Montgomery College cannot answer your tax questions or advise you concerning tax related issues. Please seek professional tax counseling as deemed appropriate for your facts and circumstances.

1. Why did I receive the IRS Form 1098-T?

Montgomery College (MC) is required to provide a completed IRS Form 1098-T to enrolled students earning credit hours, for whom the College received payments towards qualified tuition and fees within the calendar year (January 1 through December 31). Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1098-T is an informational form which enables the tax payer to determine eligibility for one or more education tax credits or deductions. Eligibility for any tax benefit depends upon your individual facts and circumstances. Refer to IRS publication 970 and Tax Benefits for Education: Information Center for further information regarding the 1098-T, or consult your tax advisor. Montgomery College cannot answer your tax questions or advise you on tax-related issues.

NOTE: Beginning in the 2018 tax year, Congress and the IRS eliminated the option for colleges and universities to report “amounts billed” in Box 2 on the form 1098-T. Colleges and universities must now report the “amounts paid” in Box 1 for qualified tuition and expenses.

2. Who is NOT eligible to receive the IRS Form 1098-T?

- Students enrolled in courses for which no academic credit is offered, even if the student is otherwise enrolled in a degree program; (tuition charges and fees for WDCE courses fall under this exception).
- Nonresident alien students, unless requested by the student;
- Students whose qualified tuition and related expenses are exceeded by scholarships, grants, and/or other formal billing arrangement between an institution and the student’s employer, government entity, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense.

3. How does a student receive IRS Form 1098-T from Montgomery College?

Your 2020 1098T Form will be mailed to the address of record you provided the College by January 31, 2021, unless you provided consent to receive your 2020 IRS 1098-T form electronically. Electronic copies of your 1098-T form will be available in the Pay My Bill area of MyMC and at the Heartland ECSI website at https://heartland.ecsi.net. You may also print the payment activity report in MyMC to get an itemized list of payments within the calendar year. NOTE: Payments towards qualified tuition and fees are the only payments reportable on the IRS 1098-T form.
4. How do I receive my 1098-T form electronically?

To provide consent to receive your 2020 IRS 1098-T form electronically log in to MyMC. Click on Pay My Bill until you get to the home page of your student account. You will receive a popup message to consent to receive your electronic 1098-T instead of by mail. You must select “Accept Consent”.

5. How do I make a correction on the 1098-T form?

Please contact Heartland ECSI at 1-866-428-1098 for assistance. Correction requests must be received by July 1st, 2021 for timely processing.

6. I have a question about my 1098-T form. Who can I call for help?

Montgomery College contracts with Heartland ECSI to process, mail, and answer questions pertaining to IRS Form 1098-T. Their phone number is 1-866-428-1098. You may reach Heartland ECSI customer service from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. Live chat is also available on the home page of Heartland ECSI website at https://heartland.ecsi.net from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST on Saturday. Please note that Heartland ECSI and Montgomery College cannot provide tax advice.