2020 College Success Forum

Robert Morris University

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Getting Familiar With the FAFSA and The New Look of 2018 Tax Returns

Presenters: Mr. Dan Wray, PHEAA; Ms. Jacqui Fraas, Robert Morris University Location: Birmingham Room

This session will be of special interest to those who are not financial aid experts, but who occasionally need to help students and their families complete the FAFSA. We will cover the most common trouble spots within the application, as well as income, tax documentation, and verification implications. This will be a fast-moving, fact-filled session!



First On The List



https://fsaid.ed.gov

Least Confusing Start

OR

Log in to the FAFSA

I am the student

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the **Save Key** that the student made. <u>Help for parents</u>.

Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001 App. Exp. 12/31/2021.

 I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

Do not log in with the FSA ID if you are not the student.

Don't have an FSA ID? Create one or login using the student's identifiers.

Student's FSA ID Username, E-mail Address, or Mobile Number

FSA ID Username

Forgot Username

The student's FSA ID Password

FSA ID Password

Forgot Password



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Pick the Correct Year

OR

STUDENT INFORMATION

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Fill out your FAFSA form! To receive federal student

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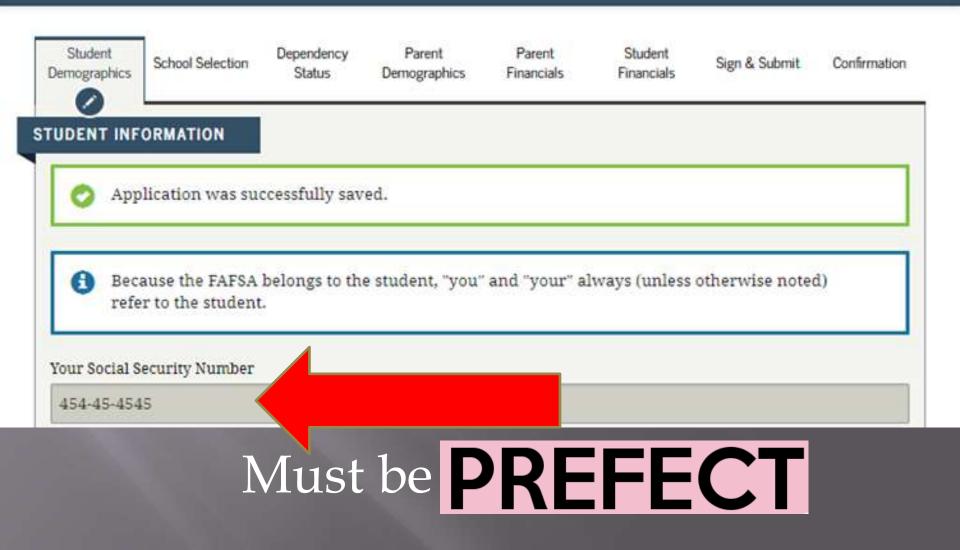
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SSN & Other Demographic Info

Personal Information for Student



Quick & easy way to eliminate Pell and State Grant from your award package

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STUDENT INFORMATION

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2020-2021 school year?

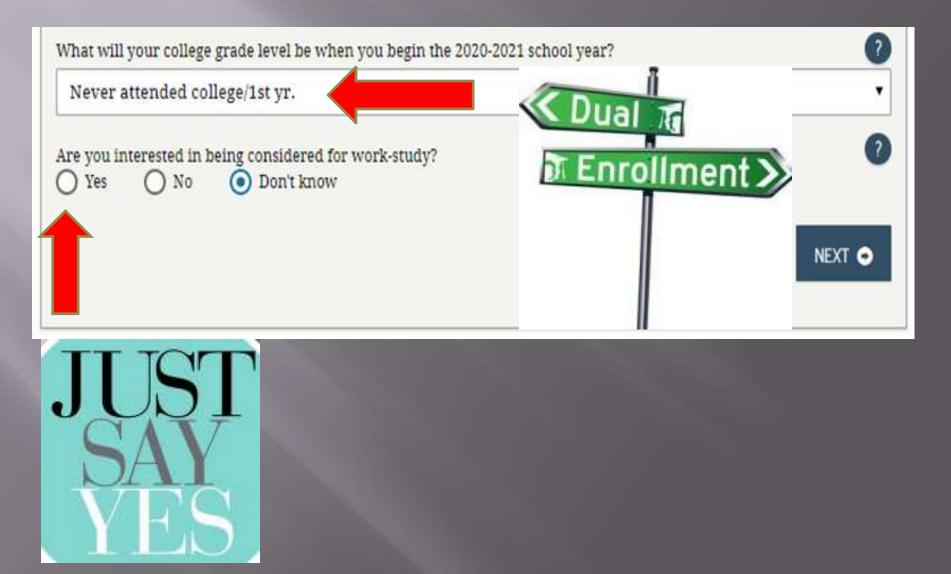
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What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2020-2021 school year?

