

**Education Credits
(American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Credits)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

▶ See separate instructions to find out if you are eligible to take the credits.
▶ Instructions and more are at www.irs.gov/form8863. Attach to Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

2012
Attachment
Sequence No. **50**

Name(s) shown on return

Your social security number



Complete a separate Part III on page 2 for each student for whom you are claiming either credit before you complete Parts I and II.

Part I Refundable American Opportunity Credit

1	After completing Part III for each student, enter the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 30	1	
2	Enter: \$180,000 if married filing jointly; \$90,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er)	2	
3	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 38, or Form 1040A, line 22. If you are filing Form 2555, 2555-EZ, or 4563, or you are excluding income from Puerto Rico, see Pub. 970 for the amount to enter	3	
4	Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, stop ; you cannot take any education credit	4	
5	Enter: \$20,000 if married filing jointly; \$10,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er)	5	
6	If line 4 is: • Equal to or more than line 5, enter 1.000 on line 6 • Less than line 5, divide line 4 by line 5. Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places)	6	
7	Multiply line 1 by line 6. Caution: If you were under age 24 at the end of the year and meet the conditions described in the instructions, you cannot take the refundable American opportunity credit; skip line 8, enter the amount from line 7 on line 9, and check this box <input type="checkbox"/>	7	
8	Refundable American opportunity credit. Multiply line 7 by 40% (.40). Enter the amount here and on Form 1040, line 66, or Form 1040A, line 40. Then go to line 9 below.	8	

Part II Nonrefundable Education Credits

9	Subtract line 8 from line 7. Enter here and on line 8 of the Credit Limit Worksheet (see instructions)	9	
10	After completing Part III for each student, enter the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 31. If zero skip lines 11 through 17, enter -0- on line 18, and go to line 19	10	
11	Enter the smaller of line 10 or \$10,000	11	
12	Multiply line 11 by 20% (.20)	12	
13	Enter: \$124,000 if married filing jointly; \$62,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er)	13	
14	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 38, or Form 1040A, line 22. If you are filing Form 2555, 2555-EZ, or 4563, or you are excluding income from Puerto Rico, see Pub. 970 for the amount to enter	14	
15	Subtract line 14 from line 13. If zero or less, skip lines 16 and 17, enter -0- on line 18, and go to line 19	15	
16	Enter: \$20,000 if married filing jointly; \$10,000 if single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er)	16	
17	If line 15 is: • Equal to or more than line 16, enter 1.000 on line 17 and go to line 18 • Less than line 16, divide line 15 by line 16. Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places)	17	
18	Multiply line 12 by line 17. Enter here and on line 1 of the Credit Limit Worksheet (see instructions) ▶	18	
19	Nonrefundable education credits. Enter the amount from line 13 of the Credit Limit Worksheet (see instructions) here and on Form 1040, line 49, or Form 1040A, line 31	19	

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Complete Part III for each student for whom you are claiming either the American opportunity credit or lifetime learning credit. Use additional copies of Page 2 as needed for each student.

Part III Student and Educational Institution Information

See instructions.

<p>20 Student name (as shown on page 1 of your tax return)</p>	<p>21 Student social security number (as shown on page 1 of your tax return)</p>
<p>22 Educational institution information (see instructions)</p>	
<p>a. Name of first educational institution</p>	<p>b. Name of second educational institution (if any)</p>
<p>(1) Address. Number and street (or P.O. box). City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If a foreign address, see instructions.</p>	<p>(1) Address. Number and street (or P.O. box). City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If a foreign address, see instructions.</p>
<p>(2) Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2012? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>(2) Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2012? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>(3) Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2011 with Box 2 filled in and Box 7 checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>(3) Did the student receive Form 1098-T from this institution for 2011 with Box 2 filled in and Box 7 checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>If you checked "No" in both (2) and (3), skip (4).</p>	
<p>(4) If you checked "Yes" in (2) or (3), enter the institution's federal identification number (from Form 1098-T). _____</p>	<p>(4) If you checked "Yes" in (2) or (3), enter the institution's federal identification number (from Form 1098-T). _____</p>
<p>23 Has the Hope Scholarship Credit or American opportunity credit been claimed for this student for any 4 prior tax years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Stop! Go to line 31 for this student. <input type="checkbox"/> No — Go to line 24.</p>	
<p>24 Was the student enrolled at least half-time for at least one academic period that began in 2012 at an eligible educational institution in a program leading towards a postsecondary degree, certificate, or other recognized postsecondary educational credential? (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Go to line 25. <input type="checkbox"/> No — Stop! Go to line 31 for this student.</p>	
<p>25 Did the student complete the first 4 years of post-secondary education before 2012? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Stop! Go to line 31 for this student. <input type="checkbox"/> No — Go to line 26.</p>	
<p>26 Was the student convicted, before the end of 2012, of a felony for possession or distribution of a controlled substance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Stop! Go to line 31 for this student. <input type="checkbox"/> No — See <i>Tip</i> below and complete either lines 27-30 or line 31 for this student.</p>	



When you figure your taxes, you may want to compare the American opportunity credit and lifetime learning credits, and choose the credit for each student that gives you the lower tax liability. You **cannot** take the American opportunity credit and the lifetime learning credit for the **same student** in the same year. If you complete lines 27 through 30 for this student, do not complete line 31.

American Opportunity Credit

27 Adjusted qualified education expenses (see instructions). Do not enter more than \$4,000	27
28 Subtract \$2,000 from line 27. If zero or less enter -0-	28
29 Multiply line 28 by 25% (.25)	29
30 If line 28 is zero, enter the amount from line 27. Otherwise, add \$2,000 to the amount on line 29 and enter the result. Skip line 31. Include the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 30 on Part I, line 1	30

Lifetime Learning Credit

31 Adjusted qualified education expenses (see instructions). Include the total of all amounts from all Parts III, line 31, on Part II, line 10	31
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