

# Tax Information for Au Pairs

Au Pair in America staff are not certified tax advisors and cannot provide personalized tax advice. However, we've compiled the following information and resources to help you navigate tax obligations and simplify the process.

## Steps to Filing Your Taxes

### Step 1:



#### Apply for a Social Security Card

A Social Security number is required to file taxes. If you don't have one yet, click [here](#) for information on how to apply.

### Step 2:



#### Complete Tax Forms (1040NR)

Form 1040NR is a U.S. federal income tax form for non-residents. For most au pairs, this will be the correct form to use. Once this form is updated for the tax year, we will send you the update.

### Step 3:



#### File your Taxes!

You need to report what you earned by **April 15** of the new year. If you have already returned home to your country, you are still required to file taxes if you earned more than the filing threshold in the tax year.

## Understanding your Taxes



### What Are Taxes?

The U.S. government collects a portion of the money you earn in the U.S. This is a tax to support the nation's services and facilities. In this document it is referred to as federal taxes. Many states also collect a portion of the money you earn. This money is to support state or local municipality services and facilities. In this document it is referred to as state taxes.



### Why Do I have to Pay?

U.S. law requires you to file a tax return for any money you earn while working in the country. Once the IRS releases the tax documents for the tax year, you'll know how much tax applies to your earnings. This guidance is expected in the coming months, and we'll keep you updated when it's available. In previous years, the tax rate has been around 10% of taxable income. Additionally, some states may require you to pay state taxes if your income exceeds their specific thresholds. These thresholds vary by state and determine whether you need to file a state tax return.

## Resources to Help

The **IRS website** has information regarding au pair and taxes. Go to:

[irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/au-pairs](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/au-pairs).

**H&R Block Expat Tax Services** will help au pairs, for a service fee, to prepare the federal tax form and any state tax forms that may be required. More information, including a Q & A specifically for au pairs will be available after the beginning of the year.

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