

Federal Tax Guide for U.S. Residents: Graduate Students

Tax Year 2020

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Important Information

> Tax due date is ~~04-15-2021~~

Note: The tax due date has been extended to **May, 17, 2021**

> Standard deduction is \$12,400 for single and \$24,800 for married joint return

> CARES Act payment is not reported in Box 5 on the 1098T form. This money is non-taxable

> Only use 1040 tax form to file. Form 1040A or 1040EZ discontinued.



What is the IRS?

- > The Internal Revenue Service
- > The tax collection agency of the United States
- > Administers the Internal Revenue Code enacted by Congress
- > **Mission Statement:**
 - Provide top quality service
 - Help taxpayers understand and meet tax responsibilities
 - Apply the tax law with integrity and fairness



IRS Resources

Great source for:

- Information about tax return preparation
- Tax forms and instructions
- IRS Publications



www.irs.gov

IRS Publication 970



Individual Tax Help

1-800-829-1040

Help by phone:

- Hotline available to answer questions
- Helps with tax return preparation
- Most documents are easy to print



IRS Seattle Office

915 Second Ave (Downtown Seattle)
32nd Floor, Federal Building

Call 206-946-3400 for more info.

Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm by appointment



At Your Service

Taxpayer Advocate Service

www.irs.gov/advocate

(206) 946-3707

- > Serves taxpayers in Washington State
- > Helps if you have tried unsuccessfully to resolve a problem with the IRS
- > Offers special help to taxpayers experiencing a significant hardship due to their tax problems



At Your Service

UW Federal Tax Clinic

(206) 685-6805

- > Staffed by second-year, third-year, and post-graduate law students and volunteer attorneys
- > Helps taxpayers who do not already have tax representation in a current dispute and cannot afford representation
- > Assists taxpayers with IRS audits and other federal tax controversies
- > Services provided only to those whose income falls at or below a certain level (e.g., \$31,900 for a single person in 2020)
- > The LITC does not prepare tax returns



Your Rights & Responsibilities

As a U.S. taxpayer you have the right to:

- > Know that your rights are protected
- > Privacy and confidentiality
- > Professional and courteous service
- > Representation
- > Pay only the correct amount of tax
- > Help with unresolved tax problems
- > Appeals and judicial review
- > Relief from certain penalties and interest



Your Rights & Responsibilities

As a U.S. taxpayer you are responsible for:

- > Filing your federal income taxes every year
- > Filing your taxes on time
- > Completing the form accurately and signing it
- > Attaching required documents and mailing it by April 15th
- > Paying the taxes due or making a payment plan arrangement with the IRS to pay over time
- > Participating in an audit if necessary

If you can't pay, failure to file your return only makes the situation **worse!**



Who Has to File Taxes?

You must file a federal tax return if you:

- > Worked in the United States or received United States source income, and
- > The amount of gross income meets a certain threshold amount

If you have a Social Security Number (SSN), file using your SSN

If you do not have a Social Security Number, get an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) from the IRS and file using your ITIN



What is United States Source Income

Residents of the United States get taxed on **ALL** worldwide income regardless of its source

Non-Residents get taxed **ONLY** on United States source income

Source depends on type of income:

- > Wages are sourced where they are earned
- > Scholarships and grants are sourced where the payer of the funds resides



What is NOT Included in Gross Income?

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants are not included in gross income if:

- > You are a degree candidate
- > Your money is for tuition, books, and supplies

AND

- > The amounts you received were not payments to you for performance of services (for example, a wage for a part-time job)



What is Included in Gross Income?

Amounts received for living expenses are taxable

Amounts received as payment for services are taxable

- > Most stipends for services performed as an ASE (Academic Student Employee), regardless of the purpose for which these stipends are awarded, are fully taxable



What is Included in Gross Income?

