

Tax Information for Au Pairs

Au Pair in America staff are not certified tax advisors, therefore we are not qualified to give you tax advice specific to your situation. We are providing you with the following information and resources to help you. Figuring out if you owe taxes and how to pay them may seem confusing, however, these resources will help make it easier!

The Basics



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.



IRS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is a federal government agency that is responsible for collecting taxes. Depending on where your host family resided and how much you earned, you may be required to pay state taxes. These taxes would be paid to a tax agency in the state and not the IRS.



Why Do I Have to Pay?

The law of the U.S. requires you to file a tax return on money earned while in the U.S. Once the IRS issues the tax documents for 2023, the amount you will be taxed on based upon your earnings will be available. It is expected that the IRS will provide guidance on this topic over the next couple of months, and we will make sure everyone is informed when it is announced. In past years, this amount has been approximately 10% of your taxable income. Some states will also require you to pay tax if you work within that state and earn over a certain amount. Each state has different filing thresholds that determine whether you have to file a return in the state or not.



Social Security Number

You will need a Social Security number to file taxes. If you don't already have one go to: www.aupairinamerica.com/resources/aupairs.asp for information on how to obtain one



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 2023 tax year, we will send you the update.



When Do I Have to Pay?

You need to report what you earned in 2023 by April 15, 2024. 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 2023.



Resources to Help

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