

Taxes for Students

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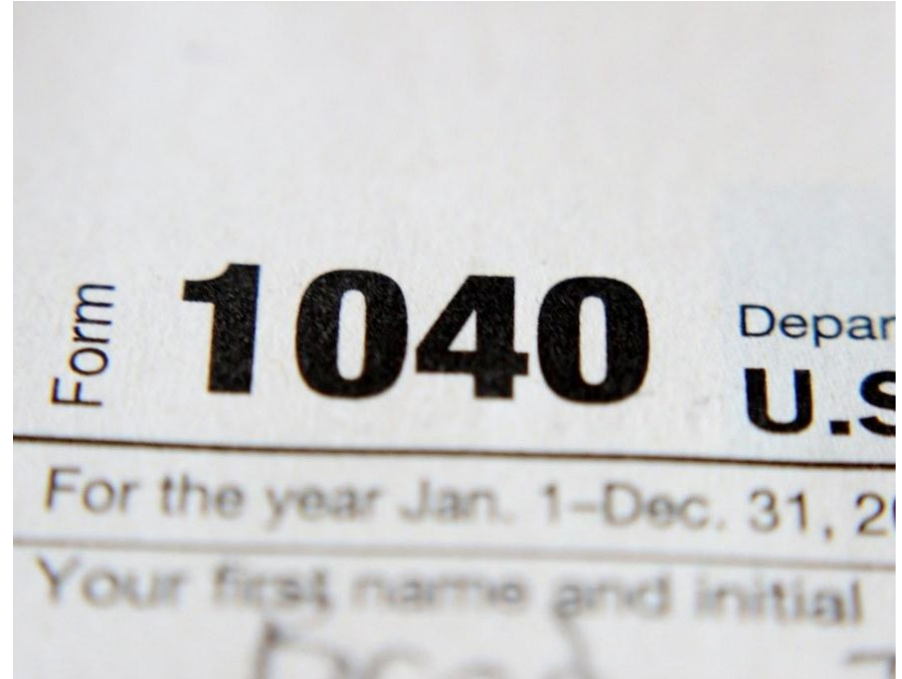
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Question 1

What tax form is due
April 15 each year?

Form 1040





Question 2

What is the difference between an Employee vs. Independent Contractor?

Question -3 Do you have to file your own tax return?

- No, if you are under 19 as of 12/31 or
- No, if you are a full-time student and under the age of 24 as of 12/31

In general, parents file on your behalf AND report your income

Top 4 Freelancer Tips



Freelancer Tip #1

- Save 25-30% from each payment for taxes
- Tip: Open a separate checking/savings account for taxes.



Freelancer Tip #2

- Submit Quarterly Estimated Tax Payments using the IRS and state websites
- Due dates:
 - April 15
 - June 15
 - September 15
 - January 15, following year



Freelancer Tip #3

- Track your expenses in a separate account - debit or credit card
- Tip: Do not mix personal and business expenses



Freelancer Tip #4

- Always use an engagement letter
- What to Include:
 - Scope of services
 - Fee
 - Deliverables
 - Timeline

GET IT IN WRITING

A handshake is a contract. Odds are, though, that you just shook on two different things. The effort of writing a contract encourages clarity.



QUESTIONS?

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