Other common forms of gross income

- > Interest and dividend income from savings and investments
- > Gambling winnings
- > Summer job abroad (if you are a U.S. resident)
- > Discharge of debt (there are exceptions)
- > Unemployment

Beware! Just because the payer does not withhold taxes does not mean the income is not taxable



What is the Threshold Amount?

You must file a federal tax return if:

- > You are a dependent of someone else, and you earned:
 - \$1,100 unearned income (e.g. interest, dividends)
 - \$12,400 of earned income (e.g. wages, compensation)
- > You are **not** a dependent, Single Filing Status, and you earned
 - \$12,400 **any** type of income (\$24,800 if Married Filing Joint)
 - \$400 of self-employed income

Whether you are a dependent relies on several factors:

- Who is claiming you (parent, other relative, non-relative)
- Age and whether in school
- Support provided by you or the person claiming you as a dependent
- Best to consult directions to 1040



Standard Deduction of \$12,400

- > An amount you will subtract from your gross income before you calculate your taxes.
- > Taxpayers can do itemized deductions if they have more expenses, like mortgage interest or property tax.
- > If you cannot do the itemized deduction, the IRS gives you a standard deduction amount.

✓ You can use the standard deduction whether you are a dependent or not!



Tax Credit or Deduction

A **tax credit** reduces the amount of income tax you may have to pay.

A **deduction** reduces the amount of income subject to tax.



Tax Credit or Deduction

Example of a Deduction:

Wages	3,000
Gambling Winnings!	<u>1,000</u>
Gross Income	4,000
(Less Deduction)	<u>250</u>
Taxable Income	3,750
Tax Percentage	<u>10%</u>
Tax	375
Tax Owed	375

Example of a Credit:

Wages	3,000
Gambling Winnings!	<u>1,000</u>
Gross Income	4,000
Taxable Income	4,000
Tax Percentage	<u>10%</u>
Tax	400
(Less Credit)	<u>250</u>
Tax Owed	150

Note that the \$250 Credit is far more valuable to this student!



Lifetime Learning Tax Credit

- * For students enroll in a graduate program or fee base program
- * For **any type of post-secondary education**, including classes taken to improve or acquire job skills
- * For an unlimited number of years
- * Credit is calculated by 20% of the first \$10,000 you paid for the qualified education expenses.
- * **Maximum \$2,000** in tax year 2020



When you CAN claim a Tax Credit

- > If you pay qualified education expenses
- > MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income) is under **\$69,000** for single or under **\$138,000** for married filing jointly.
- > The Lifetime Learning Credit is incrementally decreased if your MAGI is between **\$59,000 – \$69,000** for single filers and **\$118,000 – \$138,000** for joint filers.
- > To claim a credit, use **tax form 1040**
- > To calculate the tax credit, use **form 8863**



You CANNOT claim the Earned Income or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit

- > If your filing status is married filing separately
- > You are listed as a dependent in the exemptions section on another person's tax return
- > For the Lifetime Learning: your income is over **\$68,000** for single and over **\$136,000** for married filing jointly
- > You or your spouse was a non-resident alien for any part of 2020 and the non-resident did not elect to be treated as a resident for tax purposes



Qualified Education Expenses – Lifetime Learning

> Per IRS regulations, qualified education expenses are:

- 1) Tuition and fees required for enrollment
- 2) Course related books
- 3) Supplies
- 4) Equipment needed for a course of study

Only if paid for an eligible student that is required for enrollment or attendance at an eligible institution



Qualified Education Expenses

Do NOT include:

- > Insurance
- > Medical Expenses (including student health fees)
- > Transportation (U-pass)
- > Room & Board
- > Athletic Fees



Departmental Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants

A scholarship or fellowship is tax free when:

the money is paying for **qualified education expenses**

AND

the student is working towards a degree



Prizes, Awards and Stipends to U.S. Citizens & Resident Students

1. The money will affect a student's financial aid status and can affect a student's tax credit
 - When departments award money onto the student tuition account, the UW does not withhold tax
2. When departments award money in the student account system, the Financial Aid Office will receive all payment information to determine the needs of students when they apply for financial aid
3. Prizes, awards, and stipends are taxable income



Paying Taxes on Stipend Payments

- > Stipend payment from your department is a taxable form of income.
- > Stipend payments from the department do not withhold federal taxes.
- > For taxable income with taxes not withheld, you should prepay taxes to the IRS quarterly to reduce the tax amount due when you file your yearly tax return.



