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Dear Valued Client:

This Tax Organizer is designed to help you gather the tax information needed to prepare your 2020 personal income tax return. To help you complete the Organizer with minimal time and effort, when available, you will find certain information from your 2019 personal income tax return.

To protect your privacy, your Tax Organizer contains masked data. Masked data displays as asterisks. For example, a Social Security number could display as \*\*\*-\*\*-6789, an account number as \*\*\*\*\*6789, and a date of birth as \*\*/\*\*/2000. If you would like to confirm the masked data or make a change to your data, please contact this office. Do not indicate any changes to your data on your Tax Organizer. When you receive your completed tax return(s), make sure you review all Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, and dates of birth for accuracy.

Enter 2020 information on the Tax Organizer pages provided. If any information does not apply to you or is incorrect, please draw a line through it or make the necessary corrections.

The Client Questionnaire asks about pertinent tax items necessary for preparing the most accurate tax return possible. Please answer all questions and attach a statement when necessary for additional information not provided in the Client Organizer.

You will also need to provide the following information:

- Forms W-2 for wages, salaries and tips.
- All Forms 1099 for interest, dividends, retirement, miscellaneous income, Social Security, state or local refunds, gambling winnings, etc.
- Brokerage statements showing investment transactions for stocks, bonds, etc.
- Schedule K-1 from partnerships, S corporations, estates and trusts.
- Statements supporting educational expenses, deductions or distributions, including any Forms 1098-T, 1098-E, or 1099-Q.
- All Forms 1095-A, 1095-B, and/or 1095-C related to health care coverage or the Premium Tax Credit.
- Statements supporting deductions for mortgage interest, taxes, and charitable contributions (including any Form 1098-C).
- Copies of closing statements regarding the sale or purchase of real property.
- Legal papers for adoption, divorce, or separation involving custody of your dependent children.
- Any tax notices sent to you by the IRS or other taxing authority.
- A copy of your income tax return from last year, if not prepared by this office.

IRS regulations require paid tax preparers who expect to prepare and file 11 or more federal individual, nonresident alien, or trust tax returns to file them electronically. To comply with this requirement your return will be electronically filed this year. The benefits of e-filing include a secure way to file tax returns and it provides proof of acceptance that the IRS has accepted your return for processing. Contact this office if you prefer your return be filed on paper.

The IRS doesn't *initiate* contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts. Phishing is a scam typically carried out through unsolicited email and/or websites that pose as legitimate sites and lure unsuspecting victims to provide personal and financial information. If you receive such an email from the IRS, send a copy of the email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). Please do not respond to the email unless the email request you send to the IRS has been verified as legitimate. You may also contact our office regarding any correspondence, written or electronic, that you receive from the IRS.

In order to meet the filing deadline for your 2020 income tax return, your completed tax organizer needs to be received by our office no later than March 15, 2021. Any information received after that date may require an extension of time be filed for your return.

**The deadline to turn in your tax documents is Monday, March 15, 2021**

Please note, if we do not receive your documents by March 15, 2021, your returns may need to be put on extension.

We offer three ways to send us your tax documents:

- 1. Scan and upload securely to ShareFile** - The IRS recommends that you do not send us any information or documents that contains personally identifiable information like social security numbers, dates of birth or account numbers via any unsecure email. Our ShareFile client portal allows you to upload documents securely as well as send us a secure, encrypted email right from a link in our email signatures.
- 2. Mail your tax documents** - We understand that not everyone is comfortable with using technology so you may continue to mail your tax documents to our office. We will send you a pre-paid (by us) Priority Mail Envelope with tracking and confirmation of delivery for any client that requests it. We will scan your documents into our system and upload a copy to your folder on ShareFile before returning the documents to you. This will help you have an electronic copy should any documents be lost, damaged or destroyed in the future.
- 3. Drop off to Towson Office** - We will continue with our successful drop off procedure that went into effect in 2017. We will accept your tax documents via drop off at our office between the hours of 9 am - 3 pm, Monday through Friday and provide you with a receipt of acceptance. No appointment is necessary.

**Action Required** - If you do not have access to your ShareFile folder, please contact Sara at [sara@taylorcpas.net](mailto:sara@taylorcpas.net) or call our office (410) 823-5442 and Sara will assist you with getting a link to your folder.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

TAYLOR & COMPANY LLC

## Questions

Please check the appropriate box and include all necessary details and documentation.

