Attention!

This form is provided for informational purposes and should not be reproduced on personal computer printers by individual taxpayers for filing. The printed version of this form is a "machine readable" form. As such, it must be printed using special paper, special inks, and within precise specifications.

Additional information about the printing of these specialized tax forms can be found in: Publication 1167, Substitute Printed, Computer-Prepared, and Computer-Generated Tax Forms and Schedules; and, Publication 1179, Specifications for Paper Document Reporting and Paper Substitutes for Forms 1096, 1098, 1099 Series, 5498, and W-2G.

The publications listed above may be obtained by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Be sure to order using the IRS publication number.

Please 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

Purpose of Form.—Use this form to transmit paper Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, and W-2G to the Internal Revenue Service. *(See Where To File on the back.)* DO NOT USE FORM 1096 TO TRANSMIT MAGNETIC MEDIA. See **Form 4804**, Transmittal of Information Returns Reported Magnetically/Electronically.

Use of Preprinted Label.—If you received a preprinted label from the IRS with Package 1099, place the label in the name and address area of this form inside the brackets. Make any necessary changes to your name and address on the label. However, do not use the label if the taxpayer identification number (TIN) shown is incorrect. Do not prepare your own label. Use only the IRS-prepared label that came with your Package 1099.

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

Filer.—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 Form 1099, 1098, 5498, or W-2G. A filer includes a payer, a recipient of mortgage interest payments (including points), a broker, a barter exchange, a creditor, a person reporting real estate transactions, a trustee or issuer of an individual retirement arrangement (including an IRA, SEP, or SIMPLE) or a medical savings account, and a lender who acquires an interest in secured property or who has reason to know that the property has been abandoned.

Transmitting to the IRS.—Send the forms in a flat mailing (not folded). 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 preprinted IRS label. Individuals not in a trade or business must enter their social security number in box 2; sole proprietors and all others must enter their employer identification number in box 1. However, sole proprietors who do not have an employer identification number must enter their social security number in box 2.

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 5498 with a Form 1096 and you have correctly completed two Forms 5498 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.

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

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Form W-2G	Box 1	
Form 1098	Boxes 1 and 2	
Form 1099-B	Boxes 2 and 3	
Form 1099-C	Box 2	
Form 1099-DIV	Boxes 1a, 5, and 6	
Form 1099-INT	Boxes 1 and 3	
Form 1099-LTC	Boxes 1 and 2	
Form 1099-MISC	Boxes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10	
Form 1099-MSA	Box 1	
Form 1099-OID	Boxes 1 and 2	
Form 1099-PATR	Boxes 1, 2, 3, and 5	
Form 1099-R	Box 1	
Form 1099-S	Box 2	
Form 5498	Boxes 1 and 2	

Final Return.—If you will not be required to file Forms 1099, 1098, 5498, or W-2G in the future, either on paper or on magnetic media, please enter an "X" in the "FINAL return" box.

Box 1

Form 5498-MSA

Type of Form.—Enter an "X" in the appropriate box to indicate the type of form you are transmitting.

Corrected Returns.—For information about filing corrections, see the 1997 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.

When To File.—File Form 1096 with Forms 1099, 1098, or W-2G by March 2, 1998. File Form 1096 with Forms 5498 by June 1, 1998.

Where To File

Send all information returns filed on paper to the following:

Texas Arkansas, Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Memphis, TNI 3750	If your principal business, office or agency, or legal residence in the case of an individual, is located in	Use the following Internal Revenue Service Center address
Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Memphis, TNI 3750	Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico,	Austin, TX 73301
Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Memphis, TN 3750	Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont,	Cincinnati, OH 45999
Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Memphis TN 3750	Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma,	Kansas City, MO 64999
Tennessee, Virginia	Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina,	Memphis, TN 37501
Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Ogden, UT 8420 Utah, Washington, Wyoming	Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon,	Ogden, UT 84201

If you have no legal residence or principal place of business in any Internal Revenue district, file with the Internal Revenue Service Center, Cincinnati, OH 45999.