How to Prepay Your Taxes

- > Visit: irs.gov/payments
- > Go to make a payment section:

Pay Your Taxes Now

Pay with your bank account for free or choose an approved payment processor to pay by credit or debit card for a fee.

**Bank Account
(Direct Pay)**

**Debit Card or
Credit Card**

Other Ways You Can Pay

- [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System](#) (best option for businesses or large payments; enrollment required)
- [Electronic Funds Withdrawal](#) (during e-filing)
- [Same-day wire](#) (bank fees may apply)
- [Check or money order](#)
- [Cash](#)

- > Pay by your SS# with the amount
- > You need to select the year and this is a prepay taxes
- > Print a payment receipt after you pay



1098T Form (prepared by UW)

For the Lifetime Learning Credit:

- > UW generates a 1098T form to all UW and PCE students. On-line printing available from website:

<http://finance.uw.edu/sfs/tax>

- > Summarizes all tuition and fee charges in **Box 1**
- > Summarizes scholarship, fellowship and financial aid in **Box 5**
- > Helps students determine if they qualify for tax credit or if the scholarship and grant aid money is taxable
- > Non Resident Alien Students do not qualify and will not receive the 1098T form



1098T Form (prepared by UW)

UW reports tuition payments plus scholarships and financial aid grants payment to the IRS

Information on the form:


- > **Box 1** – total of qualified tuition and fees expenses
- > **Box 5** – total of scholarship or financial aid grants

When comparing box 1 to box 5:

- > If box 1 total is greater than box 5 total, student may qualify for a tax credit
- > If box 5 total is greater than the box 1 total, student will have to report the difference in the amount as income



1098T Form – Tax Credits



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Educational Tax Credits Report
 IRS Form 1098-T and UW Information Statement – Tax Year 2020

1/20/21

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Student Fiscal Services via email at taxquest@u.washington.edu or call 206-221-2009, 9-5 Pacific Time Monday through Friday. See reverse page for additional information.

University of Washington
 Student Fiscal Services
 Box 355871, Seattle WA 98195

UW IRS Identification Number: 91-6001537

INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE IRS
The following information is being sent to the IRS. Box numbers correspond to IRS form 1099-T, also called the "Tuition Statement". Any box number not listed should be considered to have a zero dollar amount.

Box 1 : Payments for qualified tuition & related expenses...	\$11,041.00
Box 5 : Scholarships or grants.....	\$6,374.00
Box 7 : Expenses include an amount for 2021.....	No
Box 8 : Student is at least half-time.....	Yes
Box 9 : Student is a graduate student.....	No

DETAIL OF CHARGES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED
The following itemized information is NOT being sent to the IRS.

QUALIFIED TUITION and RELATED EXPENSES PAID IN 2020

Charged	Transaction	Expense	Paid
1/06/20	REGULAR COURSE FEES	120.00	120.00
1/06/20	WINTER 2020 TUITION	3,738.00	3,738.00
3/30/20	SPRING 2020 TUITION	3,737.00	3,737.00
9/11/20	AUTUMN 2020 TUITION	3,446.00	3,446.00
TOTAL:		11,041.00	11,041.00

SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2020


Date	Transaction	Grant Aid	Total
1/24/20	FEDERAL PELL GRANT	1,549.00	
4/13/20	FEDERAL PELL GRANT	2,065.00	
12/17/20	WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT	2,760.00	6,374.00

Box 1:	\$ 11,041.00
Box 5:	- \$ 6,374.00
Difference:	\$ 6,364.00

Filers can only claim one of the credits:
 American Opportunity is **\$2,500**
 Lifetime Learning is **\$2,000**



1098T Form – Scholarship Income



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The following information is being sent to the IRS. Box numbers correspond to IRS form 1098-T, also called the "Tuition Statement". Any box number not listed should be considered to have a zero dollar amount.

