**\*\*Please** complete this sheet and ***TAX YEAR 2018***

bring it with you when you drop off CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET

your tax info or arrive for your

appointment.

**\*\**Please*** ***provide*** ***email address***

so we can email this info sheet to (*()ffice Use)*

you. DATE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE BE SURE TO READ** APPT\_\_\_DROP OFF\_\_\_

**AND SIGN BOTTOM OF PAGE 2**  NEW CLIENT\_\_\_

EXISITING CLIENT\_\_\_

***DAMON TAX SERVICE***

***Ph: (315) 788-2779 Fax: (315) 782-8801 Web: www.damontax.com***

NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SS#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DOB\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(Both spouses MUST sign the E-file Authorization forms with the completed tax return).

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DAYTIME PHONE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(Please supply best phone and***

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EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***questions in preparing your return)***

**DEPENDANTS:**  *If the dependant resided with you for less than the full year (not counting temp. absences such as college, summer camp, etc), consult with one of our preparers at the time you drop your taxes off, or leave a note for us to call you. In the case of a recent separation between parents or parents living apart, accuracy is imperative. Due diligence requirements dictate that the tax preparer will make probing inquiries in* ***all*** *areas, but particularly with regard to dependant qualifications and the Earned Income Credit. The IRS conducts Due Diligence Audits every year. Damon Tax Service strictly complies with due diligence requirements. Ensuring compliance protects you as well.* ***As always – please call with any questions. (315) 788-2779.***

**Child care** **College Student**

**Name (First/M.I./Last) DOB SS# Daughter/Son/Other Yes No Yes No**

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**\*If claiming CHILD CARE expenses:**  Provide us with the Child Care Provider’s full name/business name, address, and Federal ID number (or social security number if no Fed ID number).

**\*\*\*YOUR TAX REFUND OR AMOUNT DUE\*\*\***

*Electronic Filing is mandatory for all qualifying Fed + NY State returns. We do not charge additional fees for electronic filing or direct deposit. If the return must be paper filed, a small service fee will apply.*

**DO YOU WANT DIRECT-DEPOSIT OF YOUR REFUNDS? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**

**BANK ACCOUNT TYPE: CHECKING\_\_\_ SAVINGS\_\_\_**

**DIRECT DEPOSIT INFO:**

BANK\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ROUTING #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ACCT #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU OWE, DO YOU WANT DIRECT DEBIT FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_**

**BANK ACCOUNT TYPE: CHECKING\_\_\_ SAVINGS\_\_\_**

**DIRECT DEBIT INFO:**

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**KEY ISSUES and NEW LEGISLATION**

***\*\*\*THE IRS STATES IT WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING RETURNS ON JANUARY 28\*\*\****

**THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

**Many taxpayers’ returns will be complicated by the A.C.A., particularly those who obtained health insurance via the Marketplace, those who are exempt, and those choosing not to maintain “Minimum Essential Health Coverage.”**

* The **“Shared Responsibility Payment,”** otherwise known as a penalty for not maintaining “Minimum Essential Coverage” is still in effect at this time. It was not abolished.

**OTHER ISSUES**

* **DRIVER’S LICENSE REQUIREMENT** NY State and other states require certain information from your driver’s license (and your spouse’s if married) to be input onto your state return before it can be filed. Please present your driver’s license(s) to your preparer at your scheduled appointment, or when you drop your tax information off. Or include a legible copy (zoomed if needed) of the front and back of the license(s) with your paperwork.
* **STANDARD DEDUCTION**  The Federal standard deduction has increased, and the Federal government no longer allows certain itemized deductions. Unreimbursed *employee* business expenses are no longer allowed on your *federal* return beginning with tax year 2018. They continue to be allowed on your state return. You should continue to account for them in an effort to itemize your deductions on your state return. SEE IRS.GOV FOR 2018 STANDARD DEDUCTION AMOUNTS
* **STATE AND LOCAL TAX DEDUCTION** For those who plan to itemize, another adjustment to your federal itemized deductions is with the State and Local Tax Deduction. As of Jan. 1, 2018, the deduction is capped at 10,000 dollars for the full tax year. That means you can deduct up to $10,000 in property and income tax or sales tax on Schedule A. Previously, the deduction was unlimited.