	Yes	No
<b>Personal Information</b>		
Did your marital status change during the year? If yes, explain: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did your address change from last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you change any bank accounts, or did routing transit numbers (RTN) and/or bank account number change for existing bank accounts that have been used to direct deposit (or direct debit) funds from (or to) the IRS or other taxing authority during the tax year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you, your spouse (if applicable), and any dependents have a taxpayer identification number (SSN, ITIN, or ATIN)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS or have you been a victim of identity theft? If yes, attach the IRS letter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you reside in or operate a business in a Federally declared disaster area? The Federally declared disaster areas include victims of hurricanes, tropical storms, floods, as well as wildfires.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>COVID-19 Information</b>		
Did you receive an Economic Impact Payment (EIP or EIP 2) as reported on Notice 1444 or 1444-B?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, did you apply for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a telecommuting employee that was required to "shelter in place" due to local COVID-19 protocols while working in a state that was not your home state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive emergency leave sick pay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive emergency family leave wages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you receive any special unemployment benefits or compensation under the Coronavirus Relief Act during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you provided to your son or daughter under the age of 18?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are self-employed, were you unable to perform your self-employed activities due to coronavirus related care you provided to another?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dependent Information</b>		
Were there any changes in dependents from the prior year? If yes, explain: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any children under age 19 or a full-time student under age 24 with unearned income in excess of \$2,200?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have dependents who must file a tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you provide over half the support for any other person(s) other than your dependent children during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you pay for child care while you worked, looked for work, or while a full-time student?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you pay any expenses related to the adoption of a child during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are divorced or separated with child(ren), do you have a divorce decree or other form of separation agreement which establishes custodial responsibilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Did any dependents receive an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS or have they been a victim of identity theft? If yes, attach the IRS letter.

### **Purchases, Sales and Debt Information**

Did you start a new business or purchase rental property during the year?

Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any assets used in your trade or business?

Did you acquire a new or additional interest in a partnership or S corporation?

Did you sell, exchange, or purchase any real estate during the year?

Did you purchase or sell a principal residence during the year?

Did you foreclose or abandon a principal residence or real property during the year?

Did you acquire or dispose of any stock during the year?

Did you take out a home equity loan this year?

Did you refinance a principal residence or second home this year?

Did you sell an existing business, rental, or other property this year?

Did you lend money with the understanding of repayment and this year it became totally uncollectable?

Did you have any debts canceled or forgiven this year, such as a home mortgage or student loan(s)?

Did you purchase a qualified plug-in electric drive vehicle or qualified fuel cell vehicle this year?

### **Income Information**

Did you have any foreign income or pay any foreign taxes during the year, directly or indirectly, such as from investment accounts, partnerships or a foreign employer?

Did you receive any income from property sold prior to this year?

Did you receive any unemployment benefits during the year?

Did you receive any disability income during the year?

Did you receive any Medicaid waiver payments as difficulty of care during the year?

Did you receive tip income not reported to your employer this year?

Did any of your life insurance policies mature, or did you surrender any policies?

Did you receive any awards, prizes, hobby income, gambling or lottery winnings?

Did you receive any income considered to be nonemployee compensation?

Do you expect a large fluctuation in income, deductions, or withholding next year?

Did you have any sales or other exchanges of virtual currencies (including from an airdrop or a hard fork, or used virtual currencies to pay for goods or services)?

### **Retirement Information**

Are you an active participant in a pension or retirement plan?

Did you receive any Social Security benefits during the year?

Did you make any withdrawals from an IRA, Roth, myRA, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan?

If yes, were any withdrawals due to a Federally declared disaster or COVID-19?

If you received any qualified disaster retirement plan distributions, did you repay any of the distributions in 2020?

Did you receive any lump-sum payments from a pension, profit sharing or 401(k) plan?

Did you make any contributions to an IRA, Roth, myRA, Keogh, SIMPLE, SEP, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan?

### **Education Information**

Did you, your spouse, or your dependents attend a post-secondary school during the year, or plan to attend one in the coming year?

Did you have any educational expenses during the year on behalf of yourself, your spouse, or a dependent? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1098-T and receipts for qualified tuition and related expenses

Did anyone in your family receive a scholarship of any kind during the year?

- If yes, were any of the scholarship funds used for expenses other than tuition, such as room and board?
- Did you make any withdrawals from an education savings or 529 Plan account?
- If yes, were any of these withdrawals rolled over into an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account?
- Did you make any contributions to an education savings or 529 Plan account?
- Did you pay any student loan interest this year?
- Did you cash any Series EE or I U.S. Savings bonds issued after 1989?
- Would you like a worksheet to aid in the completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Department of Education?