Box 1 : Payments for qualified tuition & related expenses... \$3,738.00
 Box 5 : Scholarships or grants..... \$7,537.00
 Box 7 : Expenses include an amount for 2021..... No
 Box 8 : Student is at least half-time..... Yes
 Box 9 : Student is a graduate student..... No

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QUALIFIED TUITION and RELATED EXPENSES PAID IN 2020

Charged	Transaction	Expense	Paid
12/31/19	WINTER 2020 TUITION	3,738.00	3,738.00

SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2020


Date	Transaction	Grant Aid	Total
12/31/19	UNDERGRAD TUITION EXEMPTION	304.00	
	WA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP	1,668.00	
	WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT	1,850.00	
	WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT	1,733.00	
	FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT	100.00	
	FEDERAL PELL GRANT	1,882.00	7,537.00

Box 1: \$ 3,738.00
Box 5: - \$ 7,537.00
Difference: - \$ **3,799.00**

Extra scholarship funds to report as
 income: \$ **3,799.00**



1098T Form – Stipend



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1/22/21

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SOC SEC NUMBER:
 Student Number:

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Box 1 : Payments for qualified tuition & related expenses... \$24,778.00
 Box 5 : Scholarships or grants..... \$43,558.00
 Box 7 : Expenses include an amount for 2021..... No
 Box 8 : Student is at least half-time..... Yes
 Box 9 : Student is a graduate student..... Yes

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The following itemized information is NOT being sent to the IRS.

QUALIFIED TUITION and RELATED EXPENSES PAID IN 2020

Charged	Transaction	Expense	Paid
12/31/19	WINTER 2020 TUITION	10,841.00	10,841.00
3/25/20	SPRING 2020 TUITION	10,841.00	10,841.00
6/17/20	SUMMER 2020 TUITION	3,096.00	3,096.00
TOTAL:		24,778.00	24,778.00

SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2020

Date	Transaction	Grant Aid	Total
1/03/20	TARA SERV APPTMNT NONRES EXMPT	4,462.00	
	UW FUNDS TECH FEE	38.00	
1/10/20	HSRT AT UW YR2	6,425.00	
3/26/20	TARA SERV APPTMNT NONRES EXMPT	4,462.00	
	UW FUNDS TECH FEE	38.00	
4/06/20	HSRT AT UW YR2	2,616.00	
	HSRT AT UW YR2	534.00	
4/08/20	PHD OPS	3,275.00	
6/19/20	TARA SERV APPTMNT NONRES EXMPT	1,272.00	
6/25/20	PHD OPS	1,813.13	
7/08/20	UW FUNDS TECH FEE	10.87	
12/31/20	SUM OF AMTS PAID THRU WORKDAY	18,612.00	43,558.00 ← stipend payment

Box 1: \$ 24,778.00
Box 5: - \$ 43,558.00
Difference: **-18,780.00**

Additional scholarship payments should be filed as additional income: \$18,780.00

Stipend Paid via Payroll:

No taxes are withheld from the payroll office – stipends are reported on the 1098T form as scholarship. This may increase tax liability



Deductible Student Loan Interest

- > Your student loan interest may be deductible up to \$2,500 per year
- > Some restrictions apply:
 - > You are not claimed as a dependent by someone else
 - > Your AGI does not exceed \$85,000 (\$170,000 for married filing jointly)
 - > Deduction is reduced when income exceeds \$70,000 (\$140,000 for married filing jointly)
 - > You are legally liable for the loan



Earned Income Credit

“Refundable” Credit

- > You may receive a refund even if you did not pay taxes!

