

**Exclusion of Interest From Series EE
U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989
(For Filers With Qualified Higher Education Expenses)**

▶ Attach to Form 1040 or Form 1040A.
▶ See instructions on back.

Caution: If your filing status is married filing a separate return, **do not** file this form. You **cannot** take the exclusion even if you paid qualified higher education expenses in 1996.

Name(s) shown on return	Your social security number : : :
1 Name of person (you, your spouse, or your dependent) who was enrolled at or attended an eligible educational institution	(b) Name and address of eligible educational institution

If you need more space, attach additional sheets.

2 Enter the total qualified higher education expenses you paid in 1996 for the persons listed in column (a) of line 1. See the instructions to find out which expenses qualify	2		
3 Enter the total of any nontaxable educational benefits (such as nontaxable scholarship or fellowship grants) received for 1996 for the persons listed in column (a) of line 1. See instructions	3		
4 Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, stop here . You cannot take the exclusion	4		
5 Enter the total proceeds (principal and interest) from all series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 that you cashed during 1996	5		
6 Enter the interest included on line 5. See instructions	6		
7 Is line 4 less than line 5? No. Enter "1.00." Yes. Divide line 4 by line 5. Enter the result as a decimal (to at least two places).	7	×	
8 Multiply line 6 by line 7	8		
9 Enter your modified adjusted gross income. See instructions Note: If line 9 is \$64,450 or more (\$104,200 or more if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)), stop here . You cannot take the exclusion.	9		
10 Enter \$49,450 (\$74,200 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er))	10		
11 Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, skip line 12, enter -0- on line 13, and go to line 14	11		
12 Divide line 11 by \$15,000 (by \$30,000 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)). Enter the result as a decimal (to at least two places)	12	×	
13 Multiply line 8 by line 12	13		
14 Excludable savings bond interest. Subtract line 13 from line 8. Enter the result here and on Schedule B (Form 1040), line 3, or Schedule 1 (Form 1040A), line 3, whichever applies . . ▶	14		

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

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Recordkeeping, 53 min.; Learning about the law or the form, 13 min.; Preparing the form, 35 min.; and Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS, 34 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write or call the IRS. See the instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

General Instructions

Purpose of Form

If you cashed series EE U.S. savings bonds in 1996 that were issued after 1989, you may be able to exclude from your income part or all of the interest on those bonds. Use Form 8815 to figure the amount of any interest you may exclude.

Note: A new law increased the modified adjusted gross income limit for 1993, 1994, and 1995. If you cashed bonds in those years and your exclusion was affected by that limit, you may be entitled to a refund. See Pub. 553.

Who May Take the Exclusion

You may take the exclusion if **all four** of the following apply:

1. You cashed qualified U.S. savings bonds in 1996 that were issued after 1989.
2. You paid qualified higher education expenses in 1996 for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents.
3. Your filing status is any status **except** married filing a separate return.
4. Your modified AGI (adjusted gross income) is less than \$64,450 (less than \$104,200 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)). Use the line 9 worksheet on this page to figure your modified AGI.

U.S. Savings Bonds That Qualify for Exclusion

To qualify for the exclusion, the bonds must be series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 in your name, or, if you are married, they may be issued in your name and your spouse's name. Also, you must have been age 24 or older before the bonds were issued. A bond bought by a parent and issued in the name of his or her child who is under age 24 does not qualify for the exclusion by the parent or child. **Bond information may be verified with Department of the Treasury records.**

Recordkeeping Requirements

To verify the amount of interest you exclude, keep the following records:

- A written record of each post-1989 series EE U.S. savings bond that you cash. Your written record must include the serial number, issue date, face value, and total redemption proceeds (principal and interest) of each bond. You may use **Form 8818**, Optional Form To Record Redemption of Series EE U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989.
- Bills, receipts, canceled checks, or other documents showing you paid qualified higher education expenses during 1996.

Specific Instructions

To figure the amount of interest you may exclude, you must complete the following lines on your tax return if they apply.