### Health Care Information

- Did you have qualifying health care coverage, such as employer-sponsored coverage or government-sponsored coverage (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid) for your family? "Your family" for health care coverage refers to you, your spouse if filing jointly, and anyone you can claim as a dependent. If yes, attach any Form(s) 1095-B and/or 1095-C you received.
- Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the Affordable Care Act? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1095-A you received.
- Did you enroll for lower cost Marketplace Coverage through healthcare.gov under the Affordable Care Act and share a policy with anyone who is not included in your family?
- Did you make any contributions to a Health savings account (HSA) or Archer MSA?
- Did you receive any distributions from a Health savings account (HSA), Archer MSA, or Medicare Advantage MSA this year?
- Did you pay long-term care premiums for yourself or your family?
- Did you make any contributions to an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account? If yes, attach any Form(s) 5498-QA you received.
- Did you receive any withdrawals from an ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1099-QA you received.
- If you are a business owner, did you pay health insurance premiums for your employees this year?
- Did you receive any Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) advance payments?
- If yes, attach any Form(s) 1099-H you received.

### Itemized Deduction Information

- Did you incur a casualty or theft loss or any condemnation awards during the year?
- If yes, did the loss occur in a Federally declared disaster area?
- Did you pay out-of-pocket medical expenses (Co-pays, prescription drugs, etc.)?
- Did you make any cash or noncash charitable contributions (clothes, furniture, etc.)?
- If yes, please provide evidence such as a receipt from the donee organization, a canceled check, or record of payment, to substantiate all contributions made.
- Did you donate a vehicle or boat during the year? If yes, attach Form 1098-C or other written acknowledgment from the donee organization.
- Did you pay real estate taxes for your primary home and/or second home?
- Did you pay any mortgage interest on an existing home loan? If yes, attach any Form(s) 1098 you received.
- Did you incur interest expenses associated with any investment accounts you held?
- Did you make any major purchases during the year (cars, boats, etc.)?
- Did you make any out-of-state purchases (by telephone, internet, mail, or in person) for which the seller did not collect state sales or use tax?

### Miscellaneous Information

- Did you make gifts of more than \$15,000 to any individual?
- Did you utilize an area of your home for business purposes?
- Did you engage in any bartering transactions?
- Did you retire or change jobs this year?

- Did you incur moving costs because of a permanent change of station as a member of the Armed Forces on active duty?
- Did you pay any individual as a household employee during the year?
- Did you make energy efficient improvements to your main home this year?
- Did you receive a distribution from, or were you a grantor or transferor for a foreign trust?
- Did you have a financial interest in or signature authority over a financial account such as a bank account, securities account, or brokerage account, located in a foreign country?
- Do you have any foreign financial accounts, foreign financial assets, or hold interest in a foreign entity?
- Did you receive correspondence from the State or the IRS?
- If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have previous years of tax returns that are either unfiled or filed with unpaid balances due?
- Do you want to designate \$3 to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund? If you check yes, it will not change your tax or reduce your refund.

**Client Organizer Topical Index**

This client organizer topical index is designed to help you quickly locate the items listed. To use the index just locate the topic and refer to the page number listed. The page number corresponds to the number printed in the top right corner of your organizer sheets.

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Please note the following conventions used throughout your client organizer: T/S/J and T/S headings should be used to indicate if an item belongs to the (T)axpayer, (S)pouse, or (J)oint. Also, if an item did not occur in your resident state, please indicate the state's postal code abbreviation in which the item occurred. Control totals and [ ] numbers are for preparer use only.





**IRS regulations require paid tax preparers who expect to prepare a certain amount of federal individual tax returns to file them electronically. To comply with this requirement your return will be electronically filed this year if it qualifies for electronic filing under IRS rules. Taxpayers may choose to file a paper return instead of filing electronically.**

Mark if you want to file a paper return even if you qualify for electronic filing \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

Receive email notification(s) when your electronic file is accepted by the taxing agency (Blank = None, 1 = Return, 2 = Return & Extension) \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

If 1 or 2, please provide email address on Organizer Form ID: Info

Mark if you are filing a balance due return electronically and you want to pay the amount due by debiting your financial institution account \_\_\_\_\_ [9]

The IRS requires a Personal Identification Number (PIN) be used in signing returns that are electronically filed.

Each taxpayer and spouse, if applicable, must provide a 5 digit self-selected PIN of your choice other than all zeroes.

Taxpayer self-selected Personal Identification Number (PIN) \_\_\_\_\_ [7]

Spouse self-selected Personal Identification Number (PIN) \_\_\_\_\_ [8]

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**NOTES/QUESTIONS:**



### Notes to Preparer

Submit questions and provide additional information to your tax return preparer here.

Taxpayer name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Social security number \_\_\_\_\_