It is important to emphasize that the purpose of the 1098-T is to support any claim for education credit. The amount reported in Box 1 is for informational purposes and might be different than the amount you actually paid and are deemed to have paid. To learn more, see IRS Publication 970 – Tax Benefits for Education.

Frequently asked questions:

What is reported in Box 1?

Payments applied to your account during 2019 that total up to your Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses for the tax year. They include:

- Regular payments
- Payments from 3rd parties such as the Veterans Administration and Child and Family Services
- Student loans
- Grants and scholarships
- Tuition and fee waiver benefits

Any refunds you received or any payments made that were returned due to insufficient funds are deducted from these total payments.

What is not reported in Box 1?

- Housing Deposits
- Scholarships/grants earmarked for charges other than Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses such as housing, meals or books.

What are my Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses?

Mandatory tuition and fee charges that posted during the 2019 tax year for Winter session 2019 through Spring session 2020. If your Winter session 2019 or Spring session 2019 charges posted in tax year 2018, they were reported in 2018 and are NOT included in 2019. Charges for housing or meals are NOT included.
My records indicate I made more payments in 2019 than what is appearing in Box 1. Why?

Payments recorded in Box 1 cannot exceed the total qualified charges reported in 2019. Payments made for Fall Term 2018 or earlier are not reported.

What is reported in Box 5?

Box 5 includes the following:

- Grants and scholarships
- Payments from 3rd parties such as the Veterans Administration and Child and Family Services
- Tuition and fee waiver benefits

Can I review the detail behind the amounts reported on the 1098-T form including the Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses?

Students can view the detail behind these amounts from their E-Web account. To access the information students should:

- Log into the E-Web account
- Choose Student Services
- Choose Student Account
- Choose Tax Notification
- Type in the tax year for which the 1098-T is requested and click submit

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