



**New Agent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Appointing Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_

Appointing Agent Contracted?

If **YES**, give agent code # \_\_\_\_\_

If **NO**, please attach contracts and license(s)

**Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Training Requirements:**

\_\_\_\_\_ AML training was completed through LIMRA on: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ AML training was completed through an independent program:

**COMPLETION CERTIFICATE ATTACHED**

**Fair Credit Reporting Act Notice/Communication Authorization:**

I hereby authorize Oak Tree Financial, Inc., and any and all of its affiliates or subsidiary companies, to conduct a thorough background investigation regarding my qualifications for appointment and credit worthiness, including, but not limited to, periodic debit checks through Vector One. I also understand that Oak Tree Financial, Inc. reserves the right to report any outstanding debit balances to Vector One and to revoke or suspend commission advances at any time without prior notice. I further authorize Oak Tree Financial, Inc., and any and all of its

Fair Credit Reporting Act Notice/Communication Authorization:

that a fax or photocopy of this authorization with my signature will be accepted with the same authority as the original. I have carefully read and understand these authorizations and by signing below, agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature of Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return to:***

***Oak Tree Life and Annuity Brokerage***

***11166 Fairfax Blvd, Ste 300***

***Fairfax, VA 22030***

***Ph.: 800-842-9124 /Fax: 800-586-7905***

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## **Commitment to Quality of Business**

I understand that Assurity Life has made certain assumptions pertaining to the quality of business that is submitted to the insurance company for underwriting. These assumptions, including but not limited to the ratio of submitted applications to the placed applications, all factor in to the company's ability to price products. It is my role as a field underwriter to make sure that applicants submitted to the company are pre-qualified and that I place at least 70% of the applicants that are submitted to the company. I understand that failure to maintain a 70% placement ratio may result in the termination of my appointment with the company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent Signature

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# PRODUCER APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

PLEASE ANSWER ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS COMPLETELY.

## Section 1: Appointment Information

Appointment for: ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Sole Proprietorship

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State(s) to be appointed in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: General Agent must be contracted before a representative is appointed. Corporations must hold a valid license in all states, where applicable, in which agents/representatives will solicit business. A copy of the agent/representative individual state license must be submitted with this application.**

## Section 2: Producer Information

Name (first, middle initial & last) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (Tax I.D. Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3: Recruiting General Agent Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

General Agent Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 4: Background Information**

**Please attach details for any question answered yes.**

- a) Has any license you or your firm ever held been revoked, suspended or cancelled, or had an administrative action taken by any regulatory agency or body that has the ability to issue any professional license? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b) Have you ever filed for bankruptcy, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of felony or misdemeanor charges including motor vehicle infractions at any time?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c) Are you now the subject of any complaint, investigation or proceeding which could result in a "yes" answer to any of the above questions? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d) Are any judgments or suits pending against you, your firm? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- e) List life insurance companies which your firm currently transacts business \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f) Are you/is your firm currently in debt to any life insurance company? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- g) May we contact your present carriers? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### **Section 5: Employment History**

**History must cover past 5 years. Attach separate sheet if necessary.**

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 6: Code of Conduct Agreement**

I have read the Company's Ethics Code and certify that I understand, and will comply with, the Company's policies, procedures, and code of ethical market conduct.

By signing below I acknowledge that I will make recommendations and present products consistent with the insurable needs and financial objectives of my client; I will provide honest and accurate disclosure of information so that my clients can make an informed buying decision; I will establish and maintain the trust of my clients by treating them with respect and by delivering them quality service; I will maintain the privacy of my clients by

protecting their confidential information; I will refrain from disparaging competitors; I will make every attempt to further my education and will maintain awareness of industry laws and company procedures; I will communicate any client concerns or complaints to the Company in a timely manner and will notify the Company of any violation of the ethical conduct code; and I will maintain a current license and valid appointment in all states in which I solicit the sale of the Company products to consumers.

Statements made herein are representations upon which the Company may rely when considering my request for appointment. This information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that, if appointed, any material misrepresentation of facts herein provided may be the basis of termination.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 7: Commission Direct Deposit Request**

In order to initiate the direct deposit of commission earned during the period of your appointment with the Company, the following information must be completed.

This account is (check one): ☐ Checking ☐ Savings Account

Account Name \_\_\_\_\_

9 Digit ABA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please do not assume that your commission will be deposited into your account because you have direct deposit.

Always check your commission statement to determine the amount deposited into your account. Allow at least 3 business days for direct deposit to be processed into your account. Questions regarding this information can be directed to the Licensing and Contracting Department 888-440-1540.

→ Agent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: **Fidelity Life Association**  
8700 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Ste. 900S  
Chicago, IL 60631

(attach a voided or cancelled check from your banking institution)

Or Fax To: Fidelity Life Association, 866-947-8738

You are responsible for ensuring all information is correct.