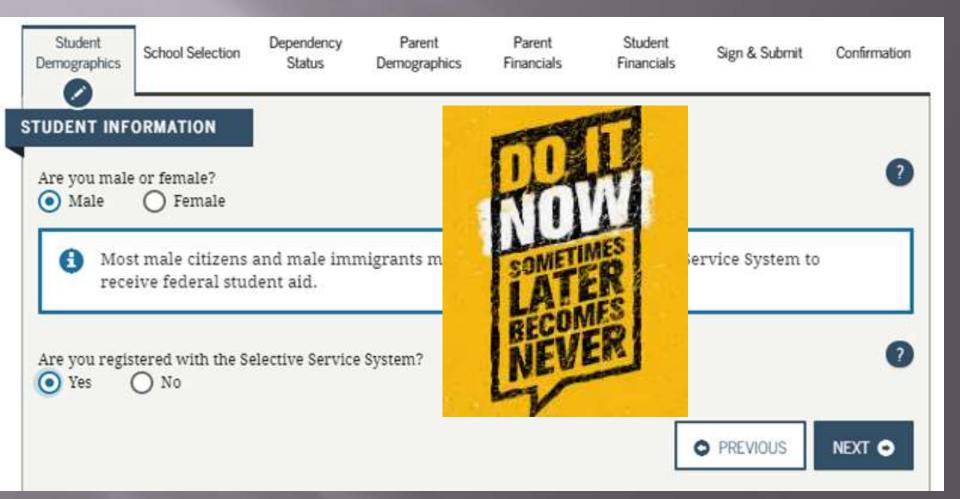
1st bachelor's degree

Need an advanced degree eventually? Need an undergrad degree first.

Two things can go wrong here



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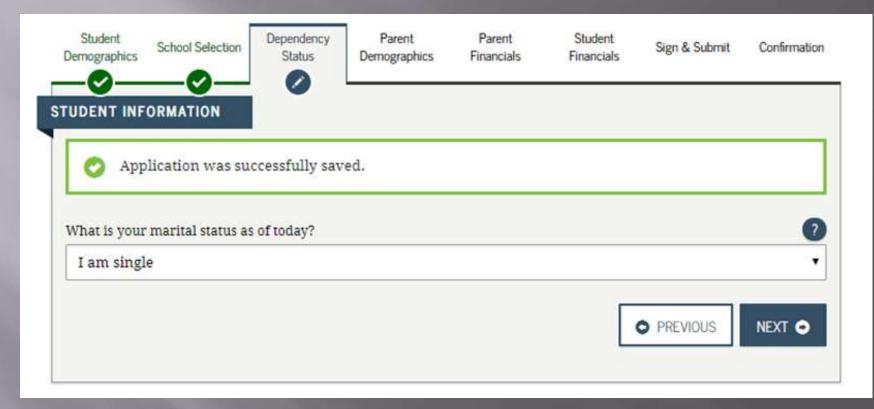


No need to wait until 18

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Do you know the college's <u>Federal School Code</u> ? Yes No State	Highest cost PA school first. Order doesn't matter after that.
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City (optional)	
School Name (optional)	
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Make sure you know who's at the keyboard



If a parent is working the *mouse*, this question can be a *trap*!





Dependency Determination

Student Demographics	School Selection	Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	Parent Financials	Student Financials	Sign & Submit	Confirmation
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Dependency Determination

For guardianship, emancipated minor, etc., please be sure to have all documentation ready and available when the school and/or PHEAA requests it. Missing deadlines can mean missing out on free money.

Homeless Liaison is the best route



https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Homeless Education/Pages/default.aspx https://homeless.center-school.org/about/homeless-liaisons/ https://directory.center-school.org/homeless/?page=liaison

Most difficult question on the FAFSA When did your parents get married or remarried?

