



Thank you for choosing Star Tax Solutions, Inc. for your tax and accounting needs. This is the first of two newsletters for 2015. Let us know what you think. Visit our website at [taxsolution1040.com](http://taxsolution1040.com) or email us your thoughts.

## How to avoid identity theft

Scammers are on the prowl to get your personal information. They are getting more crafty in luring unsuspected victims by contacting you through unsolicited emails or website that look legitimate. This is known as Phishing. IRS does not initiate contact with you through email, social media or text messages. If you are contacted through this means, report this to IRS ([phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov)). You should never give your personal information such as PIN, bank account, credit card information or passwords information. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be an IRS employee, and you suspect they are not, write down the employee's name, badge number and phone number. You can also call 1-800-366-4484 to determine if the person is an IRS employee. According to IRS, scammers are also using Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) to attract potential victims. If you have lost money due to IRS related incident, contact the Treasury Inspector General Administration (TICTA) and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), through their Complaint Assistant. Doing so will make your information available to investigators. Visit [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov), and search Report Phishing and Online Scams for additional information.



### Important Upcoming Deadlines:

- Corporate Tax Returns are due September 15th for those who filed an extension.
- Personal Tax Returns are due October 15th for those who filed an extension.
- Get a jump start on filing your business tax return for next year. Contact us today to start your accounting.



## Help paying your tax bill

If you cannot pay your tax bill you still should file by the deadline and pay as much as you can to avoid penalties and interest. IRS may work with you to provide some relief such as offer and compromise, installment agreement, short term extension to pay. Other options are a temporary delay in collecting the debt by reporting your account as currently not collectable until you are able to pay. Contact us today and we can help you with you options.

## The Star Tax Discount

You could save up to \$30 on your next personal 1040 or corporate tax preparation fee. Introducing the Star Tax Discount. For every new client who successfully pays for their personal 1040 tax return, corporate tax return, corporate setup or accounting service, you could receive \$10 off your tax preparation. Referrals must complete a referral form at the time of receiving services. Restrictions may apply. Limited time only. May not be valid for already discounted services. Call us today for details.

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## Did you know...

1. You have three years from the due date of your tax return to claim your refund. If you do not claim your refund IRS will keep it. However, if you owe you are responsible for paying that balance plus penalties and interest. IRS can go back further than 3 years to collect.
2. If you are incorporated, your return is due March 15th and not April 15th. However, if you file an extension it is due September 15th.
3. Star Tax is open all year.

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## Some Helpful Deductions

Visit [www.taxsolution1040.com](http://www.taxsolution1040.com) for a complete list

### Personal and Business Deductions

- Medical Expenses
- Charitable Donations
- Union Dues
- Gambling losses equal to the winnings
- Work uniforms
- License plates
- If you use your car for work to run errands, you can deduct the mileage as long your employer does not reimburse you.
- Keep in mind the standard deduction may give you a greater deduction.
- Business use of the home
- Travel Expenses related to work
- Repairs
- Education and training
- Charitable gifts or contributions
- Meals and entertainment related to your business
- Cell phone and business phone expenses
- Keep all your receipts and track of your mileage in case you are audited.

### About Star Tax Solutions, Inc.

Star Tax Solutions, Inc. was started by the late Malinda A. Graham in 2004. At the time, she also was the president of Northstar West Tax and Accounting Services, Inc. To keep her dream alive, her daughter, Andrea Graham-Jackson, along with some of her staff continued to operate. We offer the following services:

- ⇒ Personal Tax Returns
- ⇒ Corporate Tax Returns
- ⇒ Amendment Tax Returns
- ⇒ Bookkeeping / Accounting Services
- ⇒ Corporate Setup
- ⇒ Consultation
- ⇒ Audit Preparation
- ⇒ Offer and Compromises
- ⇒ Assistance with making payment arrangements
- ⇒ Payroll