



2011 Tax Year
Form 5498-ESA
Fact Sheet

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FAQ's about Form 5498-ESA

Q: WHY DID I RECEIVE A FORM 5498-ESA?

A: Form 5498-ESA reports contributions and rollover contributions made for 2011 into your Coverdell-ESA account..

Q: THE TAX FILING DATE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND I HAVEN'T RECEIVED MY FORM 5498-ESA. WHEN SHOULD I EXPECT IT?

A: The IRS permits you to make contributions to your account until the date of the filing deadline for the applicable tax year. As a result Form 5498-ESA reports all contributions made up until the tax filing date. The form will be mailed to you by April 30, 2012 after all contributions have been made for that year.

This information does not constitute tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor and/or state and local tax office for more complete information.

HOW TO READ YOUR FORM 5498- ESA

The information on Form 5498-ESA is furnished to you by the trustee or issuer of your Coverdell education savings account (ESA) by April 30, 2012. Form 5498-ESA reports contributions and rollover contributions made for you for 2011. For more information about Coverdell ESAs, see Pub. 970, Tax Benefits for Education.

Account number. May show an account or other unique number the trustee/issuer assigned to distinguish your account.

Box 1. Shows Coverdell ESA contributions made in 2011 and through April 17, 2012, on your behalf. Do not deduct these amounts on your income tax return. If the total contributions made to all your Coverdell ESAs for 2011 exceeded \$2,000, you must withdraw the excess, plus earnings, by May 31, 2012, or you may owe a penalty. You must keep track of your Coverdell ESA basis (contributions and distributions).

Box 2. Shows any rollover (including a direct rollover and contribution of a military death gratuity) you made in 2011. Generally, any amount rolled over from one Coverdell ESA to another Coverdell ESA for the benefit of the named beneficiary or a member of the beneficiary's family who is under age 30 (except for a beneficiary with special needs) is not taxable.

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