY (TPA)

(issued by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America)

Contract Number _____

Fixed Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %

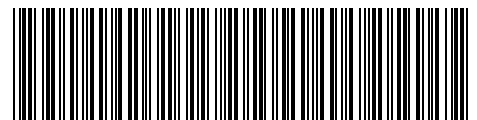
Stock Index Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %

B. LIFETIME FIXED V (LFV)

(issued by TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company)

Contract Number _____

Fixed Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %





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STEP TWO WITHDRAWAL (continued)

Select the product or products for your withdrawal.

Indicate either a dollar amount or a whole number percentage of the available amount (up to 100%). The minimum withdrawal is \$1,000 or 100% if the fund balance is less than \$1,000.

C. PERSONAL ANNUITY SELECT (PAS)

(issued by TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company)

Contract Number _____

- Fixed Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Stock Index Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Growth Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Growth & Income Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- International Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Social Choice Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Large-Cap Value Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Small-Cap Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Real Estate Securities Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %

D. LIFETIME VARIABLE SELECT (LVS)

(issued by TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company)

Contract Number _____

- Money Market Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Stock Index Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Growth Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Growth & Income Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- International Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Social Choice Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Large-Cap Value Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Small-Cap Equity Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Real Estate Securities Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %
- Bond Account Fund \$ _____ **OR** _____ %





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STEP THREE FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING ELECTION

For any lump-sum benefit withdrawn from contributions made after 8/14/82, federal income tax law requires that tax-deferred earnings must be withdrawn first, followed by the principal.

For contributions made prior to 8/13/82, federal income tax law requires the principal to be withdrawn first, then the tax-deferred earnings.

If you are the owner of multiple Personal Annuity contracts issued by the same company during the same calendar year, then all the contracts are treated as one. In addition, withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% penalty on any earnings in addition to the regular income tax that must be paid.

If you reside in a state requiring mandatory state withholdings, please refer to the important information section of this form for further instructions.

U.S. Resident

If you are a resident of the U.S. or a U.S. possession, current law requires us to withhold federal income tax from your payment at a rate of 10% of the earnings unless you direct otherwise. If you choose not to have federal income tax withheld, please check the applicable box, otherwise, 10% of the earnings will be withheld.

- Withhold 10%
- Do not withhold
- Withhold more than 10% (please include percent here) _____ %

U.S. Resident Living Outside the United States

If you are a U.S. citizen living outside the United States, we are required to withhold federal income tax from the earnings at the 10% rate (unless you specify additional withholding below).

- Withhold more than 10% (please include percent here) _____ %

Non-Resident Alien

If you are a nonresident alien (i.e., you are not a U.S. citizen and you are not a resident of the U.S.), we will withhold federal income tax from earnings at the rate of 30%, unless an applicable treaty allows us to withhold tax at a lower rate.





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STEP FOUR DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

This is where you tell us how you want to receive your money.

DIRECT DEPOSIT INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: It may take your bank 24 - 72 business hours to make your funds available.

If you provide a voided check, TIAA-CREF will use your account number and bank routing number from the voided check as verification of your account information.

U.S. banks ONLY

Direct Deposit is not permitted to a third-party account. Starter checks are not permitted.

Please choose only one of the three options below. Faxed copies of forms and documents will not be accepted. Original documents must be mailed. If you have not chosen one of the three options below and cannot provide original documents, a check will be sent to your address of record.

- OPTION 1:** Send payment to my banking information already on file. (U.S. banks ONLY)
- OPTION 2:** Direct deposit to my checking account. (U.S. banks ONLY)
Check here and complete information below.
You must provide an original voided check and mail it to TIAA-CREF with the completed form.
- OPTION 3:** Direct deposit to my savings account. (U.S. banks ONLY)
Check here and complete information below.
If your savings account has check writing privileges, you may send us an original voided check. If your savings account does not have check writing privileges, you must send us an original letter from your bank. The letter must be on bank letterhead and include:
 - a. The name on your account
 - b. The address on your account
 - c. Your account number and account type (i.e. Money Market, CD, etc.)
 - d. ABA routing number
 - e. Bank signature guarantee, including bank seal or stamp, from an authorized bank representative

Bank Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Bank Contact Phone # _____

Account # _____

Bank Routing #

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See example below to identify your bank routing number and account number.

The diagram shows a check with the following fields:

- Top right: 2228
- Below that: 20____ 92-567/1102
- Pay to the order of: _____ \$ _____
- FOR: _____
- Bottom left: MICR line **⑆ 23456780 ⑆** (circled)
- Bottom right: MICR line **6789123456789 ⑆** (circled)





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STEP FIVE DECLARATION OF OWNERSHIP AND SIGNATURE

Please read and sign
where indicated.

