



Ravenna Financial Aid

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Tax Primer

for Parents Completing
the Financial Aid Application



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Introduction

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

This primer does not 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 application accurately and correctly.

The tax forms covered in this tax primer are:

- [Form W-2](#)
- [Form 1040](#)
- [Form 1040 Schedule 1](#)
- [Form 1040 Schedule 2](#)
- [Form 1040 Schedule A](#)
- [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 application?

– 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.

Form W-2

What is 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 Form W2 look like?

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

Report the salary in Box 1 of your W-2 on line 7A of the application 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" on line 8a 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 application. It is possible that one or more schools you are applying to might ask you to supply other information from the W2. You will 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 have paid too much in taxes, it will show how much of a refund from the federal government you are entitled to receive. If you have paid too little in taxes, it will show how much more you need to pay.

What does Form 1040 look like?

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

1040 Page 1

Section 6

Filing Status Check only one box.

☐ Single ☐ Married filing jointly (even if only one had income) ☐ Married filing separately (MFS) ☐ Head of household (HOH) ☐ Qualifying surviving spouse (QSS)

If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QSS box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent:

☐ If treating a nonresident alien or dual-status alien spouse as a U.S. resident for the entire tax year, check the box and enter their name (see instructions and attach statement if required):

Digital Assets At any time during 2024, did you: (a) receive (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services); or (b) sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset (or a financial interest in a digital asset)? (See instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Standard Deduction Someone can claim: ☐ You as a dependent ☐ Your spouse as a dependent ☐ Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: ☐ Were born before January 2, 1960 ☐ Are blind **Spouse:** ☐ Was born before January 2, 1960 ☐ Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) Check the box if qualifies for (see instructions):	Child tax credit	Credit for other dependents
Report this on	Section 2 and 3					

Income

1a	Total amount from Form(s) W-2, box 1 (see instructions)	1a	Line 7A, 7B
b	Household employee wages not reported on Form(s) W-2	1b	
c	Tip income not reported on line 1a (see instructions)	1c	
d	Medicaid waiver payments not reported on Form(s) W-2 (see instructions)	1d	
e	Taxable dependent care benefits from Form 2441, line 26	1e	
f	Employer-provided adoption benefits from Form 8839, line 29	1f	
g	Wages from Form 8919, line 6	1g	
h	Other earned income (see instructions)	1h	
i	Nontaxable combat pay election (see instructions)	1i	
z	Add lines 1a through 1h	1z	
2a	Tax-exempt interest	2a	
3a	Qualified dividends	3a	
4a	IRA distributions	4a	
5a	Pensions and annuities	5a	
6a	Social security benefits	6a	
c	If you elect to use the lump-sum election method, check here (see instructions)		
7	Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here	7	Line 7H
8	Additional income from Schedule 1, line 10	8	
9	Add lines 1z, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income	9	
10	Adjustments to income from Schedule 1, line 26	10	
11	Subtract line 10 from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income	11	
12	Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A)	12	
13	Qualified business income deduction from Form 8995 or Form 8995-A	13	
14	Add lines 12 and 13	14	

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Forms W-2S and 1099-R if tax was withheld.

Attach Sch. B if required.

Standard Deduction for--

- Single or Married filing separately, \$14,600
- Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse, \$29,200
- Head of household, \$21,900
- If you checked any box under Standard Deduction,

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Form 1040 (2024)		Page 2
Tax and Credits	16 Tax (see instructions). Check if any from Form(s): 1 ☐ 8814 2 ☐ 4972 3 ☐	16
	17 Amount from Schedule 2, line 3	17
	18 Add lines 16 and 17	18
	19 Child tax credit or credit for other dependents from Schedule 8812	19
	20 Amount from Schedule 3, line 8	20
	21 Add lines 19 and 20	21
	22 Subtract line 21 from line 18. If zero or less, enter -0-	22
	23 Other taxes, including self-employment tax, from Schedule 2, line 21	23
	24 Add lines 22 and 23. This is your total tax	24
Payments	25 Federal income tax withheld from:	
	a Form(s) W-2	25a
	b Form(s) 1099	25b
	c Other forms (see instructions)	25c
	d Add lines 25a through 25c	25d
	26 2024 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2023 return	26
	27 Earned income credit (EIC)	27
	28 Additional child tax credit from Schedule 8812	28
	29 American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 8	29
	30 Reserved for future use	30
	31 Amount from Schedule 3, line 15	31
	32 Add lines 27, 28, 29, and 31. These are your total other payments and refundable credits	32
	33 Add lines 25d, 26, and 32. These are your total payments	33

If you have a qualifying child, attach Sch. EIC.