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Emotions can run the gamut







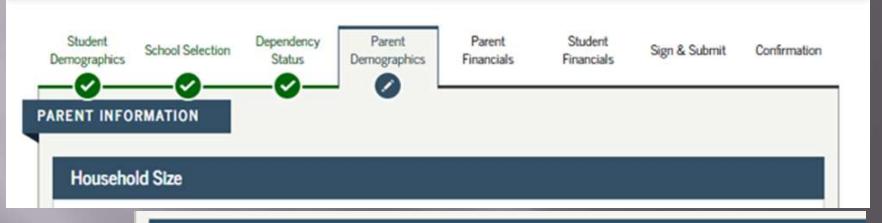
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Parent's Social Security Number		
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This is for the student's parents (know who's typing) All demographic info must match the FSA ID (assuming this parent has one)

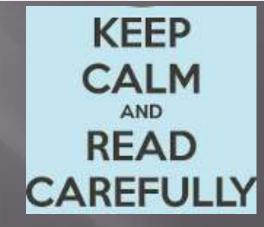
Household Size & Number in College

Parent Household Info



Number in College

How many people in your parents' household (as reported above) will be college students between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021? Do not include your parents.



Financial Section

For 2018, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?	2
Already completed	
What type of income tax return did your parents file for 2018?	2
IRS 1040	•
For 2018, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?	0
Married-Filed Joint Return	

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Applying is faster and easier if your parents transfer their tax return information into this FAFSA with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)!



Who <u>Can't</u> Use the IRS DRT?

- Married filing separately
- Don't have an FSA ID
- Don't have an SSN
- Separated/divorced now, but filed jointly in requested tax year
- Parents unmarried and living together
- Changed marital status after the end of the tax year
- Foreign tax return
- Tax return and FAFSA addresses don't match
- Victims of identity theft

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

For your protection, the IRS will not display your tax information and will further encrypt any tax information transferred using the IRS DRT; therefore, ED is unable to display your tax information on your FAFSA form.

The data retrieved from your tax return is limited to the items listed below as you reported to the IRS:



Refer to your tax records if you have a question about the values you reported.

These are some of the items the student and parenet(s) will need to provide manually, if unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Other Pieces of the Puzzle for parent(s) and student

- ✓ Earnings from work (i.e., W-2) Actual child support paid ✓ Actual child support received ✓ Current value of cash, savings, checking, stocks, bonds, CDs, real estate (not primary home/farm), other assets ✓ Untaxed income sources (includes pre-tax contributions to retirement, worker's comp, disability, etc.)
- ✓ Veterans' non-education benefits
- NOT untaxed portions of Social Security

Auto-Zero/Simplified (Assets not considered)

DEPENDENT STUDENT

(1) Anyone in the parents' household received designated means-tested federal benefits; e.g., Medicaid, SSI, SNAP, Free and Reduced Price School Lunch, TANF, or WIC during 2018 or 2019 OR

the student's parents:

• filed a 2018 IRS Form 1040, but did not file a Schedule 1,

• filed a tax form from a Trust Territory,

• or were not required to file any income tax return; OR

the student's parent is a dislocated worker.

AND

(2) The combined 2018 income of the student's parents is \$49,999 or less. (AUTO-ZERO = \$26,000 or less)

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OR

the student and student's spouse (if the student is married) both

- filed a 2018 IRS Form 1040, but did not file a Schedule 1,
- filed a tax form from a Trust Territory,
- or were not required to file any income tax return; OR

the student (or the student's spouse, if any) is a dislocated worker.

AND

(2) The student's (and spouse's) combined 2018 income is \$49,999 or less. (AUTO-ZERO = \$26,000)

Not eligible for auto-zero if no dependents other than spouse.

Be sure to sign and submit

Both you and a parent need to sign your FAFSA.

Only sign for yourself. If you and your parent are not together, one of you can sign, save the application and then exit. Give the "save key" to the other person who can log in with it and sign and submit the FAFSA.

Be sure not to mix up your and your parent's FSA IDs when signing.

Student Signature Needed

Signature Status:Unsigned

PROVIDE STUDENT SIGNATURE 💉



Be sure to apply for State aid



Congratulations, Sample!

Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Confirmation Number: F 11200004104 03/27/2018 11:00:3/27/2018 11:31:55 AM:3/27/2018 11:31:55 AM

Data Release Number (DRN): 9970

What Happens Next

- · You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- · In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid
 you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address:

samplestudent@sample.com

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Start your state application to apply for Pennsylvania state-based financial aid.

