From:	Princi	pal Name						
	Schoo	l Name						
	Phone	Number						
	Address							
	City				State		ZIP	
Directions:								
	1.	Fill out the online School Enrollment Form Visit www.directv4schools.com/enroll.aspx to access this form.						
	2.	Read and sign the IRS W-9 Form. Note: The W-9 is multiple pages, but we only need the first page back.						
	3.	Read the Terms & Conditions, and check the box below.						
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To: DIRECTV4Schools

Fax: 772-283-2550

# Waiver for PTO/PTA Participation

Under the DIRECTV4Schools Program Terms & Conditions, School Rewards payments will be sent directly to the school principal by default. To authorize a PTO or PTA organization as the schools' official PTO or PTA organization for purposes of the administration of the DIRECTV4Schools program and have funds sent to the school's PTO or PTA organization, the school principal must sign and date this waiver and return it with other registration documents via fax to 772-283-2550. **IMPORTANT:**If selecting the waiver option, please be sure to include the <u>PTO or PTA organization's W-9 form</u> with the registration packet (not the school's W9).

If a blank/incomplete waiver is returned or if no waiver form is recieved, School Rewards payments will be sent to the school and mailed to the principal's attention.

Please note that only recognized PTO or PTA organizations are eligible for this waiver. Booster clubs, ASB organizations, education foundations, and athletic teams are not eligible. See the Program Terms & Conditions for a full list of ineligible organizations.

Principal Name	
School Name	
Phone Number	
Address	
City	State ZIP
○ Send S	School Rewards payments directly to the school. (Default)
O DIRECT	rize the PTO/PTA organization referenced below to administer the TV4Schools program on behalf of the above named school and receive School description of the payments. When selecting this option, please fill out the section below.
If selecting the waiv	ver option, please provide the name and mailing address of the official PTO/PTA group below:
PTO/PTA Name	
Contact Name	
Contact E-mail	
Address	
City, State	ZIP
Principal Signature	Date

# DIRECTV4Schools™ Program Terms And Conditions



- The DIRECTV4Schools™ Program (the "Program") has been established to benefit accredited public or private educational institutions (serving grades K-12 only) located in the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, which are tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3) and described under IRC section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). Schools must be housed in a facility zoned as a school building by the local municipality. Universities, community colleges, home schools, day care centers or public libraries do not qualify. Eligibility for the Program is determined by DIRECTV and/or the Program administrator in their sole discretion.
- School enrollment is open from Aug. 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. No school may enroll or re-enroll between May 1, 2011 and July 31, 2011. Schools must first register for the Program by having the school principal or an authorized school administrator call the Program administrator at 1-800-628-2476 or log on to www.DIRECTV4Schools.com and provide the required information about the school, including but not limited to, the school name; address; school phone number; the name of the principal; the number of enrolled students; and the name of the principal's authorized delegate. A completed IRS Form W-9 must be submitted, as well. Upon review, verification of eligibility and acceptance of the school information, the school will be registered and will be e-mailed its official "School Code" for use throughout the Program. THIS SCHOOL CODE MUST BE USED FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO EARN SCHOOL REWARDS.
- Beginning Aug. 1, 2010, a PTO or PTA organization may participate on behalf of a registered school, provided that the school's principal has authorized the group to do so and signed and returned the "PTO/PTA Waiver Form," and that the PTO/PTA organization has provided an IRS W-9 form to the School Registration and Support center. Only one School Code will be issued per academic institution. PTO/PTA organizations are the only groups eligible for this waiver; sports teams, booster clubs, honor societies and other groups do not qualify. Eligibility for the Program is determined by DIRECTV and/or the Program administrator in their sole discretion.
- Beginning Aug. 1, 2010, registered schools will be eligible to earn school rewards in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) ("School Rewards") per new customer who signs up for DIRECTV service or fifty dollars (\$50) per existing DIRECTV customer who activates a new programming commitment. Customers must call the designated Program phone number at 1-888-388-4724. CUSTOMERS MUST USE THE DESIGNATED PHONE NUMBER 1-888-388-4724 AND MUST INCLUDE THE SCHOOL CODE WHEN ORDERING, OR THE SCHOOL REWARD WILL NOT BE EARNED. AFTER AN ORDER HAS BEEN PROCESSED, SCHOOL CODES WILL NOT BE APPLIED TO AN ACCOUNT OR CHANGED.
- The '10-'11 DIRECTV4Schools program period begins Aug. 1, 2010 and ends June 30, 2011. Only one School Reward may be earned per DIRECTV account during the '10-'11 DIRECTV4Schoools program period. Only one School Code may be applied per account. Code must be identified at time of initial order; codes will not be applied to accounts retroactively.
- DIRECTV will track School Rewards earned by each school and shall pay School Rewards two times a year, in November and May. Such payment date and/or frequency to be determined by DIRECTV in its sole discretion, and is subject to change. DIRECTV will provide each school principal with a PIN number that

will allow him/her to access progress report estimates online at www.directv4schools.com. Data given online is an estimate of progress based on orders made with a specific school code. Payments will be determined based on number of ordered accounts that are approved activations and not cancelled prior to the payment date. Accounts that are not activated or approved or that are cancelled prior to the payment date will not qualify for School Rewards.