Taxpayer Identification Certification

I declare that I am sole owner of the contract; that no corporation or firm has any interest whatsoever in this contract; that no proceedings of insolvency or bankruptcy are pending against me; and that there are no outstanding assignments against this contract.

By signing below:
You agree to a lump sum benefit withdrawal from your After-Tax Annuity contract. You do not have to return your contract to make this request. However, if you withdraw the full value of all your account(s), your contract will be terminated.

You authorize TIAA-CREF to make withdrawals from your other TIAA-CREF accounts, as stated in this form.

If you requested that your withdrawal be directly deposited, you authorize that the bank charge your account and refund any overpayments to TIAA-CREF. You release your bank from any liability to TIAA-CREF for overpayment above the amount of the funds available at the time TIAA-CREF requests a refund.

Under penalties of perjury, you certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person.



Your Signature _____

Today's Date _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Capacity _____

NOTE: Indicate if you are the policyholder, attorney in fact or trustee.





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STEP SIX

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS PACKAGE TO:

for **STANDARD MAIL:**
TIAA-CREF
P.O. Box 1261
Charlotte, NC 28201-1261

for **OVERNIGHT:**
TIAA-CREF
8500 Andrew Carnegie Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28262-8500

Please Note: Include **ALL** documents in **ONE** package and mail in the envelope provided.

CHECKLIST

- Complete all necessary personal information and indicate how much you want to withdraw. **(STEPS ONE & TWO)**
- Complete Federal Tax Information **(STEP THREE)**
- Let us know where to send your withdrawal: direct deposit to your bank account **(U.S. banks ONLY)** (*don't forget to include a voided check*) or by check to your address of record. **(STEP FOUR)**
- Remember to sign this form **(STEP FIVE)**

If applicable, complete all necessary tax forms.



Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9

(Rev. January 2011)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

What's New

New checkboxes. Generally, for any sale of a covered security acquired by an S corporation (other than a financial institution) after December 31, 2011, brokers will be required to report gross proceeds and basis information to S corporations and may not treat them as exempt recipients. New tax classification checkboxes have been added for S corporation and Trust/estate. The Form W-9 is revised to allow S corporations sufficient time to provide new certifications to brokers indicating their non-exempt status. Also, disregarded entity was removed as a tax classification for limited liability companies.

Reminders

- The backup withholding rate is 28% for reportable payments.
- The IRS website offers TIN Matching e-services for certain payers to validate name and TIN combinations. See *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Matching* on page 4.

How Do I Know When To Use Form W-9?

Use Form W-9 to request the taxpayer identification number (TIN) of a U.S. person (including a resident alien) and to request certain certifications and claims for exemption. (See *Purpose of Form* on Form W-9.)

Withholding agents may require signed Forms W-9 from U.S. exempt recipients to overcome any presumptions of foreign status. For federal purposes, a U.S. person includes but is not limited to:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- Any estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

A partnership may require a signed Form W-9 from its U.S. partners to overcome any presumptions of foreign status and to avoid withholding on the partner's allocable share of the partnership's effectively connected income. For more information, see Regulations section 1.1446-1.

Advise foreign persons to use the appropriate Form W-8. See Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*, for more information and a list of the W-8 forms.

Also, a nonresident alien individual may, under certain circumstances, claim treaty benefits on scholarships and fellowship grant income. See Pub. 515 or Pub. 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens, for more information.

Electronic Submission of Forms W-9

Requesters may establish a system for payees and payees' agents to submit Forms W-9 electronically, including by fax. A requester is anyone required to file an information return. A payee is anyone required to provide a taxpayer identification number (TIN) to the requester.

Payee's agent. A payee's agent can be an investment advisor (corporation, partnership, or individual) or an introducing broker. An investment advisor must be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The introducing broker is a broker-dealer that is regulated by the SEC and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and that is not a payer. Except for a broker who acts as a payee's agent for "readily tradable instruments," the advisor or broker must show in writing to the payer that the payee authorized the advisor or broker to transmit the Form W-9 to the payer.

Electronic system. Generally, the electronic system must:

- Ensure the information received is the information sent, and document all occasions of user access that result in the submission;
- Make reasonably certain that the person accessing the system and submitting the form is the person identified on Form W-9, the investment advisor, or the introducing broker;
- Provide the same information as the paper Form W-9;
- Be able to supply a hard copy of the electronic Form W-9 if the Internal Revenue Service requests it; and
- Require as the final entry in the submission an electronic signature by the payee whose name is on Form W-9 that authenticates and verifies the submission. The electronic signature must be under penalties of perjury and the perjury statement must contain the language of the paper Form W-9.



For Forms W-9 that are not required to be signed, the electronic system need not provide for an electronic signature or a perjury statement.

For more details, see the following.