How to qualify

- > Must have Earned Income
- > Must be a U.S. Resident
- > Must either have one or more qualifying children or be 25 years of age
- > Meet the income threshold. Cannot have investment income of more than \$3,650



Earned Income Credit

Earned income includes:

- > Wages from employment
- > Scholarship or fellowship reported on a W-2

Amount of credit varies depending upon your filing status, income and number of kids

Income ceilings for Married filing Joint

- > More than Two Qualifying Children - \$56,884
- > Two Qualifying Children - \$53,350
- > Only One Qualifying Child - \$47,600
- > No Qualifying Child & over age 25 - \$21,700



Additional Dependent Issues

Issues can arise with divorced parents with dependent children

Generally, the parent who has custody of the child can claim the Dependent Deduction

“Custodial parent” may give up that right by signing a Form 8332



IRS Form 1040

Form 1040 Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service (99) **2020** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

Filing Status Single Married filing jointly Married filing separately (MFS) Head of household (HOH) Qualifying widow(er) (QW)
 Check only one box. If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of your spouse. If you checked the HOH or QW box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent ▶

Your first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Your social security number _____
 If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial _____ Last name _____ Spouse's social security number _____

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. _____ Apt. no. _____
 City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. _____ State _____ ZIP code _____
 Foreign country name _____ Foreign province/state/county _____ Foreign postal code _____
 Presidential Election Campaign Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund. You Spouse

At any time during 2020, did you receive, sell, exchange, or otherwise acquire any financial interest in any virtual currency? Yes No

Standard Deduction **Someone can claim:** You as a dependent Your spouse as a dependent
 Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness You: Were born before January 2, 1956 Are blind **Spouse:** Was born before January 2, 1956 Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if qualifies for (see instructions): Child tax credit	Credit for other dependents
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here ▶

1 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2	1
2a Tax-exempt interest	2a
3a Qualified dividends	3a
4a IRA distributions	4a
5a Pensions and annuities	5a
6a Social security benefits	6a
7 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	7
8 Other income from Schedule 1, line 9	8
9 Add lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income	9
10 Adjustments to income:	
a From Schedule 1, line 22	10a
b Charitable contributions if you take the standard deduction. See instructions	10b
c Add lines 10a and 10b. These are your total adjustments to income	10c
11 Subtract line 10c from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income	11
12 Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A)	12
13 Qualified business income deduction. Attach Form 8995 or Form 8995-A	13
14 Add lines 12 and 13	14
15 Taxable income. Subtract line 14 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-	15

Attach Sch. B if required.

Standard Deduction for—
 • Single or Married filing separately, \$12,400
 • Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$24,800
 • Head of household, \$18,650
 • If you checked any box under Standard Deduction, see instructions.

For Disclosure, Privacy Act, and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions. Cat. No. 11320B Form **1040** (2020)

To report excess scholarship as income use:

LINE 1: "amount & SCH"



