



## Form 1098-T Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Where can I access the Form 1098-T?**

A: The Student Account Center

### **Q: How do I obtain a copy of my Form 1098-T?**

A: Enrolled students and authorized users have online access to the form through the Student Account Center and can print the form if required. The Bursar's Office will send a paper copy to all eligible students who have graduated or who have withdrawn from the University and no longer have access to the Student Account Center.

### **Q: What is the IRS Form 1098-T?**

A: The Form 1098-T is a statement that colleges and universities are required to issue to certain students. It provides the total dollar amount paid by the student for what is referred to as qualified tuition and related expenses (QTRE) in a single tax year.

### **Q: When will I receive my Form 1098-T?**

A: The Form 1098-T will be available to you and your authorized user(s), on-line through the Student Account Center, on or before January 31.

### **Q: Why don't the numbers on Form 1098-T equal the amounts I paid to Bryant during the year?**

A: There are potentially many reasons for this discrepancy. First, the amount in Box 1 only represents amounts paid for qualified tuition and related expenses (QTRE) and does not include payments made for room and board, health insurance, fines, or any other incidental charge, though important, are not considered mandatory education expenses for tax purposes. Secondly, Form 1098-T reports amounts that the student paid in a certain year, and the pay date does not necessarily correspond to the dates in which the student attended class.

### **Q: Does the Form 1098-T include charges for books?**

A: No, the University does not include amounts paid for books in Box 1 of Form 1098-T. You should consult with your tax advisor to determine if payments for books, equipment or fees should be considered when preparing your income tax returns and determining eligibility for education tax credits or deductions.



**Q: What semesters are included in my Form 1098-T?**

A: Box 1 of Form 1098-T reflects payments made during the calendar year for qualified tuition and related expenses (QTRE) and it is not based on when the student attended class or when the student account was billed. Box 5 includes any scholarships or grants that are posted during the calendar year.

**Q: I can't get access to my Form 1098-T because I have graduated and have forgotten my access information.**

A: Student Account Center access expires 6 months following graduation. Graduates entitled to receive a Form 1098-T will receive a paper copy in the mail.

**Q: I graduated in May; do I have a Form 1098-T?**

A: Some May graduates will not be issued a Form 1098-T because there is a possibility that payments for QTRE for spring were made on or before December 31 of the previous year.

**Q: How do I prepare my tax returns without a Form 1098-T?**

A: Form 1098-T reports payments received from the student for qualified tuition and related expenses (QTRE) (Box 1) during the preceding calendar year. However, if the student receives scholarships, grants and/or fellowships in the preceding year in excess of the amounts they paid in QTRE, the University is not required to issue a Form 1098-T to the student. When determining your eligibility for education related tax credits and deductions, you will need to report the amount you paid for qualified education and related expenses. Therefore, maintaining receipts of payments made will be the best and most accurate source of information for amounts paid for qualified education and related expenses (QTRE). This is true regardless of whether you receive a Form 1098-T or not.

**Q: My accountant says that the University must provide me with a Form 1098-T.**

A: The University is not required, by the IRS, to furnish a Form 1098-T in the following instances:

- Payments for courses for which no academic credit is offered, even if the student is otherwise enrolled in a degree program.
- Enrolled student is a nonresident alien, unless requested by the student.
- Students whose qualified tuition and related expenses are entirely waived or paid entirely with grants/scholarships.

**Q: My SSN is wrong on my Form 1098-T. Can I have a new one sent to me?**

A: If your SSN is incorrect, you will need to contact the Registrar's Office at 401-232-6080 and request



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the change so that our office can update the Form 1098-T. The updated form will be posted to the Student Account Center.

**Q: I don't understand what I'm supposed to do with this Form 1098-T.**

A: We are unable to provide tax advice. For guidance you may want to consider working with a [Tax Professional](#).

**Additional Resources:**

[Education Credits--AOTC and LLC](#)

[How to Access your 1098T \(student\)](#)

[How to Access your 1098T \(authorized user\)](#)