



Important information on filing your taxes

IEE is sharing the following information to our participants on how to properly file your tax returns. This information is meant to assist in educating you as to how to avoid scams and avoid tax filing errors and/or fraudulent activity in filing your taxes.

If you have had taxable income you will have to file a return with the IRS. You will receive a W-2 from your host employer that will be used in filing your tax return. Since you are an Exchange Visitor you are considered to be a [non-resident alien](#) and will be required to file a [Form 1040NR](#) (which you can e-file or mail).

There are many different tax preparation software out there that you can use (such as Turbo Tax); however typically these types of software do not support filing with a form 1040NR, so be careful when selecting your software should you choose to file your returns in this manner. You may decide to consider a tax preparer such as H&R Block or a similar confirmed and legitimate preparer to assist you in correctly filing your taxes as a non-resident alien.

If you do decide to use a software program to file your taxes, it is important that you are aware that such software may make you appear to be filing erroneously as a U.S. resident, and doing so – whether intentionally or unintentionally – may make the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) suspect you of tax fraud.

We would also warn you to be cautious of individuals or companies offering to file your tax return for you. These individuals or companies could be “[ghost preparers](#)” (who file the return for you but refuse to sign as the preparer).

Should you encounter a company that you feel could be misrepresenting themselves or you believe to be a “ghost preparer”, the following link to IRS information on [common tax scams and how to report them](#) should be helpful.