

# FREE TAX FILING ASSISTANCE IN BOSTON

## Do I Need to File a Tax Return

Every year the IRS issues a tool to check to see if you are required to file taxes. Visit [irs.gov/help/ita/do-i-need-to-file-a-tax-return](https://irs.gov/help/ita/do-i-need-to-file-a-tax-return) to learn more.

Even if you are not required to file a tax return, you may want to file one if you had income tax withheld from your paycheck. Potentially, you may have overpaid the treasury and could be due a refund from the government.

## Ask Before You File

If you are dependent on others to help with expenses (parents, guardians, etc.), ask to find out if they are claiming you as a dependent before you file. Your family will have to decide which option is the best financially and may want to consult with an accountant or tax expert.

## Look Out for Forms

Here are some of the forms you may receive as a student:

**W2s** - Income from work. This includes Work Study and other jobs where you receive a regular paycheck.

**1099-Miscs** - Income from Contracted Services. This can include gigs or project-based work where you're paid an agreed amount for services rendered and taxes are not withheld.

**1099-Q** - Payments from a qualified tuition program (529/College Savings plans). You'll receive this from your plan administrator for total withdrawals made during the year.

**1098-E\*** - Student loan interest payments. You will only receive this if you've made enough qualified payments on your student loan interest.

**1098-T\*** - Tuition statement includes information on qualified tuition and educational expenses paid and scholarships/grants received for education credits.

\* These forms are used for credits/deductions. Make sure you've spoken to your family about who will use them before filing.

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## RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE FILING

### The Boston Tax Help Coalition

Individuals earning \$70,000 or less can go to a neighborhood tax site or online for assistance filing. To find a tax site near you

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/center-working-families/worker-empowerment/boston-tax-help-coalition/>

### Action for Boston Community Development

Individuals earning less than \$67,000 can qualify for assistance from ABCD at 13 locations. For more information and to find a site near you

visit: <https://bostonabcd.org/service/tax-assistance/>

### Online Options

The IRS, Boston Tax Help Coalition and United Way offer Free Filing Online for Individuals who earn less than \$66,000. Learn more at:

**Boston Tax Help Coalition:**

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/center-working-families/worker-empowerment/boston-tax-help-coalition/>

**United Way My Free Taxes:** <https://myfreetaxes.com/>

**IRS Online Filing Options:** [apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/](https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/)

