

FAQs about W-2s and 1099s for Parents

- Q.** Why did my teen receive a 1099 from After School Matters?
- A.** After School Matters is required by the IRS to issue a Form 1099 to each Apprentice who received an Award for Program Completion, referred to as “non-employee compensation” by the IRS, totaling more than \$600 during the prior calendar year.
- Q.** Why did my teen receive a W-2 from After School Matters?
- A.** After School Matters interns are considered “employees”, and we are required by the IRS to issue a W-2 to each employee. The Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, is used to report wages paid to employees and the taxes withheld from them. Employers must complete a Form W-2 for each employee to whom they pay a salary, wage, or other compensation as part of the employment relationship. The amounts withheld were based on the Form W-4 that your teen completed at the beginning of their internship.
- Q.** Does my teen need to file an income tax return or do I need to report these earnings on my return?
- A.** After School Matters cannot offer specific tax advice to our teen participants or their families. You can, however, go to www.irs.gov to read about “Filing Requirements for Dependents”. You can also talk to your tax preparer or visit one of the City of Chicago’s sites for free tax advice/preparation. Information can be found at this link: http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/obm/supp_info/CTAC/EITCFlyer.pdf