

**ADVANTAGES FOR THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

**Flexibility**

As an Independent Contractor, you are your own boss. You are free to accept or decline work opportunities. You determine when you work, how many hours, and how you do your work (as long as it is within the professional standards of your discipline). Independent Contractors enjoy far more freedom and flexibility in this regard than do employees.

**Expenses**

Independent Contractors’ expenses are tax-deductible. This means that when tax time comes, you will be able to make dollar for dollar deductions against your Independent Contractor income most of your expenses. All your income and expenses are reported on Federal Form Schedule C. *Please consult your accountant for more details.*

The following are the types of expenses you may deduct.

* Automobile Expenses
* Computer Hardware & Supplies
* Equipment Leasing/purchases
* Dues and Subscriptions
* Interest Expenses
* Insurance Expenses
* Professional Licenses
* Office Supplies & Equipment
* Printing and Copying
* Professional Services (legal, accounting, etc.)
* Continuing Education
* Telephone

**Retirement/Savings Plan**

Being independent offers tax saving and retirement savings opportunities by setting up a retirement/savings plan.

A [Simplified Employee Pension Plan](http://www.irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Retirement-Plans-for-Self-Employed-People) is a popular choice for Independent Contractors. These contributions are tax-deductible up to an amount established by the Federal government each year. Please contact your financial advisor to discuss retirement/savings plan opportunities.

**Taxes**

When you are an Independent Contractor with Harris Scott Group LLC, you will receive semi-monthly checks in gross wages and therefore responsible for paying your own federal and state taxes.

The process is simple. Quarterly, you will have to pay [estimated quarterly taxes](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Estimated-Taxes) to the government. You accountant will assist you in your estimated tax payments.

**Summary**

Contracting allows for a number of tangible advantages that one cannot receive when working as an employee.

1. Higher annual income
2. Great tax deductions
3. Unlimited professional flexibility

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**Please contact your attorney, accountant and/or financial consultant to confirm the benefits applicable to your situation. Harris Scott Group,LLC cannot offer legal or financial advise.**