## **Attention:**

This form is provided for informational purposes only. Copy A appears in red, similar to the official IRS form. Do **not** file copy A with the IRS. The official printed version of this IRS form is scannable, but the online version of it, printed from this website, is not. A penalty of \$50 per information return may be imposed for filing forms that cannot be scanned.

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See IRS Publications 1141, 1167, 1179 and other IRS resources for information about printing these tax forms.

## Return this entire page to the Internal Revenue Service. Photocopies are not acceptable.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

Signature ▶ Title ▶ Date ▶

## Instructions

What's new. After December 1, 2008, tape cartridges will no longer be accepted at the Enterprise Computing Center—Martinsburg (ECC—MTB). The only acceptable method of filing information returns with ECC—MTB will be electronically through the FIRE system. See Pub. 1220, Specifications for Filing Forms 1098, 1099, 5498, and W-2G Electronically.

Where to file. The following changes have been made under Where To File.

- The general addresses have been changed to a three-line format.
- Form 1098-C is now filed at the Internal Revenue Service Center in Austin, Texas, or Kansas City, Missouri, based on the filer's location.

**Purpose of form.** Use this form to transmit paper Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, and W-2G to the Internal Revenue Service. Do not use Form 1096 to transmit electronically. For electronic submissions, see Pub. 1220, Specifications for Filing Forms 1098, 1099, 5498, and W-2G Electronically.

**Caution:** If you are required to file 250 or more information returns of any one type, you must file electronically. If you are required to file electronically but fail to do so, and you do not have an approved waiver, you may be subject to a penalty. For more information, see part F in the 2008 General Instructions for Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, and W-2G

Who must file. The name, address, and TIN of the filer on this form must be the same as those you enter in the upper left area of Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, or W-2G. A filer is any person or entity who files any of the forms shown in line 6 above.

**Preaddressed Form 1096.** If you received a preaddressed Form 1096 from the IRS with Package 1096, use it to transmit paper Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, and W-2G to the Internal Revenue Service. If any of the preprinted information is incorrect, make corrections on the form.

If you are not using a preaddressed form, enter the filer's name, address (including room, suite, or other unit number), and TIN in the spaces provided on the form.

When to file. File Form 1096 as follows.

- With Forms 1099, 1098, or W-2G, file by March 2, 2009.
- With Forms 5498, 5498-ESA, or 5498-SA, file by June 1, 2009.

## Where To File

Send all information returns filed on paper with Form 1096 to the following:

If your principal business, office or agency, or legal residence in the case of an individual, is located in

Use the following three-line address

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina,

Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

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Alaska, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Kansas City, MO 64999

If your legal residence or principal place of business is outside the United States, file with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Center, Austin, TX 73301.

Transmitting to the IRS. Group the forms by form number and transmit each group with a separate Form 1096. For example, if you must file both Forms 1098 and 1099-A, complete one Form 1096 to transmit your Forms 1098 and another Form 1096 to transmit your Forms 1099-A. You need not submit original and corrected returns separately. Do not send a form (1099, 5498, etc.) containing summary (subtotal) information with Form 1096. Summary information for the group of forms being sent is entered only in boxes 3, 4, and 5 of Form 1096.

**Box 1 or 2.** Complete only if you are not using a preaddressed Form 1096. Make an entry in either box 1 or 2; not both. Individuals not in a trade or business must enter their social security number (SSN) in box 2; sole proprietors and all others must enter their employer identification number (EIN) in box 1. However, sole proprietors who do not have an EIN must enter their SSN in box 2. Use the same EIN or SSN on Form 1096 that you use on Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, or W-2G.

**Box 3.** Enter the number of forms you are transmitting with this Form 1096. Do not include blank or voided forms or the Form 1096 in your total. Enter the number of correctly completed forms, not the number of pages, being transmitted. For example, if you send one page of three-to-a-page Forms 1098 with a Form 1096 and you have correctly completed two Forms 1098 on that page, enter "2" in box 3 of Form 1096.

**Box 4.** Enter the total federal income tax withheld shown on the forms being transmitted with this Form 1096.

**Box 5.** No entry is required if you are filing Forms 1099-A or 1099-G. For all other forms, enter the total of the amounts from the specific boxes of the forms listed below.

Form \		Box 1 Boxes 1 and 2
	1098-C	Box 4c
Form 1	1098-E	Box 1
Form 1	1098-T	Boxes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 10
Form 1	1099-B	Boxes 2 and 3
Form 1	1099-C	Box 2
Form 1	1099-CAP	Box 2
Form 1	1099-DIV	Boxes 1a, 2a, 3, 8, and 9
Form 1	1099-H	Box 1
Form 1	1099-INT	Boxes 1, 3, and 8
Form 1	1099-LTC	Boxes 1 and 2
Form 1	1099-MISC	Boxes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, and 14
Form 1	1099-OID	Boxes 1, 2, and 6
Form 1	1099-PATR	Boxes 1, 2, 3, and 5
Form 1	1099-Q	Box 1
Form 1	1099-R	Box 1
Form 1	1099-S	Box 2
Form 1	1099-SA	Box 1
Form 5	5498	Boxes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10
Form 5	5498-ESA	Boxes 1 and 2
Form 5	5498-SA	Box 1

**Final return.** If you will not be required to file Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, or W-2G in the future, either on paper or electronically, enter an "X" in the "final return" box.

**Corrected returns.** For information about filing corrections, see the 2008 General Instructions for Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, and W-2G. Originals and corrections of the same type of return can be submitted using one Form 1096.