

YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108
815-484-9442 ext. 211

July 1, 2024 –June 30, 2025

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Illinois supports the continuing professional development of child care practitioners. In partnership with the Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Early Childhood (IDHS-DEC) is providing funds to assist an individual in pursuit of professional development in early care and education and school-age care.

For the purposes of this document:

- "child care program" or "program" includes child care centers and family child care
- Current /currently is defined as the time of application

1. WHO CAN APPLY?

- Individual practitioners currently employed by center-based programs or family home programs (licensed or license exempt) that provide care as defined by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Individual practitioners include child care center directors, early childhood teachers/assistant teachers, school age teachers/assistant teachers, family home providers and assistants. In addition, child care center support staff (e.g., cook, driver) when appropriate.
- Applicant must be a current member of the Gateways to Opportunity Registry (Registry). Registry membership is free. Practitioners may sign up for the registry at www.ilgateways.com.
- The child care program must be listed on the CCR&R provider referral database and must currently be providing care in Boone, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, or Winnebago Counties.
- The child care program must have no unpaid financial obligation to the CCR&R agency or the IDHS-DEC Bureau of Subsidy Management or Bureau of Quality Initiatives

2. ARE THERE PRIORITY PROGRAMS?

- As applications are received, priority is given to programs currently caring for 50% or more children whose care is paid for by the IDHS Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- Programs that are full year (at least 47 weeks)/full day (at least 8 hours).
- Programs that are currently caring for infants and toddlers.

3. WHAT IS INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

- The advancement of knowledge in the field of early childhood/school age for an individual practitioner.

4. WHAT CAN INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS BE REQUESTED FOR?

- Individual registration fees associated with conferences/workshops **not required** by ExceleRate Illinois.
- The conference/workshop must be off-site from your place of employment and must be related to early care and education, school-age care or child care administration/management.
- Fees associated with webinars/online training that is Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Registry-approved.
- Travel/Transportation cost (see application for additional information).
- Lodging cost.
- Costs associated with the following credentials:
 - Child Development Associate (CDA) www.cdacouncil.org 1-800-424-4310
 - Certified Child Care Professional (CCP) www.necpa.net 1-800-458-2644

5. WHAT CAN'T FUNDS BE REQUESTED FOR?

- College tuition assistance. Tuition assistance is available through the Illinois Gateways Scholarship Program. For information on the Gateways tuitions assistance visit www.ilgateways.com or call 866-697-8278.
- Workshops required under the ExceleRate Bronze, Silver or Gold Circle of Quality. Visit www.exceletrateillinois.com for a complete listing.
- Conference/workshops in which the YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions is the fiscal agent (i.e., registration fees are paid to the CCR&R).

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- Special events during a conference (e.g., concert, recognition event, reception, etc.).
- The cost of meals or refreshments (unless included in basic registration fee).
- Group/staff training – on-site or off site – arranged by a provider group or child care program.
- Out of state conferences/workshops. Including registration and travel costs.
- Conferences/workshops in which the primary focus is political advocacy and/or sectarian (religious) instruction.
- Advisors, Consultants or Mentors.
- Substitute care.
- Membership fee to a professional organization.

6. WHAT ARE FUNDING MINIMUMS/MAXIMUMS?

- The minimum request is \$15.
- The maximum funding amount per event/credential is 80% of the actual cost, as funding allows.
- The maximum funding amount available per person is up to \$500 per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).
- Additional information is on the application, Step 2.

7. WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Individuals complete and submit an application along with the required supporting documentation (see question 8).
- As applications are received, priority is given to programs currently caring for 50% or more children whose care is paid for by the IDHS CCAP.
- The CCR&R will notify you in writing if your application has been approved or denied, and if approved, the amount in which your request was funded.

8. WHAT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED?

Italicized items are required at the time of application. Remaining documentation is to be submitted to CCR&R within 30 days of the event date and/or completion date.