Which lines on Form 1040 matter most for completing the application?

Nearly every line of the 1040's Income section has a corresponding line on the application 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 application Line 6B matches what is checked off at the top of your 1040 form. An incorrect choice on the application can cause a miscalculation of the credit you receive for federal income taxes paid.

When listing your applicants and dependents on the application, make sure it is consistent with the dependents listed on your 1040 dependents section. 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 "Other Considerations" section.

➤ 1040 Line 1: Salary/Wages

Salary and wages reported here are the total of salaries earned by the parents in the household. The application asks you to report each parent's salary separately, so you will not see a single line item on the application 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 1A of your 1040. Business owners must be careful not to report profit taken from the business as salary or wages. If you own a business and pay 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 Lines 4a and 5a: Distributions from IRA, Pensions, and Social Security**

1040 Lines 4a, 5a and 6a each show the total income you received from IRA, Pensions, and Social Security. Lines 4b, 5b and 6b show the portion of those totals that were taxable. If you have values on lines 4b, 5b and 6b be sure to select those options under Other taxable income so you can report taxable amount of IRA on line 7e, and pensions on line 7f. Report Line 6b taxable amount of Social Security on Line 7g.

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

- Report your nontaxable IRA and Pension income on Line 8a.
- Report your nontaxable Social Security benefits on Line 8e.

➤ **1040 Tax Schedule 2, Page 2 Line 24**

This shows what you owe for the different types of federal taxes on your income. Line 6h asks you to report your federal taxes paid. Be sure to report the amount shown on 1040 Line 24. If you also have Self Employment taxes reported on 1040 Schedule 2 Line 4, do not include those on Line 6h, since you will report those separately for each business. If you paid self-employment taxes, for Line 6f, report the total tax on Line 24 of Page 2 minus any Schedule 2 Line 4 Self-Employment tax.

➤ **1040 Page 2 Line 27**

Earned income credits shown here are considered non-taxable income and should be selected – 1040 – Earned Income Credits (EICs) so number 8c populates to enter line 27 can be entered.

Form 1040 Schedule 1

What is it for?

Schedule 1 is used to report additional income received such as unemployment compensation, proprietorship business, corporation/partnerships, and rental income.

What does Schedule 1 look like?

SCHEDULE 1 (Form 1040)		Additional Income and Adjustments to Income		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR. Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information.		20XX Attachment Sequence No. 01	
Name(s) shown on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR			Your social security number		
For 2024, enter the amount reported to you on Form(s) 1099-K that was included in error or for personal items sold at a loss					
Note: The remaining amounts reported to you on Form(s) 1099-K should be reported elsewhere on your return depending on the nature of the transaction. See www.irs.gov/1099k .					
Part I Additional Income					
1	Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes	1	Line 7i		
2a	Alimony received	2a	Line 7j		
3	Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C	3			
4	Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797	4	Line 7k		
5	Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E	5	Line 7l		
6	Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F	6			
7	Unemployment compensation	7	Line 7m		
8	Other income:				
a	Net operating loss	8a			
b	Gambling	8b			
c	Cancellation of debt	8c			
d	Foreign earned income exclusion from Form 2555	8d			
e	Income from Form 8853	8e			
f	Income from Form 8889	8f			
g	Alaska Permanent Fund dividends	8g			
h	Jury duty pay	8h			
i	Prizes and awards	8i			
j	Activity not engaged in for profit income	8j			
k	Stock options	8k			
l	Income from the rental of personal property if you engaged in the rental for profit but were not in the business of renting such property	8l			
m	Olympic and Paralympic medals and USOC prize money (see instructions)	8m			
n	Section 951(a) inclusion (see instructions)	8n			
o	Section 951A(a) inclusion (see instructions)	8o			
p	Section 461(f) excess business loss adjustment	8p			
q	Taxable distributions from an ABLE account (see instructions)	8q			
r	Scholarship and fellowship grants not reported on Form W-2	8r			
s	Nontaxable amount of Medicaid waiver payments included on Form 1040, line 1a or 1d	8s			
t	Pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental section 457 plan	8t			
u	Wages earned while incarcerated	8u			
v	Digital assets received as ordinary income not reported elsewhere. See instructions	8v			
z	Other income. List type and amount:	8z			
9	Total other income. Add lines 8a through 8z	9	Line 7n		
10	Combine lines 1 through 7 and 9. This is your additional income . Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 8	10			

