



Re: Important information for U.S. tax filers

Dear Student:

This message is to notify you that you may have a Form 1098-T available to pick up electronically. The 1098-T is used to determine student eligibility for claiming education tax credits on your federal income tax returns.

Starting this year, Babson is contracting with a new vendor, General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT), to provide both electronic and paper 1098-Ts. If you do not retrieve your 1098-T electronically, one will be mailed to you. Paper 1098-Ts will not be mailed until near January 31 and may reach you sometime after that date. If you are eligible to receive a 1098-T, you can retrieve one electronically now. Note: Prior to printing, you will need to consent to receiving it electronically in lieu of a mailed form. Be aware that you can get additional copies online in the future as well.

To retrieve your 1098-T electronically:

- Launch a web browser and go to <http://tra.vangent.com>
- Click the “First Time Students” Button.
- Enter your full first and last names and the last 5 digits of your Social Security number.
- Click “Submit.”
- If records are present for you, you will be instructed to create an account. Follow the instructions on the website to create a free account and retrieve your 1098-T. If records are not found for you or if you have difficulty creating an account, use the “Student Help” link in the left menu.

Remember, by acknowledging that you are receiving this form electronically, a hard copy form will not be mailed to you. However, you can go to the website as often as needed to retrieve a copy.

The best information about the tax benefits, including who qualifies and how to claim the benefits, is available in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 970-Tax Benefits for Higher Education, at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf>. The IRS form needed to claim the American Opportunity (Hope)/Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, Form 8863-Education Credits, is available at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8863.pdf>.

All IRS forms are available at the U.S. Department of the Treasury website, <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>. Massachusetts residents can find state tax information and forms at <http://www.dor.state.ma.us/>.

For questions related to your 1098-T from Babson, call Student Financial Services at 781-239-4219 or email sfs@babson.edu.

Sincerely,

Student Financial Services