

**For your convenience, the “Instructions for the VSU Student” have been copied from the 2023 IRS 1098-T form below:**

### **1098-T Instructions for the VSU Student**

In January of each year, Virginia State University normally mails an IRS Form 1098-T to all students who had qualified tuition and other related educational expenses billed to them during the previous calendar year. This year the Account statements are available in [Banner Self Service](#). This form is informational only and should not be considered as tax opinion or advice. It serves to alert students that they may be eligible for federal income tax education credits. Receipt of Form 1098-T does not indicate eligibility for the tax credit. To determine the amount of qualified tuition and fees paid, and the amount of scholarships and grants received, a taxpayer should use their own financial records.

**NOTE: It is up to each taxpayer to determine eligibility for the credits and how to calculate them.**

Your institution (VSU) must include its name, address, and information contact telephone number on this statement. It may also include contact information for a service provider. Although the filer or the service provider may be able to answer certain questions about the statement, do not contact the filer or the service provider for explanations of the requirements for (and how to figure) any education credit that you may claim.

**VSU Student’s taxpayer identification number (TIN).** For your protection, this form may show only the last four digits of your TIN (SSN, ITIN, ATIN, or EIN). However, the issuer has reported your complete TIN to the IRS. Caution: If your TIN is not shown in this box, your school was not able to provide it. Contact your school if you have questions.

**Account number.** May show an account or other unique number the filer assigned to distinguish your account.

**Box 1.** Shows the total payments received by an eligible educational institution in 2023 from any source for qualified tuition and related expenses less any

reimbursements or refunds made during 2023 that relate to those payments received during 2023.

**Box 2.** Reserved.

**Box 3.** Reserved.

**Box 4.** Shows any adjustment made by an eligible educational institution for a prior year for qualified tuition and related expenses that were reported on a prior year Form 1098-T. This amount may reduce any allowable education credit that you claimed for the prior year (may result in an increase in tax liability for the year of the refund). See “recapture” in the index to Pub. 970 to report a reduction in your education credit or tuition and fees deduction.

**Box 5.** Shows the total of all scholarships or grants administered and processed by the eligible educational institution. The amount of scholarships or grants for the calendar year (including those not reported by the institution) may reduce the amount of the education credit you claim for the year.

**TIP:** You may be able to increase the combined value of an education credit and certain educational assistance (including Pell Grants) if the VSU student includes some or all of the educational assistance in income in the year it is received. For details, see Pub. 970.

**Box 6.** Shows adjustments to scholarships or grants for a prior year. This amount may affect the amount of any allowable tuition and fees deduction or education credit that you claimed for the prior year. You may have to file an amended income tax return (Form 1040-X) for the prior year.

**Box 7.** Shows whether the amount in box 1 includes amounts for an academic period beginning January–March 2023. See Pub. 970 for how to report these amounts.

**Box 8.** Shows whether you are considered to be carrying at least one-half the normal full-time workload for your course of study at the reporting institution.

**Box 9.** Shows whether you are considered to be enrolled in a program leading to a graduate degree, graduate-level certificate, or other recognized graduate level educational credential.

**Box 10.** Shows the total amount of reimbursements or refunds of qualified tuition and related expenses made by an insurer. The amount of reimbursements or refunds for the calendar year may reduce the amount of any education credit you can claim for the year (may result in an increase in tax liability for the year of the refund).

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form 1098-T and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/Form1098T](http://www.irs.gov/Form1098T).

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