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Summary of Common Federal Education Tax Benefits



Education tax benefits include both credits and deductions. A tax credit reduces the amount of income tax you may have to pay while a tax deduction reduces the amount of income subject to tax. Below, you'll see a chart highlighting the four most common education tax benefits. (Note: The American opportunity credit, lifetime learning credit and tuition and fees deduction will not be allowed unless the student receives a Form 1098-T from an eligible educational institution.)

CREDIT / DEDUCTION	YOU MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM IF:	QUALIFIED EDUCATION EXPENSES	MAX CREDIT / DEDUCTION ¹	TAX BENEFIT INCOME PHASE-OUT
American Opportunity Credit (AOTC) ⁴	You pay the qualified education expenses for an eligible student, i.e. yourself, your spouse or any dependent for whom you claim a Federal tax exemption.	Tuition; course-related books, supplies and equipment; required fees ³	Up to \$2,500 per eligible student, per year Maximum of four years (which includes any year a "Hope Scholarship Credit" was claimed)	Single Filers: \$80,000 - \$90,000 Joint Filers: \$160,000 - \$180,000
Lifetime Learning Credit	You pay the qualified education expenses for an eligible student, i.e. yourself, your spouse or any dependent for whom you claim a Federal tax exemption.	Tuition; course-related books, supplies and equipment; required fees ³	Up to \$2,000 per tax return, per year	Single Filers: \$55,000 - \$65,000 Joint Filers: \$110,000 - \$130,000
Student Loan Interest Deduction	You (1) are legally obligated to pay the interest on student loan which funded qualified education expenses for yourself, your spouse or a dependent for whom you claimed a Federal tax exemption during the year the loan was originated, and (2) paid interest during the applicable tax year.	Tuition; course-related books, supplies and equipment; room and board; transportation; required fees ³	Up to \$2,500 per tax return, per year	Single Filers: \$65,000 - \$80,000 Joint Filers: \$130,000 - \$160,000
Tuition and Fees Deduction	You pay the qualified education expenses for an eligible student, i.e. yourself, your spouse or any dependent for whom you claim a Federal tax exemption.	Tuition; required fees ³	Up to \$4,000 per tax return, per year	Single Filers: \$65,000 - \$80,000 Joint Filers: \$130,000 - \$160,000

¹ Married borrowers who file their taxes separately are not eligible for the described credits/deductions. In addition, there are restrictions to claiming benefits from more than one of the listed programs in a given tax year, and otherwise.

² Measured against Modified Adjusted Gross Income.

³ Only fees paid to the institution as a condition of enrollment or attendance.

⁴ The AOTC is only available for the first four years of higher education.

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