Form 1040 filers, complete lines 7, 8b, 9 through 21, and 23a through 30. Also, complete Schedule B (Form 1040) through line 2.

Form 1040A filers, complete lines 7, 8b, 9 through 13b, and 15a through 15c. Also, complete Schedule 1 (Form 1040A) through line 2.

But if you received social security benefits, use the worksheet in **Pub. 915**, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits, to figure the taxable amount, if any, of your benefits. **Do not** use the social security worksheet in the instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A. **Also**, if you made contributions to your IRA for 1996 and you were covered by a retirement plan at work or through self-employment, use the chart and worksheets in **Pub. 590**, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), to figure your IRA deduction. **Do not** use the chart or IRA worksheet in the instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

Line 1

Column (a).—Enter the name of the person who was enrolled at or attended an eligible educational institution. This person must be you, your spouse, or your dependent(s) whom you claim on line 6c of Form 1040 or Form 1040A. An **eligible educational institution** is a college, university, or vocational education school.

Column (b).—Enter the name and address of the institution. If the person was enrolled at or attended more than one, list all of them.

Line 2

Enter the total **qualified higher education expenses** you paid in 1996. These include only tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance of the person(s) listed on line 1, column (a), at the institution(s) listed on line 1, column (b). They **do not** include expenses for the following:

- Room and board.
- Courses involving sports, games, or hobbies that are not part of a degree or certificate granting program.

Do not include on line 2 expenses that were covered by nontaxable educational benefits paid directly to, or by, the educational institution.

Line 3

Enter on this line the total qualified higher education expenses included on line 2 that were covered by nontaxable educational benefits.

Nontaxable educational benefits include:

- Scholarship or fellowship grants excludable from income under section 117.
- Veterans' educational assistance benefits.
- Employer-provided educational assistance benefits that are not included in box 1 of your W-2 form(s).
- Payments, waivers, or reimbursements of educational expenses under a qualified state tuition program.
- Any other payments (but not gifts, bequests, or inheritances) for educational expenses that are exempt from income tax by any U.S. law.

Do not include on line 3 nontaxable educational benefits paid directly to, or by, the educational institution.

Example. You paid \$10,000 of qualified higher education expenses in 1996 to the college your son attended. You claim your son as a dependent on line 6c of your 1996 tax return. Your son received a \$2,000 nontaxable scholarship grant for 1996, which was paid directly to him. In this case, enter \$10,000 on line 2 and \$2,000 on line 3.

Line 6

If you used Form 8818 to record the bonds you cashed in 1996, enter on line 6 the amount from Form 8818, line 5. If you did not use Form 8818, use the worksheet below to figure the amount for line 6.

Worksheet—Line 6 (keep a copy for your records)	
1. Enter the face value of all post-1989 bonds cashed in 1996	_____
2. Enter the amount from Form 8815, line 5	_____
3. Multiply line 1 above by 50% (.50)	_____
4. Subtract line 3 from line 2. This is the interest on the bonds. Enter the result here and on Form 8815, line 6	_____

Line 9

Use the worksheet below to figure your modified AGI. But if any of the following apply, see **Pub. 550**, Investment Income and Expenses, before using the worksheet.

- You file **Form 2555**, Foreign Earned Income, **Form 2555-EZ**, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion, or **Form 4563**, Exclusion of Income for Bona Fide Residents of American Samoa.
- You exclude income from Puerto Rico.
- You have investment interest expense attributable to royalty income.

Worksheet—Line 9 (keep a copy for your records)	
1. Enter the amount from line 2 of Schedule B (Form 1040) or Schedule 1 (Form 1040A)	_____
2. Form 1040 filers , add the amounts on lines 7, 9 through 14, 15b, 16b, 17 through 19, 20b, and 21. Enter the total. Form 1040A filers , add the amounts on lines 7, 9, 10b, 11b, 12, and 13b. Enter the total. }	_____
3. Add lines 1 and 2	_____
4. Enter the amount from Form 1040 , line 30, or Form 1040A , line 15c	_____
5. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter the result here and on Form 8815, line 9	_____

