



College-Related Federal Tax Provisions

Helena College students and families may be eligible for selected education-related tax provisions as declared by the IRS via <https://irs.gov>, including:

1. 1098-T Statement provides information about your educational expenses, which can be used to apply for claim the tuition and fees deduction. This is supplied from the Business Office.
2. American Opportunity Tax Credit offsets what you pay for the first four years of higher education by reducing the amount of income tax you pay. This credits provides up to \$2,500 per student and up to 40 percent of the credit may be refundable.
3. Lifetime Learning Tax Credit provides a maximum \$2,000 per year tax credit (non-refundable) per family for years of eligible undergraduate or graduate/professional study after the first two years of college.
4. Student Loan Interest Deduction provides a non-refundable deduction (not credit) of interest on qualified education loans used to finance qualified education expenses. The maximum deduction each taxpayer is permitted to take is \$2,500.
5. Tuition and Fees Tax Deduction can reduce your taxable income by as much as \$4,000 and may benefit you if you are not eligible for any of the tax credits.
6. Student loan interest paid during the year may be deducted up to \$2,500 or the actual amount of interest paid if a lesser amount.

Note: Students are advised that there are numerous eligibility requirements and other specifics contained in the tax provisions and should contact their tax advisor before making decisions.