



# Tax Primer

for Parents Completing  
the Parents' Financial Statement

# Introduction

Use this primer to get an understanding of which tax forms will be most helpful to you as you complete your PFS.

This primer doesn't provide an overview of every possible tax form you might receive or need to file with IRS. Instead, it only focuses on the main forms families will need to have on hand to complete the PFS accurately and correctly.

The tax forms covered in this tax primer are:

- ▶ [Form W-2](#)
- ▶ [Form 1040](#)
- ▶ [Form 1040 Schedule 1](#)
- ▶ [Schedule C](#)
- ▶ [Form 1099-MISC](#)

For each of these tax forms, the primer answers 3 questions:

1. What is the form used for?
2. What does the form look like?
3. Which lines on the form matter the most for completing the PFS?

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## – Important –

Be sure to send all your tax forms as required by each school you are applying to for financial aid. Do not limit what you submit to schools to the documents covered in this primer. If a school requires your tax forms and schedules, be sure to send or upload the full set of taxes that you submit to the IRS when filing your tax return. Doing so ensures that you complete each school's document requirements correctly, avoiding possible delays in the process.

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# Form W-2

## What is the Form W2 for?

The W-2 is an annual statement of your earnings for the calendar year, provided by your employer. It also displays how much was withheld from your pay for taxes, Social Security, and Medicare. This is where you can also see how much of your income was put into certain types of pre-tax retirement plans.

## What does the Form W2 look like?

**a** Employee's social security number OMB No. 1545-0008

**b** Employer identification number (EIN)

**c** Employer's name, address, and ZIP code

**d** Control number

**e** Employee's first name and initial Last name Suff.

**f** Employee's address and ZIP code

**1** Wages, tips, other compensation

**2** Federal income tax withheld

**3** Social security wages

**4** Social security tax withheld

**5** Medicare wages and tips

**6** Medicare tax withheld

**7** Social security tips

**8** Allocated tips

**9**

**10** Dependent care benefits

**11** Nonqualified plans

**12a**

**12b**

**12c**

**12d**

**15** State Employer's state ID number

**16** State wages, tips, etc.

**17** State income tax

**18** Local wages, tips, etc.

**19** Local income tax

**20** Locality name

**Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement 20XX**

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service

Copy 2—To Be Filed With Employee's State, City, or Local Income Tax Return

## Which lines on Form W-2 matter most for completing the PFS?

Report the salary in Box 1 of your W-2 on line 7A of the PFS for the parent listed as "Parent A." Use 7B for the parent listed as "Parent B." Be sure to report the totals from all W-2s if either parent has more than one for the year.

Look at Box 12. If any amounts appear in this section with a code D-H, be sure to report that amount as "Payments to tax-deferred retirement plans" in PFS line 8D of the Nontaxable Income Worksheet. If you have multiple W2s, be sure to report the total amount.

You do not have to report any other information from the W2 on the PFS. It is possible that one or more schools you're applying to might ask you to supply other information from the W2. You'll most likely be required to submit or upload a copy of each W2 you receive as part of your financial aid application.

# Form 1040

## What is Form 1040 for?

The 1040 is used to report your sources of income, as well as any adjustments, deductions, and credits against your income that will determine how much and what types of federal taxes you should have paid for the tax year. If you've paid too much in taxes, it will show how much of a refund from the federal government you are entitled to receive. If you've paid too little in taxes, it will show how much more you need to pay.

## What does the Form 1040 look like?

The 1040 is the base form and may include additional schedules based on your income. Let's look at the 1040 base form:

### ► 1040 Page 1

**Form 1040** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service (99) **20XX** OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

**Filing status:** ☐ Single ☐ Married filing jointly ☐ Married filing separately ☐ Head of household ☐ Qualifying widow(er)

Your first name and initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Your social security number \_\_\_\_\_

Someone can claim you as a dependent ☐ You were born before January 2, 1954 ☐ You are blind ☐

Your first name and initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's social security number \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse standard deduction: ☐ Someone can claim your spouse as a dependent ☐ Spouse was born before January 2, 1954 ☐ Full-year health care coverage or exempt (see inst.) ☐

☐ Spouse is blind ☐ Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were dual-status ☐

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. \_\_\_\_\_

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, attach Schedule R (see inst.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Dependents (see instructions):**