- *Proof of Gateways Registry membership (i.e. copy of membership ID or Professional Development Record).*
- *Announcement and/or outline and description for conference/workshop/online course. Announcement must include fees/cost and sponsoring entity.*
- *W-9 form (the form is available at www.irs.gov).*
- Receipt/proof of payment for registration and/or credential fees.
- Documentation of attendance/completion.
- If applicable confirmation/receipt for lodging and/or transportation costs (train, bus).
- If applicable printout documenting trip mileage (e.g., Google Maps, Yahoo Maps, etc).

9. HOW IS PAYMENT MADE?

- You will be notified in writing if your application has been approved or denied, and if approved, the amount in which your request was funded.
- Payments will be made and mailed directly to the child care program named in Step 3 Payment Information Section of the application.
- Individuals/programs that receive payment will be responsible for W-9 documentation and taxes.
- Payment cannot be made until a complete application and required documentation is received.

10. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MY APPLICATION?

- Ongoing as funds allow.
- Please see question #8 regarding remaining required supporting documentation – due within 30 days after the event.
- CCR&R will receive applications + supporting documentation throughout the year; however, for applications to be considered, all applications + supporting documentation must be received at the CCRR by **4pm, Friday, May 16, 2025.**

11. WHERE ARE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED?

- YWCA Northwestern Illinois
CCR&R
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108

AnnemarieT@ywcانwil.org

12. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ANSWER FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

- Annemarie Toldo: 815-484-9442 ext. 211 or AnnemarieT@ywcanwil.org

13. DO THE FUNDS NEED TO BE REPAID?

- This is a grant program, which means funds do not generally need to be paid back. However, the grant funds come from the State of Illinois, and certain policies and procedures must be followed.
- In the event that payment is made for a conference/workshop, but you or an alternate are unable to attend, the individual/child care program will need to work with the CCR&R regarding the return of funds.
- In the event that payment is made for a credential and the individual withdraws or does not complete the process, the individual/child care program will need to work with the CCR&R regarding the return of funds.
- In the event payment is made for a credential and the program withdraws or does not complete the process (defined as the required steps), the child care program will need to work with the CCR&R regarding the return of funds.
- In the event of over or improper payment or reimbursement, appropriate arrangements will need to be made with the CCR&R regarding return of funds.

14. WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Application, payment for activity, and activity must occur within the current funding cycle (7/1/24-6/30/25).

- Only completed applications will be considered.
- Applicants must use the provided application for July 2024-June 2025.
- Faxed/electronic applications will be accepted.
- Funding is limited and not guaranteed.
- Maximums are in place; however partial funding may be awarded.
- Payment cannot be made until a complete application and all required supporting documents are received.

Individual Professional Development Application Form

YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care Solutions

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The current year application form must be used. This application may not be reformatted.

- ➔ Please type or print using black or blue ink
- ➔ Complete **all fields**; use "NA" if not applicable – **do not leave any field blank**
- ➔ Refer to the Individual Professional Development Instructions and Requirements
- ➔ Be sure to review the checklist in Step 4

STEP 1: Applicant Information						
Applicant First Name:			Applicant Last Name:			
Applicant Address:						
City:		State:		Zip Code:		County:
Mailing address (if different):						
Program Phone #: ()			Email: <input type="radio"/> Personal <input type="radio"/> Program			
Gateways Registry #						
Program is: <input type="radio"/> Licensed Child Care Center <input type="radio"/> License Exempt Child Care Center <input type="radio"/> Licensed Family Child Care <input type="radio"/> License Exempt Family Child Care						
Program (work site) Name:						
Program (work site) Address:						
City:		State: IL		Zip Code:		County:
What date did you begin employment at this site?			Month:	Date:	Year:	
Role: check the one that best describes your current position:						
<input type="radio"/> Director / Administrator	<input type="radio"/> Assistant Director	<input type="radio"/> Director / Teacher	<input type="radio"/> Teacher	<input type="radio"/> Assistant Teacher	<input type="radio"/> Substitute / Floater	<input type="radio"/> Other: _____
<input type="radio"/> Family Child Care (FCC)	<input type="radio"/> FCC Assistant	<input type="radio"/> Group FCC Provider	<input type="radio"/> Group FCC Assistant	<input type="radio"/> School Age Child Care Teacher	<input type="radio"/> School Age Child Care Assistant	
Age group YOU currently provide care for (center staff, check 1 primary age range; FCC providers check all that apply):						
<input type="radio"/> Infants 6 wks – 14 mos	<input type="radio"/> Toddlers 15-23 mos.	<input type="radio"/> Twos 24-35 mos	<input type="radio"/> Preschool 3-5 years	<input type="radio"/> School Age K-12 years	<input type="radio"/> Not Applicable	

Please have the *Program Administrator* complete the following formula to determine the percentage of children in your program receiving IDHS child care financial assistance.

