

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 1996, or fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 1996, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
▶ See instructions on back.

**1996**

Name of estate or trust \_\_\_\_\_ Employer identification number \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of fiduciary \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I Tax Return Information**

1	Total income (Form 1041, line 9) . . . . .	1	
2	Income distribution deduction (Form 1041, line 18) . . . . .	2	
3	Taxable income (Form 1041, line 22) . . . . .	3	
4	Total tax (Form 1041, line 23) . . . . .	4	
5	Tax due or overpayment (Form 1041, line 27 or 28) . . . . .	5	

**Part II Declaration of Fiduciary**

**Please Sign Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the above amounts (or the amounts on the attached listing) agree with the amounts shown on the corresponding lines of the electronic/magnetic media portion of the 1996 U.S. Income Tax Return(s) for Estates and Trusts. I have also examined a copy of the return(s) being filed via electronic/magnetic media with the Internal Revenue Service, and all accompanying schedules and statements. To the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. If I am not the transmitter, I consent that the return(s), including this declaration and accompanying schedules and statements, be sent to the Internal Revenue Service by the return transmitter. I also consent to the IRS' sending the EMMRO and/or transmitter an acknowledgement of receipt of transmission and an indication of whether or not the return(s) is accepted, and, if rejected, the reason(s) for the rejection.

▶ \_\_\_\_\_ ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of fiduciary or officer representing fiduciary Date

**Part III Declaration of Electronic and/or Magnetic Media Return Originator (EMMRO) and Paid Preparer**  
See instructions.

**EMMRO's Use Only**

I declare that I have reviewed the above estate or trust return(s) and that the entries on Form 8453-F are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return(s), and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return(s). The fiduciary or an officer representing the fiduciary will have signed this form before I submit the return(s). I will give the fiduciary or officer representing the fiduciary a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS, and have followed all other requirements described in **Pub. 1437**, Procedures for Electronic and Magnetic Media Filing of U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts, Form 1041. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above estate or trust return(s) and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

EMMRO's signature ▶	Date	Check if also paid preparer ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	EMMRO's social security number
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address ▶	EIN ▶		ZIP code ▶	

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above estate or trust return(s) and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's social security number
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address ▶	EIN ▶		ZIP code ▶

### Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

- Recordkeeping** . . . . . 7 min.
- Learning about the law or the form** . . . . . 4 min.
- Preparing the form** . . . . . 18 min.
- Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS** . . . . . 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Tax Forms Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001. **DO NOT** send Form 8453-F to this address. Instead, see **Where To File** below.

### Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453-F to (a) authenticate the electronic or magnetic media **Form 1041**, U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts; (b) serve as a transmittal for any accompanying paper schedules, statements, and magnetic media; and (c) authorize the electronic or magnetic media filer to transmit via a third-party transmitter.

**Note:** A tax return is not considered filed unless it is signed. Form 8453-F is the signature document that completes the filing of the Form(s) 1041 filed on electronic or magnetic media.

### Who Must File

Every estate or trust filing a 1996 Form 1041 via electronic or magnetic media must file a signed Form 8453-F.

### Signature For Multiple-Return Filing

A single signature may be used for a multiple-return filing if the fiduciary is authorized to sign each return. The signer must attach a multiple-return information listing according to the instructions in **Pub. 1437**, Procedures for Electronic and Magnetic Media Filing of U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts, Form 1041. The information listing must include the name control of each estate or trust, its employer identification number (EIN), and the information shown on lines 1 through 5 for each return.

### Where To File

If filing Form 8453-F by U.S. mail, send it to Internal Revenue Service Center, Attention: Magnetic Media Unit—DP 115, P.O. Box 21028, Philadelphia, PA 19114. If filing Form 8453-F using a private delivery service, send it to Internal Revenue Service Center, Attention: Magnetic Media Unit—DP 115, 11601 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19154.

### When To File

An estate or trust must file its income tax return by the 15th day of the 4th month following the close of its tax year. This filing date also applies to returns filed electronically or on magnetic media. For returns filed electronically, the transmitter must send the signed Form 8453-F the same day the transmission is made. For returns filed on magnetic tape or diskette, the transmitter must send the signed Form 8453-F in the same package with the corresponding tape or diskette.

### Declaration of Electronic and/or Magnetic Media Return Originator (EMMRO) and Paid Preparer

The EMMRO is one who deals directly with the fiduciary and either prepares tax returns or collects prepared tax returns, including Forms 8453-F, for fiduciaries who wish to have the return of the estate or trust electronically or magnetically filed. The EMMRO's signature is required by the IRS.

A paid preparer who is not also the EMMRO must sign Form 8453-F in the space for **Paid Preparer's Use Only**. A paid preparer who is also the EMMRO should instead check the box in the **EMMRO's Use Only** section labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