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if qualifies for (see inst.):	Child tax credit	Credit for other dependents
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Sign Here** Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Joint return? ☐ See instructions. Keep a copy for your records.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your occupation \_\_\_\_\_ If the IRS sent you an Identity Protection PIN, enter it here (see inst.) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ If the IRS sent you an Identity Protection PIN, enter it here (see inst.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Preparer's name \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's signature \_\_\_\_\_ PTIN \_\_\_\_\_ Firm's EIN \_\_\_\_\_ Check if: ☐ 3rd Party Designee ☐ Self-employed

Firm's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Firm's address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Callouts:**

- Report this on PFS Line 6B (points to line 6B)
- Report this in PFS Section 2 and 3 (points to Section 2 and 3)

## ► 1040 Page 2

Form 1040 (2018)				Page 2
Attach Form(s) W-2. Also attach Form(s) W-2G and 1099-R if tax was withheld.	<b>1</b>	Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2		<b>1</b> PFS Line 7A, 7B
	<b>2a</b>	Tax-exempt interest	<b>2a</b> PFS Line 8K	<b>2b</b> PFS Line 7C
	<b>3a</b>	Qualified dividends	<b>3a</b> Do not report on PFS	<b>3b</b> PFS Line 7D
	<b>4a</b>	IRAs, pensions, and annuities		<b>4b</b> PFS Line 7O
	<b>5a</b>	Social security benefits		<b>5b</b> PFS Line PFS 7S
	<b>6</b>	Total income. Add lines 1 through 5. Add any amount from Schedule 1, line 22	<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>6</b> Do not report on PFS

## ► 1040 Page 2: Other Taxes and payments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$24,000</li> <li>Head of household, \$18,000</li> <li>If you checked any box under Standard deduction, see instructions.</li> </ul>	<b>11</b>	<b>a</b> Tax (see Inst.) (check if any from: <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Form(s) 8814 <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4972 <b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> )	<b>11</b>
		<b>b</b> Add any amount from Schedule 2 and check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>12</b>	<b>a</b> Child tax credit/credit for other dependents <b>b</b> Add any amount from Schedule 3 and check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>12</b>
	<b>13</b>	Subtract line 12 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-	<b>13</b>
	<b>14</b>	Other taxes. Attach Schedule 4	<b>14</b>
	<b>15</b>	Total tax. Add lines 13 and 14	<b>15</b>
	<b>16</b>	Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099	<b>16</b>
	<b>17</b>	Refundable credits: <b>a</b> EIC (see Inst.) <b>PFS Line 8I</b> <b>b</b> Sch. 8812 <b>c</b> Form 8863	<b>17</b>
		Add any amount from Schedule 5	

PFS Line 6G, report 1040 line 15 minus Schedule 4 line 57

## Which lines on Form 1040 matter most for completing the PFS?

Nearly every line of the 1040's Income section has a corresponding line on the PFS where the income information should be reported. Most are straightforward one-to-one matches. However, a few lines warrant a little more guidance:

### ► 1040 Page 1: Household Information

Be sure your tax filing status on PFS Line 6B matches what is checked off at the top of your 1040 form. An incorrect choice on the PFS can cause a miscalculation of the credit you receive for federal income taxes paid.

When listing your dependents on the PFS, make sure it is consistent with those listed on your 1040 Line 6C. If you support children or others in your household that you cannot claim as a dependent, be sure to list them and explain their relationship to you in the PFS "Other Considerations" section.

► **1040 Page 2 Line 1: Salary/Wages**

Salary and wages reported here are a total of salaries earned by the parents in the household. The PFS asks you to report each parent's salary separately, so you won't see a single line item on the PFS for the total salaries. Be sure, though, that the total of the salaries you enter in line 7A and 7B for each parent is the same as the total shown on Line 1 of your 1040 Page 2. Business owners must be careful not to report profit taken from the business as salary or wages. If you own a business and paid yourself or your spouse a salary from the business, and reported it with a W-2, only enter the amount of salary from the W-2 in Lines 7A or 7B.

► **1040 Page 2 Lines 4a and 5a: Distributions from IRA, Pensions, and Social Security**

1040 Lines 4a and 5a each show the total income you received from IRA, Pensions, and Social Security. Lines 4b and 5b show the portion of those totals that were taxable. Report taxable amount of IRA and Pension on PFS line 7O. Report Line 5b taxable amount of Social Security on PFS Line 7S.

To report the nontaxable portion correctly, take the difference and report it in the appropriate PFS line item in the Nontaxable Income section (PFS Section 8).

