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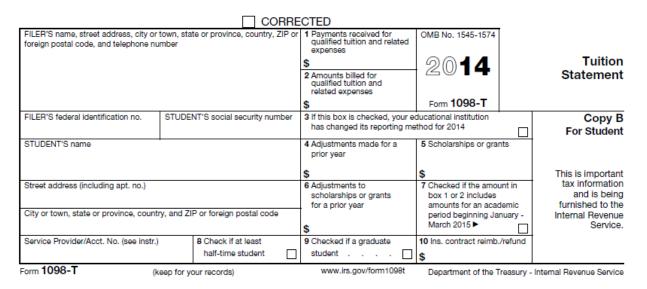
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT USE ONLY:

Explanation of Form 1098-T Tuition Statement

1098-T form is

- 1) An informational form which should not be considered as tax advice; and
- 2) Mailed to students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents by January 31st under The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA97); and
- 3) Shown gualified tuition & other related expensed billed to students for any terms in a calendar year.

IRS regulations <u>CFR §1.6050S-1(a)(2)</u> specify that the University is not required to issue a 1098-T for nonresident alien individuals (as defined in <u>IRC §7701(b)</u> and <u>CFR §301.7701(b)-3</u>) during the calendar year, unless the student requests the form.



Purpose of the form

The Form 1098-T is an information tax document to aid taxpayers in determining whether they are eligible to claim a tax deduction or one of the education tax credits (Hope Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit). The student, or the person who can claim the student as a dependent, may be able to claim eligibility for the Hope and Lifetime Learning education tax credits on Form 1040 or 1040A using Form 8863: Education Credits (American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Credits), only for the qualified tuition and related expenses that were actually paid in 2014.

For more details about 1098-T, please refer to <u>http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1098et_14.pdf</u> <u>IRS Publication 970</u>: Tax Benefits for Higher Education; <u>IRS Announcement 97-60</u>: Consumer Guidance on Education Tax Incentives;



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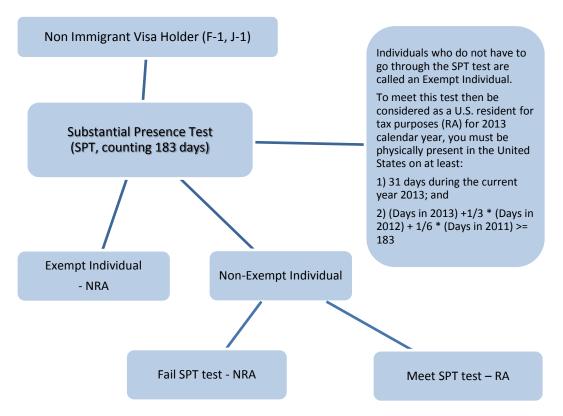
What does the 1098-T Form mean for International Students?

These education tax credits <u>are not available</u> to nonresident aliens who filing Form 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ. Therefore if you are filling as a nonresident using form 1040NR/NR-EZ, you should ignore the form 1098-T because it is not relevant for your taxes.

Details for 1040NR requirements can be reviewed at:

http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Foreign-Student-Foreign-Scholar-Filing-Requirementsfor-U.S.-Federal-Income-Tax-Form-1040NR-or-1040NR-EZ

http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p519.pdf



1) Am I a non-resident alien for the tax purpose?

2) Exempt Individual

- a) On an "F-1, " "J-1, and possible their dependents; and
- b) Stayed in U.S. less than 5 calendar year
- 3) An interactive survey to determine eligibility for the credit: <u>Am I Eligible to Claim an Education Credit?</u>