To calculate: Total Number of children with IDHS Financial Assistance **DIVIDED** by Current total Enrollment **MULTIPLIED** by 100 **EQUALS** Percentage of Children Receiving IDHS Assistance. (FCC providers: include your own children, under age 13, in enrollment)

$$\frac{\text{\# of IDHS Children}}{\text{Current Total Enrollment}} \times 100 = \text{Percentage of IDHS Children} \%$$

STEP 2: Funding Request Information

- The minimum request is \$15
- The maximum funding amounts per event/credential listed in the charts below, and
- The maximum funding amount available per person is up to \$500 per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)

To be eligible for travel and/or lodging funding:

- Event location must be at least 60 miles (one way) from the individual's place of business
- Travel, when requesting mileage, only applies to the principal driver
- Lodging is available up to 3 nights

2A: Workshop/On Line Training / Conference

Name of event:

Date(s) attending:

Location:

City:

State:

County:

I am requesting Professional Development Funds to (check all that apply):	Conference/ Workshop	Credential
Implement better practices/program improvements		
Meet DCFS training requirements		
Meet CCAP Health & Safety training requirements		
Obtain qualifications for a new position		
To obtain a credential (new or renewal)		
Meet accreditation standards		
Other (list):		
Training Hours and type of credit (check all that apply):	Check Type	# of hours
DCFS clock hours		
Continuing Education Units (CEUs)		
Child Development Associate (CDA) clock hours		
Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDU)		
Other (list):		

Total Amount(s) Requested	CCR&R MAX	Actual Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop /Off-Site Training Registration Fee	80% of the actual cost, as funding allows	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Webinars/Online Training Modules Registration Fee		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration Fee		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Transportation (mileage / train / bus) Mileage reimbursed @ 0.67/mile. Actual mileage one way ____ x 2 = ____ x 0.67 = Actual Cost		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Lodging: maximum nights, up to 3 per event Cost per night \$ ____ x ____ nights = Actual Cost		\$
TOTAL AMOUNT		\$
To calculate 80% of the actual cost: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div> Total Amount _____ Total Requested (2A) _____ </div> <div> _____ X 0.80 = _____ </div> </div>		

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TOTAL REQUESTED 2A (amount entered after calculating 80%)	\$
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2B: CREDENTIAL

For credential funds request, complete below:	Actual Cost	CCR&R Max 80%	Amount Requested
Child Development Associate (CDA)	<i>Costs are as of July 1, 2020 per respective websites</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Fee (\$425 on line/ \$500 for paper)	\$425/\$500	\$340/\$400	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Credential Renewal Fee (\$150 for paper / \$125 for online)	\$150/\$125	\$120/\$100	\$
Certified Childcare Professional (CCP)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credential Fee	\$350	\$280	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Credential Renewal Fee	\$49.95	\$40	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>			
Other (to calculate 80%, multiple the actual cost by 0.80)			
CARE Courses	varies	80%	\$
CDA Online Training Course	varies	80%	\$
CCP Online Training	varies	80%	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Care Course <input type="checkbox"/> CDA Online <input type="checkbox"/> CCP Online Course Title(s):			
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED 2B			\$

STEP 3: Payment Information

Have you received funding from another source to assist with conference, workshop, or credential fees? ☐ NO ☐ YES

If yes, explain and list amount: _____

Request is being made for (check all that applies):

☐ Workshop ☐ On-line ☐ Conference ☐ Credential

If requesting funding for travel/transportation and or lodging, provide the following information:

- Mode of transportation: ☐ Car ☐ Train ☐ Bus ☐ Other _____
- Did you/will you ride with someone? ☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, who _____
- Did you/will you share a room with someone? ☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, who _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED (2A + 2B) \$ _____