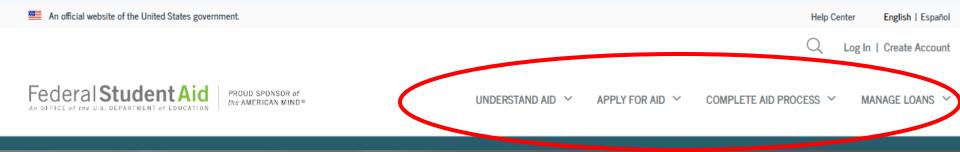
The new studentaid.gov!

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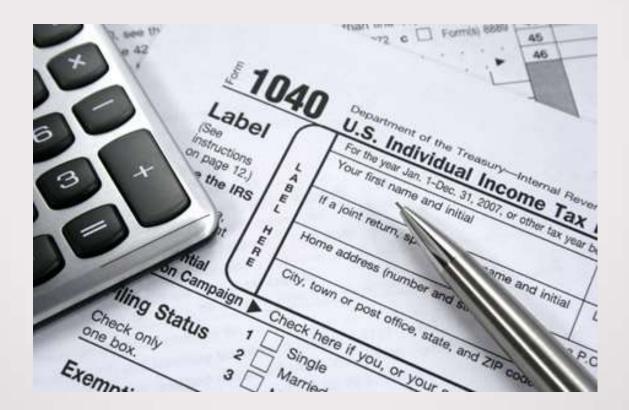


Welcome to the new look of StudentAid.gov, the official federal student aid website. We've combined content and features from StudentLoans.gov, fsaid.ed.gov, and nslds.ed.gov to enhance your experience. Learn how the changes impact you.



Questions?

What's the big deal about 2018 tax returns?



What's the big deal?



- It's not really a big deal if the IRS Data Retrieval Tool was used when filing the FAFSA.
- The 2018 Federal 1040 tax return looks considerably different than in years past (Some say more complicated).
- When the IRS Data Retrieval Tool is not used, families will need to manually pull information from their tax return to complete the FAFSA, so it's important to understand the differences, if helping families.
- If selected for Verification, student/parent may need to a submit federal tax return to the Financial Aid Office for review.
- The evaluation of the new 1040 tax return will be more complicated for Financial Aid Administrators to review.

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2017 1040, 1040EZ and 1040A

2018

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- Instead, 6 new schedules are possible.
- For FAFSA and Verification we need 1040 and just the Schedules 1, 2 and 3.

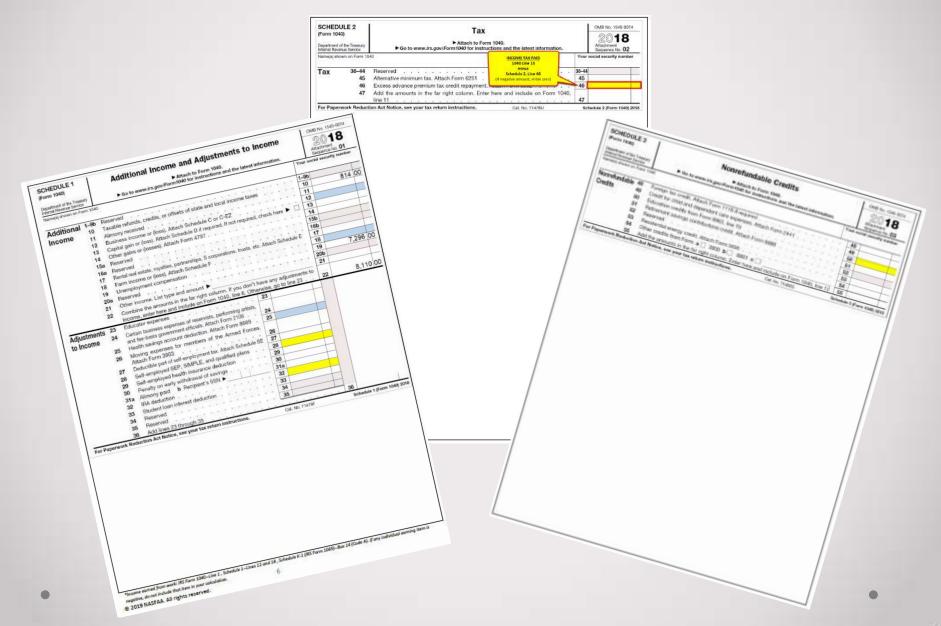
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Schedules 1, 2 and 3 – Yikes!



