

# **Education Planning**

# American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Credits

Education credits	2019	2020
Maximum American Opportunity credit	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maximum Lifetime Learning credit	\$2,000	\$2,000

MAGI phaseout range for American Opportunity credit	2019	2020
Singlephaseout threshold amount	\$80,000	\$80,000
Singlecompleted phaseout amount after	\$90,000	\$90,000
Married filing jointlyphaseout threshold amount	\$160,000	\$160,000
Married filing jointlycompleted phaseout amount after	\$180,000	\$180,000

MAGI phaseout range for Lifetime Learning credit	2019	2020
Singlephaseout threshold amount	\$58,000	\$59,000
Singlecompleted phaseout amount after	\$68,000	\$69,000
Married filing jointlyphaseout threshold amount	\$116,000	\$118,000
Married filing jointlycompleted phaseout amount after	\$136,000	\$138,000

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### **Coverdell education savings accounts**

Coverdell ESAs	2019	2020
Annual contribution limit	\$2,000	\$2,000

MAGI phaseout range for Coverdell education savings accounts	2019	2020
Singlephaseout threshold amount	\$95,000	\$95,000
Singlecompleted phaseout amount after	\$110,000	\$110,000
Married filing jointlyphaseout threshold amount	\$190,000	\$190,000
Married filing jointlycompleted phaseout threshold amount	\$220,000	\$220,000

## Deduction for qualified higher education expenses

Higher education expenses	2019	2020
Maximum deduction	N/A	N/A

### **Deduction for student loan interest**

Education loan interest deduction	2019	2020
Maximum deduction for interest paid on qualified education loans	\$2,500	\$2,500

MAGI phaseout range	2019	2020
Singlephaseout threshold amount	\$70,000	\$70,000
Singlecompleted phaseout amount after	\$85,000	\$85,000
Married filing jointlyphaseout threshold amount	\$140,000	\$140,000
Married filing jointlycompleted phaseout amount after	\$170,000	\$170,000

#### Gift tax exclusion

Gift tax	2019	2020
Annual gift tax exclusionsingle individual	\$15,000	\$15,000
Annual gift tax exclusionjoint gift	\$30,000	\$30,000
Lump-sum gift to 529 plansingle individual	\$75,000	\$75,000
Lump-sum gift to 529 planjoint gift	\$150,000	\$150,000

#### Kiddie tax

Kiddie tax	2019	2020
Generally, children pay federal income tax at the tax rates that apply to estates and trusts on any investment income over	\$2,200	\$2,200

## U.S. savings bonds interest exclusion for college expenses

Joint returns	2019	2020
Phaseout threshold for joint returns	\$121,600	\$123,550
Completed phaseout amount after	\$151,600	\$153,550

Other returns	2019	2020
Phaseout threshold for other returns	\$81,100	\$82,350
Completed phaseout amount after	\$96,100	\$97,350