Requesting payment(s) be made to:

☐ Applicant ☐ Child Care program

Make Check Payable To:

Must match Box 1 of the W-9 form

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant ☐ Social Security Number/ or ☐ FEIN Number (REQUIRED): _____

STEP 4: Application Checklist and Authorization

- ☐ I completed all areas of the current application. If a question was not applicable, I inserted N/A.
- ☐ I signed and dated my application.
- ☐ I attached all required supporting documentation as noted in Question #8

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- W-9 form (the form is available at www.irs.gov).
- Receipt/proof of payment for registration and/or credential fees.
- Documentation of attendance/completion.
- If applicable confirmation/receipt for lodging and/or transportation costs (train, bus).
- If applicable printout documenting trip mileage (e.g., Google Maps, Yahoo Maps, etc.)
- ☐ The payment information I have submitted is correct.
- ☐ I have made a copy of this application for my records.
- ☐ I have read, understand and agree to FAQ #13 (return of funds).
- ☐ I understand that an incomplete application (not answering questions or attaching supporting documentation) will delay the review process.

I have completed all documentation that was requested in the instructions and requirements. I certify that the above information is true and accurate, that I have not been indicated of child abuse and neglect and that my name or the names of my employees (if applicable) are not listed on the child abuse tracking system. Further, I grant permission for a representative of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services or their agent to release information about my pending or current Day Care Home, Day Care Group Home or Day Care Center license if applicable to my application.

Applicant Signature

Date

Administrator Signature

Date

➔ **Payment cannot be made until a complete application and required documents are received.**

➔ **Deadline:** Applications and all supporting documentation must be received at **YWCA Northwestern Illinois Child Care** by **4pm, May 16, 2025.**

Return application and all required documents to:

YWCA Northwestern Illinois
CCR&R Attn: Annemarie
4990 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108
AnnemarieT@ywcawil.org

CCR&R USE ONLY:		
Date Received:	Reviewed by:	Complete? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Date / Amount \$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pending Date/Reason		
<input type="checkbox"/> Communicated with applicant: date / message		
<input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date / Reason		

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions <input type="checkbox"/>	
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 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 generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number											
				-				-			
or											
Employer identification number											
					-						

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. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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 for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person	Date
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid).
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds).
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds).
- Form 1099-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers).
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions).
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third-party network transactions).
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), and 1098-T (tuition).
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt).
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property).

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

Caution: If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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; and
4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
5. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting is correct. See *What Is FATCA Reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and 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.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding. Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the disregarded entity.
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the grantor trust.
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(l)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

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 payee 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 their 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 their 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, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called “backup withholding.” Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include, but are not limited to, interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, 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 instructions for Part II 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, as described in item 4 under “*By signing the filled-out form*” above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier.

What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you are no longer tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

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

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

• **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note for ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040 you filed with your application.

• **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

• **Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the owner entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For

example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, enter it on line 2.

Line 3a

Check the appropriate box on line 3a for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3a.

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation.
• Individual or	Individual/sole proprietor.
• Sole proprietorship	
• LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification:
• LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	P = Partnership, C = C corporation, or S = S corporation.
• Partnership	Partnership.
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate.

Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

Note: A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

Line 4 Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space on line 4.

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 U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.
- 5—A corporation.
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or territory.
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- 8—A real estate investment trust.
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a).
- 11—A financial institution as defined under section 581.
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian.
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
• Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7.
• Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
• Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4.
• Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5. ²
• Payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4.

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

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) entered on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37).

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state.

G—A real estate investment trust.

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a).

J—A bank as defined in section 581.

K—A broker.

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1).

M—A tax-exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan.

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, enter "NEW" at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

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 ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. 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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, 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 SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 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/EIN. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "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, you will generally 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: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. 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 item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 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 made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, 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), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), 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) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. 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
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**	The grantor*

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
14. 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
15. Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))**	The trust

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 on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the 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.)

* **Note:** The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust.

** For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

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.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax return preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity, or a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Go to www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and 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. Under section 3406, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.