Part II Adjustments to Income		
11	Educator expenses	11
12	Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106	12
13	Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889	13
14	Moving expenses for members of the Armed Forces. Attach Form 3903	14
15	Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	15 Line 7P
16	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans	16 Line 7Q
17	Self-employed health insurance deduction	17
18	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings	18
19a	Alimony paid	19a
b	Recipient's SSN	
c	Date of original divorce or separation agreement (see instructions):	
20	IRA deduction	20 Line 7R
21	Student loan interest deduction	21
22	Reserved for future use	22
23	Archer MSA deduction	23
24	Other adjustments:	
a	Jury duty pay (see instructions)	24a
b	Deductible expenses related to income reported on line 8i from the rental of personal property engaged in for profit	24b
c	Nontaxable amount of the value of Olympic and Paralympic medals and USOC prize money reported on line 8m	24c
d	Reforestation amortization and expenses	24d
e	Repayment of supplemental unemployment benefits under the Trade Act of 1974	24e
f	Contributions to section 501(c)(18)(D) pension plans	24f
g	Contributions by certain chaplains to section 403(b) plans	24g
h	Attorney fees and court costs for actions involving certain unlawful discrimination claims (see instructions)	24h
i	Attorney fees and court costs you paid in connection with an award from the IRS for information you provided that helped the IRS detect tax law violations	24i
j	Housing deduction from Form 2555	24j
k	Excess deductions of section 67(e) expenses from Schedule K-1 (Form 1041)	24k
z	Other adjustments. List type and amount:	24z
25	Total other adjustments. Add lines 24a through 24z	25
26	Add lines 11 through 23 and 25. These are your adjustments to income . Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 10	26 Line 7O

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

➤ **1040 Tax Schedule 1, Line 3: 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 application, the total of the net profit or loss from each Schedule C business you own should equal the amount shown on your 1040 Tax Schedule 1, Line 3. Be sure to upload each Schedule C you file, if you have income or a loss listed on your 1040 Tax Schedule 1, Line 3.

➤ **1040 Tax Schedule 1, Line 5: 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 Tax Schedule 1, Line

5. If any income reported on Line 5 is from rental property, trusts, or royalties, report it on Line 7l.

If any income reported on Line 5 is from S corporations or Partnerships that you share ownership in, report it on Line 15-18, 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 Tax Schedule 1, Line 5.

➤ **1040 Tax Schedule 1 Adjustments to Income**

Be sure to report the total shown on 1040 Tax Schedule 1, page 2, line 26 on line 7o. Be sure to itemize a note on the line "Detail your other adjustments to 20xx revenue."

– Important –

If you filed a 1040 Schedule 1 and have reported income from rental real estate, partnerships, S-corporations Line 5 or Farm Income-Line 6. Please use our Tax Primer for Self Employed Parents for further instructions on how to complete sections 15-19 of the Application.

Other Schedules

Form 1040 Schedule A

SCHEDULE A (Form 1040)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Itemized Deductions

Attach to Form 1040 or 1040-SR.

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

Caution: If you are claiming a net qualified disaster loss on Form 4684, see the instructions for line 16.

