

TUSCOLA TOURISM GRANT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in applying for a tourism grant from Tuscola Tourism. The purpose of the Tuscola Tourism grant funds is to provide financial investment for tourism-related marketing projects or events that promote and develop tourism through the generation of publicity and substantially increase travel (overnight stays or day visits) to the City of Tuscola for recreation or leisure.

Funding priorities for Tuscola Tourism require that grant projects generate additional tourism-related tax dollars in Tuscola by promoting dining at restaurants and other eating and drinking establishments, generating overnight stays, promoting and highlighting Tuscola's historic and cultural venues, recreational facilities, and events, and the uniqueness and flavor of the community.

The Tuscola Tourism Grant is a reimbursement and not designed to cover the entire cost of a project. This grant is designed to assist a business or organization with their event or marketing program. Each application will be reviewed to determine its potential economic impact on local accommodations, restaurants and retail shops. Tuscola Tourism will budget a set amount each year for tourism grants which may be awarded until funds are depleted in that fiscal year.

To submit a grant request, please read the attached "Eligible Projects for Tourism Funds" and complete the application. Grant request forms are available at City Hall, by calling 217-253-2552 or by emailing tourism@tuscola.org

The Tuscola Tourism Board regularly meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers (214 N. Main Street, Tuscola). Grant requests must be received a minimum of 60 days prior to the event for which the grant is being requested.

TUSCOLA TOURISM GRANT GUIDELINES

1. Applications for funding must be made for only one event, festival, advertising campaign or signage installation at a time unless the application is for a series of the same event or activity throughout one year.
2. A detailed budget must be attached to the application for the planned expenditure.
3. Only the listed materials on the application will be considered for funding. No additional materials may be added once the grant has been approved.
4. All applicants must complete and submit a W-9 form. The grant applicant, payee and W-9 entity must all match.
5. The Tuscola Tourism Board has the final decision on all applications and grant requests.
6. All granted events, not including industry trade shows, must occur within the Tuscola area.
7. All granted festivals must be free and open to the public although fundraising activity such as selling food, etc. within the event or venue is allowed.
8. Applicants must be in good standing and without outstanding debt to the City of Tuscola.

9. Grant applications will be scored based on the ability of the request to encourage overnight stays of visitors, patronage at Tuscola businesses, and the overall benefit to the community.
10. Applicants should not assume that they will be awarded a grant on an annual basis, nor should they consider any tourism grants to be a permanent addition to their budget.
11. A for-profit business that receives a grant may be required to treat the grant as income and is responsible for paying necessary applicable taxes.
12. All public notices and promotional materials for an awarded project or event must acknowledge the sponsorship of Tuscola Tourism and include the Tuscola Tourism logo

DEADLINES

1. All grant requests must be turned in at least 60 days prior to the planned expenditure.
2. Grant applications received less than 60 days prior to or after the event or campaign may not be reviewed by the Tuscola Tourism Board.
3. Applicants are encouraged to plan ahead and may apply for grants a full year prior to the event or campaign.

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING FUNDS

1. The grant applicant must complete all forms and submit them with documentation
Attention: Tuscola tourism at City Hall located at 214 N. Main St., Tuscola, IL
Grant Application
Budget
W-9
2. Applicants will be informed within 24 hours of the Tourism Board's vote.
3. All promotion for the event or campaign must include the Tuscola Tourism logo and/or mention Tuscola Tourism as a sponsor.
4. If the grant request is approved, the applicant should submit copies of paid invoices and receipts after the event for final approval and payment. Copies of fulfillment such as ads, brochures, etc. must be included with paid invoices. Ads that do not give sponsorship credit or display the Tuscola Tourism logo may not be reimbursed.
5. Expenses not previously identified in the Tourism Funds Grant Application will not be reimbursed.

Applications, Questions & Fulfillment Receipts should be directed to Tuscola Tourism 214 N. Main Street, Tuscola, IL 61953. Phone: 217-253-2552 Email: tourism@tuscola.org

TUSCOLA TOURISM GRANT GUIDELINES

Eligible and Ineligible Projects for Tourism Funds

Projects eligible for funding include, but are not limited to:

