

# 1098-T Explanation

*What information is in the various boxes on the 1098-T Form?*

**Box 1** – This box shows the total amount of payments and aid disbursements, including grant and scholarship amounts (see Box 5), up to the amount billed in qualified tuition & fees in 2020. It may also contain payments made in 2020 toward spring 2021 tuition and fees (see Box 7).

**Box 2** – This box is blank; we no longer report qualified tuition & fees in Box 2, as we have in previous years (see Box 3).

**Box 3** – We report payments made (Box 1) instead of tuition billed (Box 2).

**Box 4** – This box shows any reduction in 2019 tuition and fees made during 2020.

**Box 5** – This box 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.

**Box 6** - This box contains any reduction to the amounts of scholarships or grants that were reported in a prior year.

**Box 7** – This is checked if the amount in Box 1 includes payments made toward an academic period beginning between January and March 2020 (the spring semester).

**Box 8**- This is checked if the student was at least a half-time student during the academic period that began in 2020.

**Box 9** - This is checked if the student was enrolled in a program or programs leading to a graduate-level degree, graduate-level certificate or other recognized graduate-level educational credential.

**Box 10** – This box shows any tuition reimbursements or refunds made by an insurer. This is not applicable at Augsburg.

# Frequently Asked 1098-T Questions

## *What is a 1098-T?*

A statement of qualifying education expenses that colleges and universities are required to issue for the purpose of determining a student's or family's eligibility for the Hope and Lifetime Learning education tax credits. You received this form because our records show you made payments toward educational expenses in the 2020 tax year and higher education expenses may be eligible for this federal tax benefit.

## *Why does this year's 1098-T look different than last year's?*

Per federal regulations, we have changed our reporting methods for 2020. We now report payments made (Box 1) instead of tuition billed (Box 2).

## *What is the Filer's federal identification no.?*

This number is Augsburg's federal identification number. The number is 41-0694721.

## *What information is included on this form?*

Payments made and financial aid applied (loans, grants, and scholarships) toward "qualified tuition and fees" from January 1st, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

## *What are "qualified tuition & fees"?*

Tuition and fees required for attendance at Augsburg University. Qualified fees include various program fees, such as the Student Activity Fee or the Technology, plus any Lab or Supply Fees that might be attached to an individual course. Among items not considered a qualified fee: room or board costs, meal fees, music lesson fees, library or parking fines, late fees, athletic gear, choir/band trips, and non-tuition Study Abroad costs.

## *Why is the amount in Box 1 less than the amount I actually paid and/or less than the amount of aid disbursed?*

Any payment or aid amounts that went toward non-qualified fees, such as housing or meal costs, are not included in this total. Nor is any amount that exceeded tuition & fee costs and was returned to the student in the form of a credit refund check/direct deposit.

## *Where can I get a listing of qualifying transactions?*

Go to <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/>, log on to Augnet's Records and Registration portal using your Augsburg username and password. Select the "Make a Payment/Account Activity" link to view statements from January 2020 through December 2020.

## *Will Augsburg University employees be able to assist me with tax preparation questions regarding the 1098-T form?*

NO. Please consult a tax professional with questions regarding filing your taxes and incorporating the 1098-T form. More information is available on the IRS website located at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov),