

There are some instances when you may not be required to file a federal income tax return. But keep this in mind more than 70 percent of those who file are due a refund, so it may be to your advantage to file even if you are not required to.

The law does require you to file a tax return if your income is above a certain level. **Check the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ (under "filing requirements")** for specific details that may affect your need to file a tax return with IRS this year.

Remember, these guidelines may change based on your particular situation. In general, once you have the following gross income amounts, the law requires you to file a federal tax return with the IRS:

Single \$ 7,800

Head of Household \$10,050

Married Filing Jointly \$15,600

Married Filing Separately \$ 3,050