

Sprintax FAQ

- How do you know if I need to File a State tax return?
 - In the United States, besides federal tax, there are also state taxes and local taxes (in addition to many other types of tax such as FICA, sales, property, etc.). Whether you need to file a state tax return will depend on the tax rules of the state in which you lived and /or worked. Sprintax can determine if you need to file a State tax return and prepare it on your behalf
- Does the discount code make it free for students?
 - The KGI code will cover the cost of the Federal return and Form 8843. If students avail of additional services outside of this on Sprintax, such as a State tax return or FICA refund application, these will be at an additional cost.
- What are the W-2, 1042-S, 1099 forms, and how do I obtain them?
 - These are income documents. It'll depend on what income you've received during the tax year which income documents you will receive. If applicable, an income document will be provided to you by the institution that made the payments to you during the tax year
 - **W2** - Deadline to receive – January 31st 2022
 - Outlines Wages, Salary, Compensation from the entire year (Employment Earnings)
 - **1042-S** - Deadline to receive – March 15th 2022
 - Taxable Scholarships/Stipends/Non-Degree Aid
 - Income exempt by a tax treaty
 - Royalty Payments
 - Prize/Award/Miscellaneous foreign payments
 - **1099 Series** - Deadline to receive – typically by end of March
 - Rental income
 - Investment Income
 - Commissions
 - Independent Contractor Services
- Where can I see my US travel history?
 - You could use <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home> to obtain information around your US travel history. You could also check previous flight, accommodation and other trip information.
- How do I know if I can E-file the federal tax return?
 - If you are eligible to e-file your federal return, this option will be outlined to you when you reach the end of the process. You can find more information on e-filing, how the process works and eligibility to e-

file in the Sprintax e-filing blog <https://blog.sprintax.com/nonresident-federal-tax-efiling-live/>.

- When you say Deadline to receive, you mean for me to get it from my institution, or for sprintax to include it?
 - The deadline for your institution to issue the income document to you
- What are taxable scholarships and how do I know if my scholarship fits this category?
 - Generally if your scholarship covers your tuition or tuition related expenses, this will be nontaxable nonreportable on your return, as long as you are a candidate for a degree at qualified educational institution. If your scholarship covers other nonqualified expenses such as rent, stipend, visa costs, housing allowance, this will typically be taxable and reportable on your tax return
- When should I start this process?
 - We recommend starting the process once you have all of the required information to hand. For example, if you're waiting for a 1042-S, we'd recommend holding off until you receive this so you can report it on your return. As always, we don't recommend waiting until close to the deadline to file
- Can I start the process, save it, and continue later?
 - Yes, you can