IRS Form 1040

Form 1040 (2020) Page **2**

16	Tax (see instructions). Check if any from Form(s): 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 8814 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 4972 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	16
17	Amount from Schedule 2, line 3	17
18	Add lines 16 and 17	18
19	Child tax credit or credit for other dependents	19
20	Amount from Schedule 3, line 7	20
21	Add lines 19 and 20	21
22	Subtract line 21 from line 18. If zero or less, enter -0-	22
23	Other taxes, including self-employment tax, from Schedule 2, line 10	23
24	Add lines 22 and 23. This is your total tax	24
25	Federal income tax withheld from:	
a	Form(s) W-2	25a
b	Form(s) 1099	25b
c	Other forms (see instructions)	25c
d	Add lines 25a through 25c	25d
26	2020 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2019 return	26
27	Earned income credit (EIC)	27
28	Additional child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812	28
29	American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 8	29
30	Recovery rebate credit. See instructions	30
31	Amount from Schedule 3, line 13	31
32	Add lines 27 through 31. These are your total other payments and refundable credits	32
33	Add lines 25d, 26, and 32. These are your total payments	33
34	If line 33 is more than line 24, subtract line 24 from line 33. This is the amount you overpaid	34
35a	Amount of line 34 you want refunded to you . If Form 8888 is attached, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	35a
Direct deposit? See instructions.	b Routing number <input type="text"/> c Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings	
	d Account number <input type="text"/>	
36	Amount of line 34 you want applied to your 2021 estimated tax	36
37	Subtract line 33 from line 24. This is the amount you owe now Note: Schedule H and Schedule SE filers, line 37 may not represent all of the taxes you owe for 2020. See Schedule 3, line 12e, and its instructions for details.	37
38	Estimated tax penalty (see instructions)	38
Third Party Designee	Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS? See instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes . Complete below. <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	Designee's name <input type="text"/> Phone no. <input type="text"/> Personal identification number (PIN) <input type="text"/>	
Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.	
Joint return? See instructions. Keep a copy for your records.	Your signature <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/> Your occupation <input type="text"/> If the IRS sent you an Identity Protection PIN, enter it here (see inst.) <input type="text"/>	
	Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign. <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/> Spouse's occupation <input type="text"/> If the IRS sent your spouse an Identity Protection PIN, enter it here (see inst.) <input type="text"/>	
	Phone no. <input type="text"/> Email address <input type="text"/>	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name <input type="text"/> Preparer's signature <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/> PTIN <input type="text"/> Check it: <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed	
	Firm's name <input type="text"/> Phone no. <input type="text"/>	
	Firm's address <input type="text"/> Firm's EIN <input type="text"/>	

Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information. Form **1040** (2020)

To report tax credits from form 8863 use:

LINE 29



IRS Form 8863 – Calculate Tax Credit

Form **8863** **Education Credits**
(American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Credits)
OMB No. 1545-0074
2020
Attachment Sequence No. **50**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8863 for instructions and the latest information.
Name(s) shown on return _____ Your social security number _____

CAUTION Complete a separate Part III on page 2 for each student for whom you're claiming either credit before you complete Parts I and II.

Part I Refundable American Opportunity Credit

1 After completing Part III for each student, enter the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 30 **1**

2 Enter: \$180,000 if married filing jointly; \$90,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) **2**

3 Enter the amount from Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11. If you're filing Form 2555 or 4563, or you're excluding income from Puerto Rico, see Pub. 970 for the amount to enter **3**

4 Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, **stop**; you can't take any education credit **4**

5 Enter: \$20,000 if married filing jointly; \$10,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) **5**

6 If line 4 is:
• Equal to or more than line 5, enter 1.000 on line 6
• Less than line 5, divide line 4 by line 5. Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places) **6**

7 Multiply line 1 by line 6. **Caution:** If you were under age 24 at the end of the year and meet the conditions described in the instructions, you **can't** take the refundable American opportunity credit; skip line 8, enter the amount from line 7 on line 9, and check this box **7**

8 **Refundable American opportunity credit.** Multiply line 7 by 40% (0.40). Enter the amount here and on Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 29. Then go to line 9 below. **8**

Part II Nonrefundable Education Credits

9 Subtract line 8 from line 7. Enter here and on line 2 of the Credit Limit Worksheet (see instructions) **9**

10 After completing Part III for each student, enter the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 31. If zero, skip lines 11 through 17, enter -0- on line 18, and go to line 19 **10**

11 Enter the smaller of line 10 or \$10,000 **11**

12 Multiply line 11 by 20% (0.20) **12**

13 Enter: \$138,000 if married filing jointly; \$69,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) **13**

14 Enter the amount from Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11. If you're filing Form 2555 or 4563, or you're excluding income from Puerto Rico, see Pub. 970 for the amount to enter **14**