Did the Student/Parent file a Schedule 1?

Generally, taxpayers file a Schedule 1 to report income or adjustments to income that can't be entered directly on Form 1040.

This question is used to help determine if your parent(s) may be eligible to skip certain financial questions in the FAFSA form.

Select "No" if your parents didn't and won't file a Schedule 1.

OR

Select "No" if your parents filed or will file a Schedule 1 but only to report one or more of the following six additions or adjustments to income on Schedule 1:

- Capital gain (Line 13 may not be less than 0) 1.
- Unemployment compensation (Line 19) 2.
- Other income to report an Alaska Permanent Fund dividend (Line 21 may no 3.
- Educator expense (Line 23) 4.
- IRA deduction (Line 32) 5.
- Student loan interest deduction (Line 33) 6.

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	20a	Reserved	****	20b	
	21	Other income. List type and amount >		21	
	22	Combine the amounts in the far right column. If you don'	t have any adjustments to		
		income, enter here and include on Form 1040, line 6. Oth	erwise, go to line 23	22	
Adjustments	23	Educator expenses	23		
to Income	24	Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists,			
to mounte		and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106	24	-	
	25	Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889	25		
	26	Moving expenses for members of the Armed Forces. Attach Form 3903	26		
	27	Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	27		
	28	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and gualified plans	28		
	29	Self-employed health insurance deduction	29		
	30	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings	30		
	31a	Alimony paid b Recipient's SSN >	31a		
	32	IRA deduction	32		
	33	Student loan interest deduction	33		
	34	Reserved	34		
	35	Reserved	35		
	36	Add lines 23 through 35		36	

Verification

- Accuracy Review Process.
- Roughly 30% of all FAFSA are selected by the US Department of Education.

Standard Verification Group	Tax Filers• Adjusted Gross Income• U.S. Income Tax Paid• Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions and Pensions• IRA Deductions and Payments• Tax Exempt Interest Income• Education Tax Credits
	<u>Nontax Filers</u> Income Earned from Work
Tax Filers and NonTax Filers Number of Household Members Number in College 	

Custom Verification Group	 High School Completion Status Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose
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How to Complete Verification

• Easiest way to complete verification

- <u>Use IRS Data Retrieval Tool at FAFSA Completion</u>
- Submit a Verification Worksheet



• Don't you wish all families took the easy route?!

• The Not as Easy way to Complete Verification

- When IRS DRT is not used, tax filers must submit either:
 - Federal Tax Return Transcript (www.irs.gov/get-transcript) OR
 - A Signed Federal 1040 Tax Return.
- Non-Tax Filer Requirements
 - Verification of Non Filing Letter (Independent Students/Parents of Dependent Students)
 - o W-2's
 - Other applicable forms

Cheat Sheet

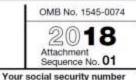
FAFSA Question	Where to Find it on 2018 1040/Schedules
Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)	1040: line 7
US Income Tax Paid	1040: line 13 - Schedule 2: line 46
Untaxed Portion of IRA Distributions and Pensions	1040 lines 4a - 4b. (Exclude Rollover)
IRA Deductions and Payments	Schedule 1: line 28 – line 32
Tax Exempt Interest Income	1040: Line 2a
Education Credits	Schedule 3: line 50