- Announcement 98-27, which is on page 30 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 1998-15 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb98-15.pdf.
- Announcement 2001-91, which is on page 221 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2001-36 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb01-36.pdf.

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Form W-9 (or an acceptable substitute) is used by persons required to file information returns with the IRS to get the payee's (or other person's) correct name and TIN. For individuals, the TIN is generally a social security number (SSN).

However, in some cases, individuals who become U.S. resident aliens for tax purposes are not eligible to obtain an SSN. This includes certain resident aliens who must receive information returns but who cannot obtain an SSN.

These individuals must apply for an ITIN on Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, unless they have an application pending for an SSN. Individuals who have an ITIN must provide it on Form W-9.

Substitute Form W-9

You may develop and use your own Form W-9 (a substitute Form W-9) if its content is substantially similar to the official IRS Form W-9 and it satisfies certain certification requirements.

You may incorporate a substitute Form W-9 into other business forms you customarily use, such as account signature cards. However, the certifications on the substitute Form W-9 must clearly state (as shown on the official Form W-9) that under penalties of perjury:

1. The payee's TIN is correct,
2. The payee is not subject to backup withholding due to failure to report interest and dividend income, and
3. The payee is a U.S. person.

You may not:

1. Use a substitute Form W-9 that requires the payee, by signing, to agree to provisions unrelated to the required certifications, or
2. Imply that a payee may be subject to backup withholding unless the payee agrees to provisions on the substitute form that are unrelated to the required certifications.

A substitute Form W-9 that contains a separate signature line just for the certifications satisfies the requirement that the certifications be clearly stated.

If a single signature line is used for the required certifications and other provisions, the certifications must be highlighted, boxed, printed in bold-face type, or presented in some other manner that causes the language to stand out from all other information contained on the substitute form. Additionally, the following statement must be presented to stand out in the same manner as described above and must appear immediately above the single signature line:

"The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding."

If you use a substitute form, you are required to provide the Form W-9 instructions to the payee only if he or she requests them. However, if the IRS has notified the payee that backup withholding applies, then you must instruct the payee to strike out the language in the certification that relates to underreporting. This instruction can be given orally or in writing. See item 2 of the *Certification* on Form W-9. You can replace "defined

below" with "defined in the instructions" in item 3 of the *Certification* on Form W-9 when the instructions will not be provided to the payee except upon request. For more information, see Rev. Proc. 83-89, 1983-2 C.B. 613; amplified by Rev. Proc. 96-26, which is on page 22 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 1996-8 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb96-08.pdf.

TIN Applied for

For interest and dividend payments and certain payments with respect to readily tradable instruments, the payee may return a properly completed, signed Form W-9 to you with "Applied For" written in Part I. This is an "awaiting-TIN" certificate. The payee has 60 calendar days, from the date you receive this certificate, to provide a TIN. If you do not receive the payee's TIN at that time, you must begin backup withholding on payments.

Reserve rule. You must backup withhold on any reportable payments made during the 60-day period if a payee withdraws more than \$500 at one time, unless the payee reserves an amount equal to the current year's backup withholding rate on all reportable payments made to the account.

Alternative rule. You may also elect to backup withhold during this 60-day period, after a 7-day grace period, under one of the two alternative rules discussed below.

Option 1. Backup withhold on any reportable payments if the payee makes a withdrawal from the account after the close of 7 business days after you receive the awaiting-TIN certificate. Treat as reportable payments all cash withdrawals in an amount up to the reportable payments made from the day after you receive the awaiting-TIN certificate to the day of withdrawal.

Option 2. Backup withhold on any reportable payments made to the payee's account, regardless of whether the payee makes any withdrawals, beginning no later than 7 business days after you receive the awaiting-TIN certificate.



The 60-day exemption from backup withholding does not apply to any payment other than interest, dividends, and certain payments relating to readily tradable instruments. Any other reportable payment, such as nonemployee compensation, is subject to backup withholding immediately, even if the payee has applied for and is awaiting a TIN.

Even if the payee gives you an awaiting-TIN certificate, you must backup withhold on reportable interest and dividend payments if the payee does not certify, under penalties of perjury, that the payee is not subject to backup withholding.

If you do not collect backup withholding from affected payees as required, you may become liable for any uncollected amount.

Payees Exempt From Backup Withholding

Even if the payee does not provide a TIN in the manner required, you are not required to backup withhold on any payments you make if the payee is:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2);

2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities;

3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities;

4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities; or

5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation;

7. A foreign central bank of issue;

8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States;

9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

10. A real estate investment trust;

11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940;

12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a);

13. A financial institution;

14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian; or

15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following types of payments are exempt from backup withholding as indicated for items 1 through 15 above.