- Report your nontaxable IRA and Pension income in PFS Line 8M.
- Report your nontaxable Social Security benefits in PFS Line 8B.

► **1040 Page 2 Line 15**

This shows what you owe for the different types of federal taxes on your income. PFS Line 6G asks you to report your federal taxes paid. Be sure to report the amount shown on 1040 Line 15. If you also have Self-Employment taxes reported on 1040 Schedule 4 Line 57, do not include those in PFS Line 6G, since you will report those separately for each business. If you paid self-employment taxes, for PFS Line 6G, report the total tax on Line 15 of Page 2 minus any Schedule 4 Line 57 Self-Employment tax.

► **1040 Page 2 Line 17a**

Earned income credits shown here are considered non-taxable income and should be reported on PFS Line 8I.

# Form 1040 Schedule 1

## What is it for?

Schedule 1 is used to report additional income received such as capital gain, unemployment compensation, proprietorship business, corporation/partnerships, and rental income. Schedule 1 also list deductions from self-employment tax.

## What does Schedule 1 look like?

<b>SCHEDULE 1</b> <b>(Form 1040)</b> <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>		<b>Additional Income and Adjustments to Income</b> <small>► Attach to Form 1040. ► Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Form1040">www.irs.gov/Form1040</a> for instructions and the latest information.</small>		<small>OMB No. 1545-0074</small> <b>20 XX</b> <small>Attachment Sequence No. 01</small>	
Name(s) shown on Form 1040				Your social security number	
<b>Additional Income</b>	1-9b	Reserved		1-9b	
	10	Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes		10	
	11	Alimony received		11	PFS Line 7E
	12	Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C or C-EZ		12	PFS Line 15-18
	13	Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		13	PFS Line 7M
	14	Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797		14	
	15a	Reserved		15b	
	16a	Reserved		16b	
	17	Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E		17	PFS Line 7Q or 15-18
	18	Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F		18	PFS Line 15-18
	19	Unemployment compensation		19	PFS Line 7R
	20a	Reserved		20b	
21	Other income. List type and amount ►		21	PFS Line 7T	
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. Otherwise, go to line 23			22	
<b>Adjustments to Income</b>	23	Educator expenses	23		
	24	Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, 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	PFS Line 7I	
	28	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans	28	PFS Line 7H	
	29	Self-employed health insurance deduction	29		
	30	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings	30		
	31a	Alimony paid <b>b</b> Recipient's SSN ►	31a		
	32	IRA deduction	32	PFS Line 7G	
	33	Student loan interest deduction	33		
	34	Reserved	34		
	35	Reserved	35		
	36	Add lines 23 through 35	36	PFS Line 7F	



## Which lines on Form 1040 Schedule 1 matter most for completing the PFS?

### ► 1040 Line 12: Business income or (loss)

This refers specifically to income or loss you had from a Sole Proprietorship, for which you also completed a Schedule C. On Line 15-18 of the PFS, the total of the net profit or loss from each Schedule C business you own should equal the amount shown on your 1040 Line 12. Be sure to send or upload each Schedule C you file, if you have income or a loss listed on your 1040 Line 12.

### ► 1040 Line 17: Rental Real Estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.

This line can be complicated, depending on what type of income is included here, since many different types of income can be reported on your 1040 Line 17. If any income reported on Line 17 is from rental property, trusts, or royalties, report it on Line 7Q of your PFS.

If any income reported on Line 17 is from S corporations or Partnerships that you share ownership in, report it on Line 15-18 of your PFS, in the section that asks you to detail the income and expenses of the business.

Be sure to send or upload each Schedule E you file, if you have income or loss listed on your 1040 Line 17.

### ► 1040 Schedule 1 Adjustments to Income

Be sure to report the total shown on 1040 Line 36 on PFS line 7F. If you have adjustments in 1040 Lines 27, 28, or 32, report them in the proper lines on the PFS. If you have adjustments other than those three, be sure to leave a note in PFS Item 7J to specify what the adjustments were for (e.g., “alimony paid” or “Educator expenses”).

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## – Important –

If you filed a 1040 Schedule 1 and have reported income from rental real estate, partnerships, S-corporations-Line 17 or Farm Income-Line 18. Please use our Tax Primer for Self Employed Parents for further instructions on how complete section 19 of the PFS.