The cap applies to most filing statuses. Single filers and those married filing jointly are both subject to the $10,000 limit. The cap for a married person filing separately is $5,000. SEE IRS.GOV

* **ALIMONY** For divorces finalized after 12/31/2018, alimony cannot be claimed as income or an expense on return.
* **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY** Residential Energy-Efficient Property Credit) – Federal Credit is 30% of cost. NY State credit is 25%, up to $5000.00. (qualified solar electric property and water heating property). Installation costs *do* qualify.
* **BUSINESS/STANDARD MILEAGE RATE** for 2018 is 54.5 cents per mile. Again, this expense, as well as any other business expense, is not allowed as a deduction for an *employee*. These expenses are allowed as self-employed business deductions. See *Business Mileage & Expenses* under “substantiation,” below.
* **EDUCATION CREDITS** The American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits remain intact for tax year 2018. Be sure to obtain a **1098-T** from the school, **as well as a record of payments** **which includes date of payment,** and retain receipts paid for books/equipment/materials needed (Amer Opportunity Credit only). A computer/printer will qualify if the computer is needed as a “condition of enrollment or attendance” at the school.
* **RETIREMENT SAVERS CREDIT** For voluntary contributions to 401k, IRA, etc. Small credit. Phases out, based on income and filing status.
* **EDUCATOR EXPENSE DEDUCTION** The $250 deduction remains intact for 2018 **(Search IRS Topic 458 for qualifications).**

**SUBSTANTIATION** – The IRS will disallow and can impose both civil and criminal penalties on unsubstantiated claims. Naturally, receipts are needed to back all claimed expenses. The following are some specific areas that are regularly analyzed:

* **Business Mileage & expenses:** Business/self-employed taxpayers MUST maintain a mileage log. Record the beginning odometer reading and ending odometer reading (beginning of year and end of year or period of business use), daily business mileage, and tally the total business mileage for the year and present it to your preparer. Please call if you have any questions on mileage that qualifies, which can be referenced at **irs.gov.**
* **Charitable Contributions:** IRS states that if audited, they will disallow any charitable donations for which you do not have a receipt, cancelled check or letter from the charitable organization. For *our* records:
  + - ***Cash donations*:** write down the total.
    - ***Non-cash donations totaling less than $500.00:*** write down the total.
    - ***Non-cash donations totaling more than $500.00 for the year:*** Need date for each dontation, description, fair market value (search “Salvation Army Valuation Guide”). Also search Schedule A and Form 8283.
    - **Earned Income Credit:** Particularly analyzed by the IRS and NY State if you are self employed and claim this credit.

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**COMMON ITEMS THAT MAY TRIGGER A TAX CONSEQUENCE, FOR YOUR REVIEW. IF APPLICABLE, SUPPLY DOCUMENTATION/TOTAL $$ FOR EACH DURING TAX YEAR:**

***Received***  ***Paid******Other***

Interest/dividend income (incl. tax exempt) Mortgage Interest (if itemizing) Adoption

Sold stock Real Estate taxes (if itemizing) Separated/divorced during the year

Sold land/property Estimated income tax pmts Active Volunteer firefighter or ambulance

Self-employment income College tuition (yourself and/or dependant) for entire year

Rental income Student loan interest Health Insurance Premiums

Retirement/pension income Alimony/Spousal support Early distribution? Moving expenses **\* IRS-ENFORCED CHARITABLE CONTRIB.** Gift/Inheritance IRA contributions/Deferred comp/401k **PROVISION:** Donor cannot claim a deduction for

Social security benefits **\*Charitable contributions** (if itemizing) cash/check/monetary contribution during the year

Lottery winnings **\*\***Medical/dental expenses (if itemizing) without a written receipt/letter/cancelled check.

Misc/1099 income Employee expenses **\*\* MEDICAL/DENTAL** Must exceed 10%

Other income Mileage/union dues/travel/tools of adjusted gross income. This expense applies

Alimony/spousal support \_only to taxpayers who itemize deductions.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure to bring all W-2, 1099, 1098 forms and any other forms that appear to be tax/income-related.

As always, we will provide a copy of your completed tax return to you along with your original documents. Please keep it accessible to you, as there is a $5.00 fee for additional copies for each tax year.

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**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AGAIN THIS YEAR. SEE YOU SOON!**

***ATTESTATION:*** *By signing this form, I agree that I have read and understand this information sheet, and supplied all information truly and correctly, to the best of my abilities to Damon Tax Service****. I agree that I am responsible for reviewing and authorizing my completed return, and verifying the information it contains including social security numbers and spelling of all personal information.***  I agree to pay my bill, in full, to Damon Tax Service at the time of preparation. *I understand that a charge may apply for the preparation of an amended return if due to lack of information provided to my preparer.*

Please sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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