

Basic Explanation of IRS Form 1098-T

As per an IRS update to the 1098-T form, Warren County Community College now reports scholarships and grants (Form 1098-T: Box 5) and amounts paid for qualified tuition and fee expenses, not exceeding total tuition and fee charges for the calendar year (Form 1098-T: Box 1). Previously WCCC reported charges related to the calendar year in Form 1098-T: Box 2.

Form 1098-T: Box 1

Types of payments included in this box (not exceeding total tuition/fee charges for the calendar year):

- Payments made by cash, check, or credit card
- Payments made online or in a payment plan via Nelnet
- Student loan payments (federal and private loans received by WCCC)

Form 1098-T: Box 5

Type of scholarship and grants included in this box:

- Federal and state grants
- WCCC Scholarships
- Private Scholarships

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- **All information and assistance that WCCC can provide to you is contained in this notice.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Business Office, however: **College and universities are not able to provide students/families with tax advice!**
- The IRS Form 1098-T is an information form filed with the Internal Revenue Service.
- The IRS Form 1098-T that you received reports amounts paid for qualified tuition and fees, not exceeding total tuition and fee charges for the calendar year.
- The Cengage Book Subscription and WCCC Application Fee are **not** considered a qualifying charge.
- You, or the person who may claim you as a dependent, may be able to use this 1098-T form to take either the tuition and fees deduction or claim an education credit for the qualified tuition and related expenses that were actually paid during the calendar year. **Please consult a tax professional with any questions related to this tax benefit.**
- There is no need to attach Form 1098-T to your tax return.
- As of January 1, 2019 the IRS no longer allows charges to be reported (Form 1098-T: Box 2).
- **There is no IRS requirement that you must claim the tuition and fees deduction or an education credit. Claiming education tax benefits is a voluntary decision for those who may qualify.**