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## Other Schedules

<b>SCHEDULE A</b> (Form 1040)		<b>Itemized Deductions</b>		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99)		<p>► Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/ScheduleA">www.irs.gov/ScheduleA</a> for instructions and the latest information.</p> <p>► Attach to Form 1040.</p> <p><b>Caution:</b> If you are claiming a net qualified disaster loss on Form 4684, see the instructions for line 16.</p>		<p><b>20XX</b></p> <p>Attachment Sequence No. <b>07</b></p>	
Name(s) shown on Form 1040				Your social security number	
<b>Medical and Dental Expenses</b>					
<b>Caution:</b> Do not include expenses reimbursed or paid by others.					
<b>1</b> Medical and dental expenses (see instructions) . . . . .				<b>1</b>	<b>PFS Line 14A</b>
<b>2</b> Enter amount from Form 1040, line 7 . . . . .				<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Multiply line 2 by 7.5% (0.075) . . . . .				<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Subtract line 3 from line 1. If line 3 is more than line 1, enter -0- . . . . .				<b>4</b>	

<b>Deductions</b>		<b>16</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>		
<b>Itemized Deductions</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>PFS Line 6F</b>
<b>18</b> If you elect to itemize deductions even though they are less than your standard deduction, check here . . . . .				<input type="checkbox"/>
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 1040.				
		Cat. No. 17145C		Schedule A (Form 1040) 2018

<b>SCHEDULE 4</b> (Form 1040)		<b>Other Taxes</b>		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		<p>► Attach to Form 1040.</p> <p>► Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Form1040">www.irs.gov/Form1040</a> for instructions and the latest information.</p>		<p><b>20XX</b></p> <p>Attachment Sequence No. <b>04</b></p>	
Name(s) shown on Form 1040				Your social security number	
<b>Other Taxes</b>					
<b>57</b> Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE . . . . .				<b>57</b>	<b>PFS Line 17J</b>
<b>58</b> Unreported social security and Medicare tax from: Form <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 4137 <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 8919				<b>58</b>	
<b>59</b> Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, and other tax-favored accounts. Attach Form 5329 if required . . . . .				<b>59</b>	
<b>60a</b> Household employment taxes. Attach Schedule H . . . . .				<b>60a</b>	
<b>b</b> Repayment of first-time homebuyer credit from Form 5405. Attach Form 5405 if required . . . . .				<b>60b</b>	
<b>61</b> Health care: individual responsibility (see instructions) . . . . .				<b>61</b>	
<b>62</b> Taxes from: <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8959 <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8960				<b>62</b>	
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions; enter code(s) . . . . .				<b>62</b>	
<b>63</b> Section 965 net tax liability installment from Form 965-A . . . . .				<b>63</b>	
<b>64</b> Add the amounts in the far right column. These are your <b>total other taxes</b> . Enter here and on Form 1040, line 14 . . . . .				<b>64</b>	

## Which Lines Matter for the PFS?

### ► **Schedule A**

If you filed a Schedule A, you itemized deductions and should say “Yes” to PFS Line 6E and report the amount on PFS Line 6F. If you did not itemize your deductions, say “No” to PFS 6E. No other questions on the PFS ask about any amounts in this section of the 1040.

If your itemized deductions include medical and/or dental expenses, look at your Schedule A, Line 1. You can report the total medical and dental expenses shown there in PFS Line 14A. Don’t itemize? You can still report your medical and dental expenses on PFS Line 14A even if you did not itemize them on a Schedule A.

### ► **1040 Schedule 4 Line 57**

Report the total amount of self-employment taxes you paid for your business(es). These should also be report on Line 17J on the PFS. Note that the PFS will ask you how much self-employment tax you paid for each business separately. The total of all of those self-employment tax amounts should be equal to what’s reported here on the Schedule 4 Line 57.



## Which lines on the Schedule C matter most for completing the PFS?

If you have a Schedule C, you have a Sole Proprietorship. On PFS Line 6H, answer "Yes." You will be required to complete Section 15 for Business/Farm information.

