

Taking advantage of tax credits to help pay for college is a **smart choice** that can help you reach your goals.  
Here are some ideas to help you...

## USE TAX BREAKS TO HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE



### First 4 years of undergraduate college:

- Parent or student can get up to \$2,500 in Credits, with \$1,000 refunded.

### Any year of college:

- Parent or student can get up to \$2,000 Credit.

### Other options may allow you to:

- Deduct tuition and fees.
- Deduct student loan interest.
- Save money for education in a 529 Plan that earns tax-free interest.
- Take money from an IRA to pay for college without paying a penalty.

Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to find out more.

😊 To save for your own or your child's college education, check out the 529 Plan. Ask about it at your bank or credit union, or click on [www.collegesavings.org](http://www.collegesavings.org)

😊 **More than half of college students get financial aid, including:**

- "Gift aid," scholarships and grants that don't have to be paid back.
- "Self-help" aid such as work-study jobs.
- Loans with low interest rates and repayment over 10 or 20 years.

To find out more about financial aid, go to [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

😊 **TIP FOR PARENTS:** Save for kids' college and your own retirement!

Ask at this **free tax site** about other resources to help you make **smart choices** about paying for college, or contact:

[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

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All **Smart Choices** tips can be found at [www.Mass211.org](http://www.Mass211.org)

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