Form 1040 (2018)						F	Page 2
	1	Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attact	h Form(s) W-2	5 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50	1	122,179	00
Attach Form(s) W-2. Also attach	2a	Tax-exempt interest	2a	b Taxable interest	2b	2,208	00
	3a	Qualified dividends	3a	b Ordinary dividends	3b		
Form(s) W-2G and 1099-B if fax was	4a	IRAs, pensions, and annuities .	4a	b Taxable amount	4b		
withheld.	5a	Social security benefits	5a	b Taxable amount	5b	110000000000000000000000000000000000000	
	6	Total income. Add lines 1 through 5.	Add any amount from Schedule 1, line 22	8,110	6	132,497	00
Standard	7	Adjusted gross income, If you subtract Schedule 1, line 36, fro		ter the amount from line 6; otherwise,	7	132,497	00
Deduction for-	8	Standard deduction or itemized	deductions (from Schedule A)		8	24,000	00
 Single or married filing separately. 	9	Qualified business income dedu	ction (see instructions)		9		
\$12,000 • Married filing jointly or Qualitying	10	Taxable income. Subtract lines (8 and 9 from line 7. If zero or less, ent	ler-0	10	108,497	00
	11	a Tax (see inst.) 15,748 (che	ck if any from: 1 🗌 Form(s) 8814 2	Form 4972 3			
widow(er), \$24,000		b Add any amount from Schedu	le 2 and check here		11	15,748	00
Head of household, \$18,000	12	a Child tax credit/credit for other depe	endents 4,500 b Add any a	mount from Schedule 3 and check here	12	4,500	00
	13	Subtract line 12 from line 11. If a	zero or less, enter -0- , 🔒 📶	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	13	11,248	00
If you checked any box under Standard deduction	14	Other taxes. Attach Schedule 4		1040 Line 13	14		
	15	Total tax, Add lines 13 and 14		minus	15	11,248	00
	16	Federal income tax withheld from	m Forms W-2 and 1099	Schedule 2, Line 46 if negative amount, enter zero)	16	11,272	00
	17	Refundable credits: a EIC (see inst		in second enter terror			
		Add any amount from Schedule	5		17		
	18	Add lines 16 and 17. These are	your total payments		18	11,272	00
Refund	19	If line 18 is more than line 15, su	ubtract line 15 from line 18. This is the	amount you overpaid	19	24	00
	20a	Amount of line 19 you want refu	inded to you. If Form 8888 is attache	d, check here 🛛 🕨 🗌	20a	24	00
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SCHEDULE 1 (Form 1040)

Additional Income and Adjustments to Income

Attach to Form 1040.



Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.

Name(s) shown on Form 1040 Additional 1-9b 1-9b Reserved Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes 814 00 10 10 Income 11 11 12 Business income or (loss), Attach Schedule C or C-EZ 12 13 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here 13 14 14 15b 15a 16a Reserved 16b Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E 17 17 18 18 7.296 00 19 19 20a 20b 21 Other income. List type and amount > 21 Combine the amounts in the far right column. If you don't have any adjustments to 22 8.110 00 income, enter here and include on Form 1040, line 6. Otherwise, go to line 23 . 22 Adjustments 23 23 Educator expenses Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, 24 to Income and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106 . . 24 Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889 . 25 25 26 Moving expenses for members of the Armed Forces. Attach Form 3903 26 Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE 27 27 28 28 Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and gualified plans . . 29 Self-employed health insurance deduction 29 Penalty on early withdrawal of savings 30 30 Alimony paid b Recipient's SSN > 31a 31a 32 32 33 33 Student loan interest deduction 34 34 Reserved 35 35 36 36 For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see your tax return instructions. Cat. No. 71479F Schedule 1 (Form 1040) 2018

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SCHEDULE 2 (Form 1040) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name(s) shown on Form 1040		Tax ► Attach to Form 1040. ► Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.			OMB No. 1545-0074	
		40	INCOME TAX PAID 1040 Line 13	You	Your social security number	
Tax	38-44	Reserved	minus Schedule 2, Line 46	38-4	4	
10000	45	Alternative minimum tax. Attach Form 6251 .	(if negative amount, enter zero)	45		
	46	Excess advance premium tax credit repayment.	MIRON TOTIL OTHER OF	46		
	47	Add the amounts in the far right column. Enter line 11				

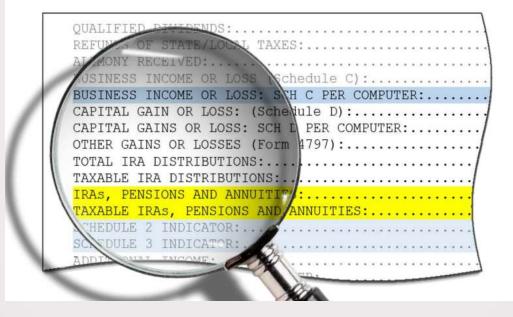
SCHEDULE 3 (Form 1040) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Nonrefundable Credits ► Attach to Form 1040. ► Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Name(s) shown on Fo	orm 10	40	Your	social security number	
Nonrefundable	48	Foreign tax credit. Attach Form 1116 if required		48	
Credits	49	Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Attach Form 2441		49	
orcaito	50	Education credits from Form 8863, line 19	4	50	
	51	Retirement savings contributions credit. Attach Form 8880	. 3	51	
	52	Reserved	8	52	
	53	Residential energy credit. Attach Form 5695		53	
	54	Other credits from Form a 🗌 3800 b 🗌 8801 c 🗌		54	
	55	Add the amounts in the far right column. Enter here and include on Form 1040, line 1	2	55	

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