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**Application for Automatic Extension of Time
To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return**

2004



**It's Convenient,
Safe, and Secure**

IRS e-file is the IRS's electronic filing program. Now you can get an automatic extension of time to file your tax return by filing Form 4868 electronically. You will receive an electronic acknowledgment or confirmation number once you complete the transaction. Keep it with your records. Do not send in Form 4868 if you file electronically.

Complete Form 4868 to use as a worksheet. If you think you may owe tax when you file your return, you will need to estimate your total tax liability and subtract how much you have already paid (lines 4, 5, and 6 below).

If you think you may owe tax and wish to make a payment, you may pay by electronic funds withdrawal using option 1 or 2 below or you may pay by credit card using option 3.

1 **E-file by Phone—February 2–April 15**
Call toll free **1-888-796-1074**

Anyone who filed a tax return for 2003 can file Form 4868 by phone. The telephone system will accept extensions any time from February 2 through April 15, 2005, and your extension will be good through August 15, 2005. Filing by telephone is advantageous because it is free and you get a confirmation number.

If you wish to make a payment by electronic funds withdrawal, you will be asked for the adjusted gross income (AGI) from your 2003 tax return. Your AGI for that year is located on your Form 1040, line 34; of your 1040A, line 21; of your 1040EZ, line 4; of your 1040NR, line 33; of your 1040NR-EZ, line 10; or your TeleFile Tax Record, line I. If you choose, you may also file your extension by phone and mail a payment to the address shown in the middle column on page 4.

2 **E-file Using Your Personal
Computer or Through a Tax
Professional**

Refer to your tax software package or tax preparer for ways to file electronically. Be sure to have a copy of last year's tax return

— you will be asked to provide information from the return for taxpayer verification. If you wish to make a payment, you can pay by electronic funds withdrawal (see page 4) or send your payment to the address shown in the middle column on page 4.

3 **E-file and Pay by Credit
Card**

You can get an extension if you pay part or all of your estimate of income tax due by using a credit card (American Express® Card, Discover® Card, MasterCard® card, or Visa® card). Your payment must be at least \$1. You may pay by phone or over the Internet through one of the service providers listed below.

Each service provider will charge a convenience fee based on the amount of the tax payment you are making. Fees may vary between service providers. You will be told what the fee is during the transaction and will have the option to continue or cancel the transaction. You may also obtain the convenience fee by calling the providers' toll-free automated customer service numbers or visiting their websites. Do not add the convenience fee to your tax payment.

Official Payments Corporation
1-800-2PAY-TAXSM
(1-800-272-9829)
1-877-754-4413 (Customer Service)
www.officialpayments.com

Link2Gov Corporation
1-888-PAY-1040SM
(1-888-729-1040)
1-888-658-5465 (Customer Service)
www.PAY1040.com

File a Paper Form 4868

If you wish to file on paper instead of electronically, fill in the Form 4868 below and mail it to the address shown on page 4.

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For calendar year 2004, or other tax year beginning _____, 2004, ending _____.

Part I Identification		Part II Individual Income Tax	
1 Your name(s) (see instructions)		4 Estimate of total tax liability for 2004 \$ _____	
Address (see instructions)		5 Total 2004 payments _____	
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code		6 Balance due. Subtract 5 from 4 _____	
2 Your social security number	3 Spouse's social security number	7 Amount you are paying. ► _____	
		Confirmation Number	
		If you file electronically, you will receive a confirmation number telling you that your Form 4868 has been accepted. Enter the confirmation number here and keep it for your records ► _____	