Interest and dividend payments. All listed payees are exempt except the payee in item 9.

Broker transactions. All payees listed in items 1 through 5 and 7 through 13 are exempt. Also, C corporations are exempt. A person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker is also exempt.

Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends. Only payees listed in items 1 through 5 are exempt.

Payments reportable under sections 6041 and 6041A. Only payees listed in items 1 through 7 are generally exempt.

However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, are not exempt from backup withholding.

- Medical and health care payments.
- Attorneys' fees.
- Payments for services paid by a federal executive agency. (See Rev. Rul. 2003-66, which is on page 1115 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2003-26 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb03-26.pdf.)

Payments Exempt From Backup Withholding

Payments that are not subject to information reporting also are not subject to backup withholding. For details, see sections 6041, 6041A, 6042, 6044, 6045, 6049, 6050A, and 6050N, and their regulations. The following payments are generally exempt from backup withholding.

Dividends and patronage dividends

- Payments to nonresident aliens subject to withholding under section 1441.
- Payments to partnerships not engaged in a trade or business in the United States and that have at least one nonresident alien partner.
- Payments of patronage dividends not paid in money.
- Payments made by certain foreign organizations.
- Section 404(k) distributions made by an ESOP.

Interest payments

- Payments of interest on obligations issued by individuals. However, if you pay \$600 or more of interest in the course of your trade or business to a payee, you must report the payment. Backup withholding applies to the reportable payment if the payee has not provided a TIN or has provided an incorrect TIN.
- Payments described in section 6049(b)(5) to nonresident aliens.
- Payments on tax-free covenant bonds under section 1451.
- Payments made by certain foreign organizations.
- Mortgage or student loan interest paid to you.

Other types of payment

- Wages.
- Distributions from a pension, annuity, profit-sharing or stock bonus plan, any IRA, an owner-employee plan, or other deferred compensation plan.
- Distributions from a medical or health savings account and long-term care benefits.
- Certain surrenders of life insurance contracts.
- Distribution from qualified tuition programs or Coverdell ESAs.
- Gambling winnings if regular gambling winnings withholding is required under section 3402(q). However, if regular gambling winnings withholding is not required under section 3402(q), backup withholding applies if the payee fails to furnish a TIN.
- Real estate transactions reportable under section 6045(e).
- Cancelled debts reportable under section 6050P.
- Fish purchases for cash reportable under section 6050R.



After 2011, backup withholding will apply to certain payment card transactions by a qualified payment card agent under section 6050W.

Joint Foreign Payees

If the first payee listed on an account gives you a Form W-8 or a similar statement signed under penalties of perjury, backup withholding applies unless:

1. Every joint payee provides the statement regarding foreign status, or
2. Any one of the joint payees who has not established foreign status gives you a TIN.

If any one of the joint payees who has not established foreign status gives you a TIN, use that number for purposes of backup withholding and information reporting.

For more information on foreign payees, see the Instructions for the Requester of Forms W-8BEN, W-8ECI, W-8EXP, and W-8IMY.

Names and TINs To Use for Information Reporting

Show the full name and address as provided on Form W-9 on the information return filed with the IRS and on the copy furnished to the payee. If you made payments to more than one payee or the account is in more than one name, enter on the first name line of the information return only the name of the payee whose TIN is shown on Form W-9. You may show the names of any other individual payees in the area below the first name line on the information return.



For more information on the names and TINs to use for information reporting, see section J of the General Instructions for Certain Information Returns.

Notices From the IRS

The IRS will send you a notice if the payee's name and TIN on the information return you filed do not match the IRS's records. (See *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Matching*, later.) You may have to send a "B" notice to

the payee to solicit another TIN. Pub. 1281, Backup Withholding for Missing and Incorrect Name/TIN(s), contains copies of the two types of "B" notices.

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Matching

TIN Matching allows a payer or authorized agent who is required to file Forms 1099-B, DIV, INT, K, MISC, OID, and/or PATR to match TIN and name combinations with IRS records before submitting the forms to the IRS. TIN Matching is one of the e-services products that is offered and is accessible through the IRS website. Go to IRS.gov and enter e-services in the search box. It is anticipated that payers who validate the TIN and name combinations before filing information returns will receive fewer backup withholding (CP2100) notices and penalty notices.

Additional Information

For more information on backup withholding, see Pub. 1281.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a “saving clause.” Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called “backup withholding.” Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the “Name” line. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA)” name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the “Name” line and any business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA) name” on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the “Name” line. The name of the entity entered on the “Name” line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the “Name” line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the “Name” line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the “Name” line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the “Name” line is an LLC, check the “Limited liability company” box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter “P” for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter “C” for C corporation or “S” for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the “Name” line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the “Name” line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.