

2012 Federal Tax Return: Eligible to File a 1040A/EZ?



"If you have filed or will file a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?" (2013-2014 FAFSA questions 34 and 81.)

YES, **IF** taxable income from line 43 is less than \$100,000 — **AND** — **IF** amounts other than zero do not appear on the following lines:

1040 Section	Line #	Description
Income	10	Taxable refunds, credits or offsets of state/local income taxes.
	11	Alimony received.
	12	Business income or loss.
	13	Capital gain or loss (ignore if Schedule D was not required).
	14	Other gains or losses.
	17	Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, etc.
	18	Farm income or loss.
	21	Other income.
Adjusted Gross Income	24	Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials.
	25	Health savings account deduction.
	26	Moving expenses.
	27	Deductible part of self-employment tax.
	28	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and qualified plans.
	29	Self-employed health insurance deduction.
	30	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings.
	31a	Alimony paid.
35	Domestic production activities deduction.	
Tax and Credits	40	Cannot have itemized deductions.*
	43	Taxable income must be less than \$100,000.
	44	Forms 8814, 4972 or 962 election cannot be checked.
	47	Foreign tax credit.
	52	Residential energy credit.
	53	Credits from Form 3800, 8801 or other.
Other Taxes	56	Self-employment tax.
	57	Unreported SS and Medicare tax from Form 4137 or 8919.
	58	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, etc.
	59a	Household employment taxes from Schedule H.
	59b	First-time homebuyer credit repayment.
	60	Other taxes.
Payments	68	Amount paid with request for extension to file.
	69	Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA tax withheld.
	70	Credit for federal tax on fuels.
	71	Credits from Form 2439, 8801 or 8885.

* On an IRS tax return transcript, the 'Standard Deduction Per Computer' line amount will show as a zero for someone who itemized.

If all of the above conditions apply, the tax filer was eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ but filed a 1040 for other reasons. Therefore, the tax filer should answer YES to question 34 (student) or 81 (parent) on the 2013-2014 FAFSA.

Persons filing a foreign tax return are considered to have filed a long-form 1040.

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