

Tax Implications of Scholarship, Grants and Employer Reimbursement Programs

Question: Will I be taxed on grants, scholarships or if my employer reimburses me for college?

Answer: Possibly. Please find below some important information.

Scholarships/Reimbursements that ARE taxable as income

Scholarships used for Room, board, travel and “optional” equipment

Scholarships that pay for individuals to teach, or provide research.

Tuition reimbursement through employers.

- Qualifying reimbursement for supplies that would be considered “for after class use” such as a laptop or printer.
- Reimbursement exceeding \$5,250.
- *Additionally, the program MUST be set up as a qualifying educational assistance program with the employer for IRS reasons.*
- If reimbursement programs include Master’s courses

Grants and Scholarships that are NOT taxable as income

- EIP Scholarship
- B5 CUNY-SUNY Early Childhood Workforce Scholarship
- QUALITYstarsNY Scholarship
- PELL
- Title IV Grants
- Fulbright

This is not tax advice. Please contact your accountant or other qualified tax representative for further guidance.

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