Name(s) shown on Form 1040 or 1040-SR

OMB No. 1545-0074

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Attachment
Sequence No. 07

Your social security number

Medical and Dental Expenses	Caution: Do not include expenses reimbursed or paid by others.		
	1 Medical and dental expenses (see instructions)	1	Line 14B
	2 Enter amount from Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11 2	2	
	3 Multiply line 2 by 7.5% (0.075)	3	
	4 Subtract line 3 from line 1. If line 3 is more than line 1, enter -0-	4	
Taxes You Paid	5 State and local taxes.		
	a State and local income taxes or general sales taxes. You may include either income taxes or general sales taxes on line 5a, but not both. If you elect to include general sales taxes instead of income taxes, check this box ☐	5a	
	b State and local real estate taxes (see instructions)	5b	
	c State and local personal property taxes	5c	
	d Add lines 5a through 5c	5d	
	e Enter the smaller of line 5d or \$10,000 (\$5,000 if married filing separately)	5e	
	6 Other taxes. List type and amount:	6	
	7 Add lines 5e and 6	7	
Interest You Paid Caution: Your mortgage interest deduction may be limited. See instructions.	8 Home mortgage interest and points. If you didn't use all of your home mortgage loan(s) to buy, build, or improve your home, see instructions and check this box ☐		
	a Home mortgage interest and points reported to you on Form 1098. See instructions if limited	8a	
	b Home mortgage interest not reported to you on Form 1098. See instructions if limited. If paid to the person from whom you bought the home, see instructions and show that person's name, identifying no., and address	8b	
	c Points not reported to you on Form 1098. See instructions for special rules	8c	
	d Reserved for future use	8d	
	e Add lines 8a through 8c	8e	
	9 Investment interest. Attach Form 4952 if required. See instructions	9	
	10 Add lines 8e and 9	10	
	Gifts to Charity Caution: If you made a gift and got a benefit for it, see instructions.	11 Gifts by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more, see instructions	11
12 Other than by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more, see instructions. You must attach Form 8283 if over \$500		12	
13 Carryover from prior year		13	
14 Add lines 11 through 13		14	
Casualty and Theft Losses	15 Casualty and theft loss(es) from a federally declared disaster (other than net qualified disaster losses). Attach Form 4684 and enter the amount from line 18 of that form. See instructions	15	
	16 Other—from list in instructions. List type and amount:	16	
Total Itemized Deductions	17 Add the amounts in the far right column for lines 4 through 16. Also, enter this amount on Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 12	17	Line 6E
	18 If you elect to itemize deductions even though they are less than your standard deduction, check this box ☐		

Schedule C

What is Schedule C for?

Schedule C is used for reporting specific details about each business you own for which you are the sole proprietor. It shows the name, location, and type of business. It details the total gross income you received from the business. It itemizes the allowable expenses of the business that can be written off against the business's income to ultimately show what your net profit or loss was on the business. The net profit or loss is then entered on your Form 1040 Schedule 1 on Line 3. When you submit your 1040 to the IRS, you are required to attach/include a Schedule C for each sole proprietorship you own.

What does Schedule C look like?

SCHEDULE C (Form 1040)		Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship)		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-SS, 1040-NR, or 1041; partnerships must generally file Form 1065. Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleC for instructions and the latest information.		20XX Attachment Sequence No. 09	
Name of proprietor				Social security number (SSN)	
A Principal business or profession, including product or service (see instructions)				B Enter code from instructions	
C Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank.				D Employer ID number (EIN) (see instr.)	
E (Business address (including suite or room no.) City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code)					
F Accounting method: (1) ☐ Cash (2) ☐ Accrual (3) ☐ Other (specify) _____					
G Did you "materially participate" in the operation of this business during 2024? If "No," see instructions for limit on losses				☐ Yes ☐ No	
H If you started or acquired this business during 2024, check here				☐ Yes ☐ No	
I Did you make any payments in 2024 that would require you to file Form(s) 1099? See instructions				☐ Yes ☐ No	
J If "Yes," did you or will you file required Form(s) 1099?				☐ Yes ☐ No	
Part I Income					
1 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				1	
2 Returns and allowances				2	
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1				3	
4 Cost of goods sold (from line 42)				4	
5 Gross profit. Subtract line 4 from line 3				5	
6 Other income, including federal and state gasoline or fuel tax credit or refund (see instructions)				6	
7 Gross income. Add lines 5 and 6				7	
Part II Expenses. Enter expenses for business use of your home only on line 30.					
8 Advertising		8		18 Office expense (see instructions)	
9 Car and truck expenses (see instructions)		9		19 Pension and profit-sharing plans	
10 Commissions and fees		10		20 Rent or lease (see instructions):	
11 Contract labor (see instructions)		11		a Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	
12 Depreciation		12		b Other business property	
13 Depreciation and section 179 expense deduction (not included in Part III) (see instructions)		13		21 Repairs and maintenance	
14 Employee benefit programs (other than on line 19)		14		22 Supplies (not included in Part III)	
15 Insurance (other than health)		15		23 Taxes and licenses	
16 Interest (see instructions):		16a		24 Travel and meals:	
a Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)		16b		a Travel	
b Other		17		b Deductible meals (see instructions)	
17 Legal and professional services		17		25 Utilities	
				26 Wages (less employment credits)	
				27a Other expenses (from line 48)	
				b Energy efficient commercial bldgs deduction (attach Form 7205)	
				27b	
28 Total expenses before expenses for business use of home. Add lines 8 through 27b				28	
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					

Which lines on Schedule C matter most for completing the Application?

