



## Form 8843 Instructions (for the 2020 Tax Year)

Comprehensive instructions for completing form 8843 can be found on page 3 and 4 of the IRS form 8843. The instructions below are a simplified version.

### What is Form 8843?

Form 8843, “Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals With a Medical Condition,” is not an income tax return. It is an informational statement you need to file for the U.S. government if you are a certain type of non-resident alien for tax purposes. This includes all F-1 visa students, and their F-2 spouses and dependents.

### Who should complete Form 8843?

**All international students who were present in the U.S. in the 2020 calendar year under F-1 and F-2 nonimmigrant status have a tax filing requirement and must file Form 8843**, whether you worked in the U.S. and received a U.S. source income in 2020 or not!

### Which parts of the form do I need to complete?

- Complete the top portion of the form. Provide your first name and middle initial (if available), last name, your home country address as well as your U.S. address.
- If you have a Social Security number (SSN) or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), the number must be included on Form 8843 in the field “Your U.S. taxpayer identification number, if any.” If you do not have a SSN or ITIN, leave that field blank.
- Complete Part I: For 4a and 4b, count the number of days you were present in the U.S. in 2020 (exclude any time spent outside of the U.S. for travel, etc.). Enter this number in both 4a and 4b.
- Complete Part III:
  - For 9, please enter “Hillsborough Community College, 4001 W Tampa Bay Blvd, Tampa FL, 813-253-7009”
  - For 10, please enter “Center for International Education, Dr. Michael Brennan, Director, 4001 W Tampa Bay Blvd, Tampa, FL 33614”
- Answer 11, 12 (you will probably select “No” since you have not held an F-1 student visa for 5 years) and 13. If you have been here for more than 5 years, check “Yes” but have not received an income, also mail a copy of your Form I-20s as proof that you do not intend to reside permanently in the United States.
- Parts II, IV and V do not have to be filled out.
- **Sign and date the form.**

### When do I need to submit Form 8843?

Mail Form 8843 no later than by **June 15, 2021**.

**Where do I send Form 8843?**

Mail your stamped envelope via regular USPS mail to:

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service Center  
Austin, TX 73301-0215

You must mail each **individual** 8843 to the address above. **Even if you have dependents, everyone must submit their own 8843 in a separate envelope.** Do not include any other forms in your envelope.

**Always make a copy of 8843 for your own records!**

**Any questions regarding Form 8843?**

Please email [international@hccfl.edu](mailto:international@hccfl.edu).