**Section 8: Assignment Information (Indicate Who Should Be Paid Commission):**

Circle One:        Individual        Corporation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 9: Consent to Request Consumer Report and/or Investigative Consumer Information**

I understand that the Company may utilize the services of a consumer reporting agency as part of the procedure for processing my application for employment and/or application for appointment.

I understand a consumer reporting agency may conduct an investigation and prepare a consumer report (which may include a financial credit check, criminal background check, state licensing/disciplinary check, employment/contract check and other information bearing on my credit and financial history) and/or an investigative consumer report which will include, among other things, information as to my credit background, character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living, whichever are applicable. I understand such information may be obtained through personal interviews with my neighbors, friends and associates, acquaintances or other persons who may have knowledge regarding such information. I also understand that a Debit-Check.com search will be run to identify any debit balances outstanding with other insurance companies.

I further understand that upon written request, subjects of an investigative consumer report have the right to: 1) receive a summary of their rights under The Fair Credit Reporting Act; and 2) receive a disclosure of the nature or scope of the investigation conducted.

I hereby consent to this investigation and authorize the Company or its representatives to procure a report on my background as stated above from a consumer reporting agency or any other source providing such information.

I agree the Company has the right to release any information revealed by this investigation to any State requiring it and to my recruiting agent.

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

→ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Ethics Code

*Fidelity Life Association, A Legal Reserve Life Insurance Company, strives to provide our customers with quality products and service. We also strive to maintain a zero tolerance regulatory compliance standard for the Company's employees, vendors and distributors. This Ethics Code for distributors (agents and general agents) serves as a guide that helps us to maintain a high standard of honesty, fairness, and integrity in our market conduct and is compatible with our more detailed Employee Ethics Code.*

## **Market Conduct at Fidelity Life Association (FLA):**

"Market conduct" in this Ethics Code refers to actions of our distributors when providing service to our customers. FLA maintains high customer service standards. Honesty, fairness, and integrity are characteristics that all distributors are expected to display when dealing with customers. FLA has developed this Ethics Code to help our distributors understand what type of behavior is expected of them.

Our distributors will conduct business on behalf of the Company with the highest standards of honesty and fairness and will recommend products and provide services to our customers which are suitable to their circumstances.

Our distributors will always strive to provide the most customer-focused sales process and service experience possible.

Our distributors will engage in fair competition, providing full and accurate disclosure of information to enable the most informed and appropriate decisions.

Our distributors will only use company approved advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content.

Our distributors will always provide a means for fair and expeditious handling of customer complaints and disputes.

FLA will maintain a system of supervision that is reasonably designed to achieve compliance with this Ethics Code as well as applicable state and federal laws. Our distributors are also expected to make efforts to ensure that each customer fits the profile of the market for which the product is designed.

To provide competent sales and service, our distributors must adhere to this Ethics Code. In addition, all distributors must stay abreast of FLA's products and their functions. All distributors must also be licensed or otherwise qualified under state law in every state within which they solicit business.

To maintain and enhance competition in the marketplace for our products, all distributors should ensure that, through education and action, they promote an awareness of the concept of a fair marketplace. Our distributors should not replace existing insurance policies without first providing the customer with the information he or she needs to make an informed decision about the replacement.

## **Market Conduct Violations:**

In order to resolve any complaints and disputes that may arise concerning the market conduct of our distributors, efforts should be made to identify, handle, and resolve all complaints fairly and objectively. All distributors who represent the Company should be provided with a copy of this FLA Ethics Code and acknowledge its receipt. FLA policies and procedures have also been developed for auditing and monitoring our general agents' and agents' market activities and sales practices. Appointments of distributors who fail to abide by requirements of the Code will be revoked.

All FLA distributors should comply with the Ethics Code at all times. Violation of this Code is considered serious and will be handled accordingly. Any violations of market conduct should be reported.

If you have any questions or need more information about market conduct at FLA, please contact our Corporate Counsel at (630) 371-1877.



## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Print or type  
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:

☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

☐ Exempt payee

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

Requester's name and address (optional)

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

#### Social security number

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#### Employer identification number

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### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has 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.

Sign  
Here

Signature of  
U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

### 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,
- 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 payee 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 a percentage 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.

## **Updating Your Information**

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## **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/disregarded entity name” line.

**Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name on the “Name” line and any business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA) name” on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

**Disregarded entity.** Enter the owner's name on the “Name” line. The name of the entity entered on the “Name” line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the “Name” line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the “Name” line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

**Note.** Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the “Name” line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the person identified on the “Name” line is an LLC, check the “Limited liability company” box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter “P” for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter “C” for C corporation or “S” for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the “Name” line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the “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/disregarded entity name" line.

## Exempt Payee

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

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.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

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

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

## 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 [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). 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 [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) 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 [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) 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 item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

**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.

**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 <sup>1</sup>
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) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup> The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. 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
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

<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.

\*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**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.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

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](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS 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](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [IRS.gov](http://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 (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and 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. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.