- Lost School Rewards checks: Schools may request a replacement School Rewards check by contacting School Registration and Support at (800) 628-2476. The deadline to request a replacement check is the last day of the month five calendar months from the scheduled payout date. Replacement checks for the Fall 2010 (November) payout must be requested by May 30, 2011; replacement checks for the Spring 2011 (May) payout must be requested by November 30, 2011.
- DIRECTV is not responsible for late, lost or misdirected sales or data, or any other transmission or
  recording method errors, or for jumbled, garbled or illegible sales or data, or for any other errors or
  malfunctions that may affect any aspect of the Program. DIRECTV reserves the right to cancel or suspend
  the Program at any time without notice. Sales information and entry materials are the property of
  DIRECTV and none will be returned. DIRECTV's decisions are final and binding in all matters relating to the
  Program. If School Rewards are unclaimed or non-deliverable for any reason, or if a school is later
  determined to be ineligible to receive the School Rewards, the School Rewards will be forfeited and will
  not be awarded.
- DIRECTV reserves the right to disqualify a school from participation in the Program at any time and to change the Terms and Conditions of the Program without notice. Program changes will be communicated via the directv4schools.com website.
- By participating in the Program and by accepting any payment for School Rewards, administrators and schools agree to release DIRECTV Enterprises LLC and each of their respective parent and affiliate companies, subsidiaries, retailers, sales representatives, distributors and advertising and promotion agencies, as well as the officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents of each of the foregoing from any and all liability, loss, damage or injury sustained in connection with his/her/their participation in the Program. All taxes and any other fees or costs associated with School Rewards are solely the responsibility of the schools and administrators. (Depending upon total amounts earned, each school may receive an IRS earnings form.) School Rewards cannot be transferred and no substitutions or cash redemptions will be made, except as provided herein.
- Any legal or equitable claim arising out of participation in the Program (a "Claim") will be resolved only by binding arbitration. The arbitration will be conducted under the JAMS Streamlined Arbitration Rules and Procedures (the "JAMS Streamlined Rules"). ARBITRATION MEANS THAT YOU WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL. The interpretation and enforcement of these Terms and Conditions shall be governed by the laws of the state where you are located, except this paragraph shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act. Neither you nor we shall be entitled to join or consolidate Claims in arbitration by or against other individuals or entities, or arbitrate any Claim as a representative member of a class or in a private attorney general capacity. Accordingly, you and we agree that the JAMS Class Action Procedures do not apply to our arbitration. If, however, the law of your state would find this agreement to dispense with class arbitration procedures unenforceable, then this entire paragraph is unenforceable.

# Form W-9 (Rev. September 2007) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

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back alien,	er your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 kup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a real, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entire employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN or	esident ties, it is	Social secur	or	
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Unde	er penalties of perjury, I certify that:				
1. T	The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waitin	g for a numl	per to be iss	sued to me), and	
F	I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to rep notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and				

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4

## **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

### **Purpose of Form**

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- 1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
  - 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- 3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States.
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

• The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

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• The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and

• The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the recipient has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

- 1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
  - 2. The treaty article addressing the income.
- 3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
- 4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
- 5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

# Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

- 1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
- 2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
- 3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

- 4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
- 5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see Special rules for partnerships on page 1.

#### **Penalties**

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

# **Specific Instructions**

#### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

Limited liability company (LLC). Check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification ("D" for disregarded entity, "C" for corporation, "P" for partnership) in the space provided.

For a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line.

For an LLC classified as a partnership or a corporation, enter the LLC's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

**Note.** You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

## **Exempt From Backup Withholding**

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

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Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

**Note.** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

**Exempt payees.** Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

- 1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
- 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
- 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
- 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
- 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

- 6. A corporation,
- 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
- 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
- 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
  - A real estate investment trust,
- 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
  - 13. A financial institution,
- 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
- 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt recipients listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for	THEN the payment is exempt for		
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9		
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker		
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5		
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 <sup>2</sup>		

See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

# Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN** in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/businesses">www.irs.gov/businesses</a> and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting <a href="https://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note.** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

#### Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

- 1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
- 2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

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- **3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
- **4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
- 5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

	For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1.	Individual	The individual
2.	Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account
3.	Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4.	a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
	b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5.	Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
	For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6.	Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
7.	A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8.	Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9.	Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10.	Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11.	A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12.	Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

**Note.** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

# **Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 if you think your identity has been used inappropriately for tax purposes.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to *phishing@irs.gov*. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS personal property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: *spam@uce.gov* or contact them at *www.consumer.gov/idtheft* or 1-877-IDTHEFT(438-4338).

Visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

#### **Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see Special rules for partnerships on page 1.