On PFS Line 15C, select "Sole Proprietorship" and complete the questions about each business based on the income and expense information provided on the Schedule C. See below for guidance:

### ► Schedule C: Business Information and Income

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 1040)</b>		<b>Profit or Loss From Business</b> (Sole Proprietorship)		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99)		► Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/ScheduleC">www.irs.gov/ScheduleC</a> for instructions and the latest information. ► Attach to Form 1040, 1040NR, or 1041; partnerships generally must file Form 1065.		Attachment Sequence No. <b>09</b>	
Name of proprietor				Social security number (SSN)	
<b>A</b> Principal business or profession, including product or service (see instructions) <div style="text-align: right;">PFS Line 15K</div>				<b>B</b> Enter code from instructions ▶	
<b>C</b> Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank. <div style="text-align: right;">PFS Line 15A</div>				<b>D</b> Employer ID number (EIN) (see instr.) :	
<b>E</b> Business address (including suite or room no.) ▶ City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code <div style="text-align: right;">PFS Line 15G thru 15J</div>					
<b>F</b> Accounting method: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶					
<b>G</b> Did you "materially participate" in the operation of this business during 2017? If "No," see instructions for limit on losses				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>H</b> If you started or acquired this business during 2017, check here				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>I</b> Did you make any payments in 2017 that would require you to file Form(s) 1099? (see instructions)				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>J</b> If "Yes," did you or will you file required Forms 1099?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Part I Income</b>					
<b>1</b> Gross receipts or sales. See instructions for line 1 and check the box if this income was reported to you on Form W-2 and the "Statutory employee" box on that form was checked				<b>1</b> PFS Line 16A	
<b>2</b> Returns and allowances				<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1				<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Cost of goods sold (from line 42)				<b>4</b> PFS Line 16B	
<b>5</b> Gross profit. Subtract line 4 from line 3				<b>5</b> PFS Line 16C	
<b>6</b> Other income, including federal and state gasoline or fuel tax credit or refund (see instructions)				<b>6</b> PFS Line 16D	
<b>7</b> Gross income. Add lines 5 and 6				<b>7</b>	

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Complete a separate PFS section on income for every sole proprietorship you own.

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## ► Schedule C: Business Expenses and Net Profit/Loss

<b>Part II Expenses.</b> Enter expenses for business use of your home <b>only</b> on line 30.			
8	Advertising . . . . .	8	
9	Car and truck expenses (see instructions). . . . .	9	
10	Commissions and fees . . . . .	10	
11	Contract labor (see instructions)	11	
12	Depletion . . . . .	12	
13	Depreciation and section 179 expense deduction (not included in Part III) (see instructions). . . . .	13	PFS Line 17F
14	Employee benefit programs (other than on line 19) . . . . .	14	PFS Line 17C
15	Insurance (other than health)	15	
16	Interest:		
a	Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)	16a	
b	Other . . . . .	16b	
17	Legal and professional services	17	
18	Office expense (see instructions)	18	
19	Pension and profit-sharing plans . . . . .	19	
20	Rent or lease (see instructions):		PFS Line 17D
a	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	20a	
b	Other business property . . . . .	20b	
21	Repairs and maintenance . . . . .	21	
22	Supplies (not included in Part III) . . . . .	22	
23	Taxes and licenses . . . . .	23	
24	Travel, meals, and entertainment:		
a	Travel . . . . .	24a	
b	Deductible meals and entertainment (see instructions) . . . . .	24b	
25	Utilities . . . . .	25	
26	Wages (less employment credits) . . . . .	26	PFS Line 17A, B
27a	Other expenses (from line 48) . . . . .	27a	
b	Reserved for future use . . . . .	27b	
28	<b>Total expenses</b> before expenses for business use of home. Add lines 8 through 27a . . . . .	28	PFS Line 17I
29	Tentative profit or (loss). Subtract line 28 from line 7 . . . . .	29	
30	Expenses for business use of your home. Do not report these expenses elsewhere. Attach Form 8829 unless using the simplified method (see instructions). <b>Simplified method filers only:</b> enter the total square footage of: (a) your home: _____ and (b) the part of your home used for business: _____. Use the Simplified Method Worksheet in the instructions to figure the amount to enter on line 30 . . . . .	30	
31	<b>Net profit or (loss).</b> Subtract line 30 from line 29. • If a profit, enter on both <b>Form 1040, line 12</b> (or <b>Form 1040NR, line 13</b> ) and on <b>Schedule SE, line 2</b> . (If you checked the box on line 1, see instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on <b>Form 1041, line 3</b> . • If a loss, you <b>must</b> go to line 32.	31	PFS Line 17L
32	If you have a loss, check the box that describes your investment in this activity (see instructions). • If you checked 32a, enter the loss on both <b>Form 1040, line 12</b> , (or <b>Form 1040NR, line 13</b> ) and on <b>Schedule SE, line 2</b> . (If you checked the box on line 1, see the line 31 instructions). Estates and trusts, enter on <b>Form 1041, line 3</b> . • If you checked 32b, you <b>must</b> attach <b>Form 6198</b> . Your loss may be limited.		
	32a <input type="checkbox"/> All investment is at risk.		
	32b <input type="checkbox"/> Some investment is not at risk.		

