

January 17, 2019

Dear Calvin Student,

Now available on line are the **IRS Tax Form 1098T** as required by law and the **1098T Supplement** produced voluntarily by Calvin College. This supplement looks similar to a Tuition Statement, but it is NOT a BILL.

Returning students, please note that what we are reporting to the IRS is different this year from last year. In the past, the College reported tuition amounts billed using Box 2. This year the IRS has required that all Colleges & Universities report amounts paid in Box 1.

What amounts **ARE** included in the **1098T Box 1**?

- Payments which include scholarships, grants and loans crediting the Tuition account in the 2018 calendar year.
- The amount in Box 1 will either be equal to or less than the amount of qualified tuition billed during the 2018 calendar year.
- The amount in Box 1 will NOT exceed the amount of qualified tuition billed during the 2018 calendar year. Spring 2019 tuition was invoiced on December 31, 2018.

When working through your tax paperwork, Box 5 Scholarships & Grant amounts will offset those amounts being reported as a payment in Box 1.

Note: Qualified Tuition includes Nursing & Engineering Program fees for those students participating in the corresponding courses.

What amounts **ARE NOT** included on the **1098T**?

- Interim travel grants & payments that post to the Miscellaneous Charges Account.

The **1098T Supplement** contains a detail of the numbers that have been used to populate the boxes on the 1098T form.

What does the **1098T Supplement** provide?

- A listing of all activity, both charges and credits, on the student account between the dates of December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.
- Information related to the 18/Spring, 18/Fall, 19/Spring, 19/Interim and 2018 Summer terms.
- It will only show the financial aid that has been received by the College. It will not show any pending aid.
- It will not show any interim trip charges or payments.

The IRS code provides tax relief for certain qualifying educational expenditures. Because Calvin College cannot provide formal tax advice, we encourage parents and students to review IRS publication 970 that addresses in greater detail how tuition tax credits work.

Please consult the resources outlined in this letter as well as your tax advisor to determine which, if any, of the transactions are eligible for favorable tax treatment.

The institutional contact for **non-tax questions** related to form 1098T is:

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We trust that the IRS on-line resources, 1098T Supplement and this letter will be helpful as you explore educational tax credit opportunities.