1. Brochures – Eligible expenses include the production and printing of tourism related brochures. Eligible brochures must be for promotion of tourism attractions and/or events in Tuscola. A sample, rough draft or detailed description, along with a price quote from the printer or publisher should accompany the application.
2. Advertisements – Eligible expenses for the placement and production costs of newspaper, magazine, radio and television advertising must promote tourism attractions and/or events in Tuscola. Advertisements should be placed primarily 50 miles outside of Tuscola and encourage people to visit and stay overnight in Tuscola at one of the local lodging establishments.
3. Billboards – Rental of billboard space, as well as the artwork, design and production of the billboard is an eligible expense. The billboard must promote attractions and/or events in Tuscola, multiple businesses, or business districts. Billboard promotion for a single privately owned business is not eligible for tourism funding.
4. Booth Space – Trade show booth space rental and/or registration fees may be eligible if the trade show appropriately encourages people to visit Tuscola and/or stay overnight at one of the local lodging establishments.
5. Printed materials that do not promote a specific business, but multiple businesses or business districts are eligible.
6. Street banners that promote a community festival.
7. Entertainment and/or audio equipment for community events and/or festivals
8. Portable restrooms for community events and/or festivals
9. Permanent off-site directional signage (not on applicant's property), including IDOT wayfinding and interstate signage. Must meet all legal requirements

Ineligible projects for funding include, but are not limited to:

1. Administrative expenses – stationary, envelopes, phone, rent, newsletters, supplies, personal equipment, etc.
2. Any type of quick print materials not already listed on the application
3. Association or organizational dues
4. Bumper stickers, placemats or any type of specialty item (i.e. pens or calendars).
5. Event production expenses such as awards, plaques, travel expenses, fireworks, hired labor, food, refreshments, etc.
6. Postage, distribution and shipping costs.
7. Purchase or rental of projectors, television sets or video recorders.
8. Organizations or projects that are affiliated with a political party, lobbying, or advocacy related activities.
9. Private parties, functions and events not open to the general public.
10. General operating expenses including salaries and wages.

11. Membership fees in other organizations
12. Honorariums, scholarships or cash awards.
13. The grant will not fund advertisements in local event programs such as high school sports programs, local dance troupe programs, etc.

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TUSCOLA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION

Date: _____

Please complete and return to Tuscola Tourism, 214 N. Main Street, Tuscola, IL 61953 or complete online at: <https://form.jotform.com/250555146835157>

If you have questions please direct them to 217-253-2552 or tourism@tuscola.org

Individual/Organization Requesting Funds: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Grant Amount Requested: _____

Grant funds will be used for (check all that apply)

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| ☐ Brochures | ☐ Advertisements | ☐ Billboards |
| ☐ Booth Space | ☐ Printed Materials | ☐ Street Banners |
| ☐ Entertainment | ☐ Portable Restrooms | ☐ Signage |

Name of the Event if applicable: _____

Date(s) and Times of Event/Festival, Advertising Campaign, duration of billboard image, etc. _____

Describe the local, regional, and statewide tourism nature of the proposed expenditure. Indicate if this is a new or continuing activity. Describe the investment of funds already committed for this expenditure and the installation or duration of the event or campaign. Please include samples of graphics where applicable (use an additional sheet if needed)

Estimated number of attendees at the event or trade show or number of views of signage.

Would you like this event/festival added to our Community Calendar (circle one) YES NO

Signature _____ Date: _____

For internal purposes only

Score of Application: _____ Grant Amount Approved \$ _____

Percentage of Total Cost _____ % Date Approved by Tourism Committee _____

Amount Reimbursed \$ _____ Date Reimbursed _____

Signature of Tourism Director Signature _____

Please provide details of all expected revenue and expenses you expect to incur for the promotion or event.

Revenue Description (examples include vendor fees, sponsorships, sale of merchandise)		Amount total
TOTAL REVENUE		

Expense Description	Total Cost	Grant Amt Requested
TOTAL EXPENSES		

TOTAL GRANT REQUEST \$_____

% Grant Request to Event Cost _____ %

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, if different from above

Check appropriate box: ☐ Individual/
Sole proprietor ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Other ▶

☐ Exempt from backup
withholding

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 Line 1 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.

Social security number

or

Employer identification number

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

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. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

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 ▶

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.

U.S. person. 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.

In 3 above, 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.

For federal tax purposes, you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or
- Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

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 recipient 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 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include 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 4 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 regarding partnerships* on page 1.

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" line.

Limited liability company (LLC). If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

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" line.

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business 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.

Exempt payees. Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

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

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 ²

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; 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-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., 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.socialsecurity.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 and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.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. Writing "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 items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

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 ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. 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

¹ 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.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the legal 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 regarding partnerships* on page 1.

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.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax 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. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.