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

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

➤ Schedule C: Business Information and Income

SCHEDULE C (Form 1040)		Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship)		OMB No. 1545-0074	
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-SS, 1040-NR, or 1041; partnerships must generally file Form 1065. Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleC for instructions and the latest information.		20 XX Attachment Sequence No. 09	
Name of proprietor				Social security number (SSN)	
A Principal business or profession, including product or service (see instructions) Line 15L				B Enter code from instructions	
C Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank. Line 15A				D Employer ID number (EIN) (see instr.)	
E Business address (including suite or room no.) City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code Line 15H to 15K					
F Accounting method: (1) ☐ Cash (2) ☐ Accrual (3) ☐ Other (specify)					
G Did you "materially participate" in the operation of this business during 2024? If "No," see instructions for limit on losses				☐ Yes ☐ No	
H If you started or acquired this business during 2024, check here				☐ Yes ☐ No	
I Did you make any payments in 2024 that would require you to file Form(s) 1099? See instructions				☐ Yes ☐ No	
J If "Yes," did you or will you file required Form(s) 1099?				☐ Yes ☐ No	
Part I Income					
1 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				1 Line 16A	
2 Returns and allowances				2	
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1				3	
4 Cost of goods sold (from line 42)				4 Line 16B	
5 Gross profit. Subtract line 4 from line 3				5 Should match 16C	
6 Other income, including federal and state gasoline or fuel tax credit or refund (see instructions)				6 Line 16D	
7 Gross income. Add lines 5 and 6				7	

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

Part II Expenses. Enter expenses for business use of your home only 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	Line 17F
14	Employee benefit programs (other than on line 19)	14	Line 17C
15	Insurance (other than health)	15	
16	Interest (see instructions):		
a	Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)	16a	Line 17E
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):		
a	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	20a	Line 17D
b	Other business property	20b	Line 17D
21	Repairs and maintenance	21	
22	Supplies (not included in Part III)	22	
23	Taxes and licenses	23	
24	Travel and meals:		
a	Travel	24a	
b	Deductible meals (see instructions)	24b	
25	Utilities	25	
26	Wages (less employment credits)	26	Line 17A & 17B
27a	Other expenses (from line 48)	27a	
b	Energy efficient commercial bldgs deduction (attach Form 7205)	27b	
28	Total expenses before expenses for business use of home. Add lines 8 through 27b	28	
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. Simplified method filers only: 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	Net profit or (loss). Subtract line 30 from line 29. • If a profit, enter on both Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3, and on Schedule SE, line 2. (If you checked the box on line 1, see instructions.) Estates and trusts, enter on Form 1041, line 3. • If a loss, you must go to line 32.	31	Should match 17L

Schedule C: Business Expenses and Net Profit/Loss

– Look at Line 13

If you are writing off any depreciation or “section 179 expense,” you will see an entry here. Line 17F asks you to report this amount. If you claim depreciation, you will likely also file 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 application 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 Line 17A. Only report this amount if you provide 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 Line 17B.

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

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

Form 1099-MISC

What is Form 1099-MISC for?

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 was not 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 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 20 Form 1099-MISC	Miscellaneous Information Copy 1 For State Tax Department
PAYER'S TIN 		2 Royalties \$ _____ 	3 Other income ☐ \$ _____ 	
RECIPIENT'S name Street address (including apt. no.) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code 		4 Federal income tax withheld \$ _____ 		
Account number (see instructions) 		5 Fishing boat proceeds \$ _____ 	6 Medical and health care payments \$ _____ 	
FATCA filing requirement ☐		7 Payer made direct sales totaling \$5,000 or more of consumer products to recipient for resale ☐ \$ _____ 	8 Substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest \$ _____ 	
		9 Crop insurance proceeds \$ _____ 	10 Gross proceeds paid to an attorney \$ _____ 	
		11 Fish purchased for resale \$ _____ 	12 Section 409A deferrals \$ _____ 	
		13 Excess golden parachute payments \$ _____ 	14 Nonqualified deferred compensation \$ _____ 	
		15 State tax withheld \$ _____ 	16 State/Payer's state no. _____	17 State income \$ _____

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

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

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

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 application, 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 did not receive a W-2 (meaning you did not 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 under additional documents.