15 Subtract line 14 from line 13. If zero or less, skip lines 16 and 17, enter -0- on line 18, and go to line 19 **15**

16 Enter: \$20,000 if married filing jointly; \$10,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) **16**

17 If line 15 is:
• Equal to or more than line 16, enter 1.000 on line 17 and go to line 18
• Less than line 16, divide line 15 by line 16. Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places) **17**

18 Multiply line 12 by line 17. Enter here and on line 1 of the Credit Limit Worksheet (see instructions) ▶ **18**

19 **Nonrefundable education credits.** Enter the amount from line 7 of the Credit Limit Worksheet (see instructions) here and on Schedule 3 (Form 1040), line 3 **19**

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Name(s) shown on return _____ Your social security number _____

CAUTION Complete Part III for each student for whom you're claiming either the American opportunity credit or lifetime learning credit. Use additional copies of page 2 as needed for each student.

Part III Student and Educational Institution Information. See instructions.

20 Student name (as shown on page 1 of your tax return) **21** Student social security number (as shown on page 1 of your tax return)

22 Educational institution information (see instructions)

a. Name of first educational institution **b.** Name of second educational institution (if any)

(1) Address. Number and street (or P.O. box). City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If a foreign address, see instructions. **(1)** Address. Number and street (or P.O. box). City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If a foreign address, see instructions.

(2) Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2020? Yes No **(2)** Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2020? Yes No

(3) Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2019 with box 7 checked? Yes No **(3)** Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2019 with box 7 checked? Yes No

(4) Enter the institution's employer identification number (EIN) if you're claiming the American opportunity credit or if you checked "Yes" in **(2)** or **(3)**. You can get the EIN from Form 1098-T or from the institution. **(4)** Enter the institution's employer identification number (EIN) if you're claiming the American opportunity credit or if you checked "Yes" in **(2)** or **(3)**. You can get the EIN from Form 1098-T or from the institution.

23 Has the Hope Scholarship Credit or American opportunity credit been claimed for this student for any 4 tax years before 2020? Yes — **Stop!** Go to line 31 for this student. No — Go to line 24.

24 Was the student enrolled at least half-time for at least one academic period that began or is treated as having begun in 2020 at an eligible educational institution in a program leading towards a postsecondary degree, certificate, or other recognized postsecondary educational credential? See instructions. Yes — Go to line 25. No — **Stop!** Go to line 31 for this student.

25 Did the student complete the first 4 years of postsecondary education before 2020? See instructions. Yes — **Stop!** Go to line 31 for this student. No — Go to line 26.

26 Was the student convicted, before the end of 2020, of a felony for possession or distribution of a controlled substance? Yes — **Stop!** Go to line 31 for this student. No — Complete lines 27 through 30 for this student.

CAUTION You can't take the American opportunity credit and the lifetime learning credit for the same student in the same year. If you complete lines 27 through 30 for this student, don't complete line 31.

American Opportunity Credit

27 Adjusted qualified education expenses (see instructions). Don't enter more than \$4,000 **27**

28 Subtract \$2,000 from line 27. If zero or less, enter -0- **28**

29 Multiply line 28 by 25% (0.25) **29**

30 If line 28 is zero, enter the amount from line 27. Otherwise, add \$2,000 to the amount on line 29 and enter the result. Skip line 31. Include the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 30, on Part I, line 1 **30**

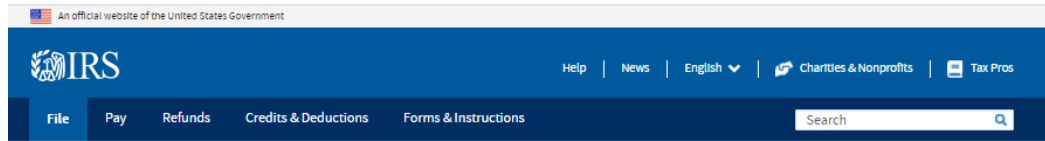
Lifetime Learning Credit

31 Adjusted qualified education expenses (see instructions). Include the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 31, on Part II, line 10 **31**

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