

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
(Form 1099-Q)
OMB # 1545-1760**

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Form 1099-Q, Payments From Qualified Education Programs (Under Sections 529 and 530), is used to report distributions from private and state qualified tuition programs as required under Internal Revenue Code sections 529 and 530. A Form 1099-Q is filed if you (a) are an officer or an employee, or the designee of an officer or employee, having control of a program established by a state or eligible educational institution; and (b) made a distribution from a qualified tuition program (QTP). A trustee of a Coverdell education savings account (ESA) must file Form 1099-Q to report distributions made from Coverdell ESAs. To lessen the burden for payers, Form 1099-Q was developed to report distributions from private and state qualified tuition programs. A copy of the Form 1099-Q must be furnished to the recipient.

2. USE OF DATA

Students and designated beneficiaries will use the information provided to report earnings from qualified tuition programs on their individual tax returns (i.e. Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ).

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We are offering electronic filing on Form 1099-Q.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

We have attempted to eliminate burden on small businesses within the agency wherever possible.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Not applicable.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

Not applicable.

8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of the American Bar Association, the National Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and other professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding Form 1099-Q.

In response to the *Federal Register* notice (79 FR 6999), dated February 5, 2014, we received no comments regarding Form 1099-Q.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

Not applicable.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, Treasury has published its complete Privacy Act systems of records notices, which include all maintained records systems as of January 2, 2014; six systems have been amended, altered, or added since April 20, 2010, when the complete notices were last published. See 79 F.R. 209-261 and 79 F.R. 183-206, which was published on January 2, 2014.

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the "Individual Master File (IMF)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under IRS 24.030--Customer Account Data Engine Individual Master File, formerly Individual Master File, and IRS 34.037--IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Department of Treasury PIAs can be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/privacy/PIAs/Pages/default.aspx> .

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns,

statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Time per Response</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Form 1099-Q	2,409,500	.22	530,090

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown are not available at this time.

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

As suggested by OMB, our *Federal Register* notice (79 FR 6999) dated February 5, 2014, requested public comments on estimates of cost burden that are not captured in the estimates of burden hours, i.e., estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. However, we did not receive any response from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of the cost burdens are not available at this time.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The primary cost to the government consists of the cost of printing Form 1099-Q. We estimate that the cost of printing the form is \$8,000.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

A more accurate accounting of the number of annual responses have been obtained from the 2013 IRS Publication 6961 (2013), "Calendar Year Projections of Information and Withholding Documents for the United States and IRS Campuses" (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p6961.pdf>). The Office of Research staff within the Research, Analysis and Statistics, IRS, provides calendar year projections of information and withholding documents (IRP) on an annual basis to accommodate more recent filing experiences, which includes the Form 1099-Q. The increase of 2,259,500 (from 33,000) responses is based on the actual forms processed in 2012. The increase of 497,090 burden hours is attributed to an adjustment in the estimate.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulations sunset as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB FORM 83-I

Not applicable.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.