### — Look at Line 13

If you are writing off any depreciation or “section 179 expense,” you will see an entry here. PFS Line 17F asks you to report this amount. If you claim depreciation, you will likely also file a Form 4562. If you have a 4562, be sure to send or upload that with your tax forms. Doing so allows the school to clarify how much of the amount on Line 13 is actual depreciation and not “section 179 expense.” This is to your advantage, typically.

### — Look at Line 26

If you paid wages to employees for your business (as reported on W2’s that you filed for them), the PFS will ask you to separate out any wages you paid for yourself or your spouse from wages you paid to others. If Schedule C Line 26 includes wages for yourself and/or your spouse, report the amount you paid to yourself and/or your spouse on PFS Line 17A. Only report this amount if you provided a W2 as documentation of those earnings. Do NOT report your net profit as your salary.

If Schedule C Line 26 includes wages paid for anyone other than yourself or your spouse, report the amount that went to other employees on PFS Line 17B.

By definition, a sole proprietorship doesn't share the profit or loss of the business with any other person or entity. Report the amount on Schedule C Line 31 on PFS Line 17L to reflect your share of the total business profit or loss (in other words, the amount that belongs to you).

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Complete a separate PFS section on expenses and net profit for every sole proprietorship you own.

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# Form 1099-MISC

## What is Form 1099-MISC for?

The Form 1099-MISC is provided to you by a person or firm for whom you performed work or service by hiring yourself out as a freelancer, contractor, or the like. 1099s can also show other types of income such as royalties, commissions or rents. Basically, it shows income you earned that wasn't provided to you as someone else's employee or from your investments.

Other types of 1099s you might receive:

- 1099-DIV (which reports income from dividends, distributions, and capital gains from investments accounts such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds)
- 1099-INT (which tracks interest income you earned from investments such as savings accounts).

## What does the Form 1099-MISC look like?

PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.		1 Rents		OMB No. 1545-0115		Miscellaneous Income
		\$		20 XX		
		2 Royalties		Form 1099-MISC		
PAYER'S federal identification number		3 Other income		4 Federal income tax withheld		Copy B For Recipient
		\$		\$		
RECIPIENT'S name		5 Fishing boat proceeds		6 Medical and health care payments		This is important tax information and is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service. If you are required to file a return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if this income is taxable and the IRS determines that it has not been reported.
		\$		\$		
Street address (including apt. no.)		7 Nonemployee compensation		8 Substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest		
		\$		\$		
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		9 Payer made direct sales of \$5,000 or more of consumer products to a buyer (recipient) for resale <input type="checkbox"/>		10 Crop insurance proceeds		
		\$		\$		
Account number (see instructions)		FATCA filing requirement <input type="checkbox"/>		11		12
13 Excess golden parachute payments		14 Gross proceeds paid to an attorney		\$		
15a Section 409A deferrals		15b Section 409A income		16 State tax withheld		17 State/Payer's state no.
\$		\$		\$		18 State income
						\$

Form 1099-MISC (keep for your records) www.irs.gov/form1099misc Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

**Report amounts here on PFS Line 7T**



### Which lines on Form 1099-MISC matter most for completing the PFS?

Income reported on your 1099s should already be included in certain lines of your 1040. On the PFS, any income reported on a 1099-MISC (other than rents and royalties) should be reported on PFS Line 7T.

If you and/or your spouse received multiple 1099s, be sure to add the amounts and report the total income on PFS line 7T.

### Important Notes

- ▶ Do not report any amounts reported on a 1099-MISC as salary or wages, even if you earned it by working for someone as a contractor, freelancer, etc. When reporting your salary or wages on the PFS, ONLY include income for which you received a W-2.
- ▶ Many schools will require you to submit a W2 as part of your financial aid application. If you didn't receive a W-2 (meaning you didn't earn a salary as someone else's employee), but you did receive a 1099-MISC as a contractor or freelancer, submit your 1099-MISC in place of the W-2 the school requires.