Form 8815

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.

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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 1992.

Name(s) shown on return			Your social security number	
1	(a) (b) Name of person (you, your spouse, or your dependent) who vas enrolled at or attended an eligible educational institution			itution
lf y	ou need more space, attach a statement.			
2	Enter the total qualified higher education expenses you paid in 1992 for the persons listed in column (a) of line 1. See the instructions to find out which expenses qualify			
3	Enter the total of any nontaxable educational benefits (such as nontaxable scholarship or fellowship grants) received for 1992 for the persons listed in column (a) of line 1. See instructions 3			
4	Subtract line 3 from line 2. If the result is less than zero, enter -0			
5	Enter the total proceeds (principal and interest) from all series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 that you cashed during 1992 .			
6	Enter the interest included on line 5. See instructions .		6	
7	 Look at lines 4 and 5 above. Is line 4 less than line 5? Yes. Divide line 4 by line 5. Enter the result as a decimal (to at least two places). 		7	× .
	• No. Enter "1.00."			
8	Multiply line 6 by line 7		8	
9	Enter your modified adjusted gross income. See instruction Note: If line 9 is \$59,150 or more (\$96,200 or more if marrie joint return), stop here; you cannot take the exclusion	ed filing a		
10	Enter \$44,150 (\$66,200 if married filing a joint return).	10		
11	Subtract line 10 from line 9. If the result is zero or less, ski enter -0- on line 13, and go to line 14.			
12	Divide line 11 by \$15,000 (by \$30,000 if married filing a joint (to at least two places)		12	× .
13	Multiply line 8 by line 12		13	
14	Excludable savings bond interest. Subtract line 13 from Schedule B (Form 1040), line 3, or Schedule 1 (Form 1040)	line 8. Enter the result here and on A), line 3, whichever applies ►	14	
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Paperwork Reduction Act Notice We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: Recordkeeping, 53 min.; Learning about the law or the form, 11 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 more simple, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to both the IRS and the Office of Management and Budget at the addresses listed in the instructions of the tax return with which this form is filed.

General Instructions

Purpose of Form.—If you cashed series EE U.S. savings bonds in 1992 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.

Who Must File.—You must file Form 8815 if you are excluding series EE U.S. savings bond interest from your income.

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 1992 that were issued after 1989.

2. You paid qualified higher education expenses in 1992 for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents.

3. Your filing status is single, married filing a joint return, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child.

4. Your modified adjusted gross income is less than \$59,150 (\$96,200 if your filing status is married filing a joint return). Use the line 9 worksheet on this page to figure your modified adjusted gross income.

Note: If your filing status is married filing a separate return, you **cannot** take the exclusion.

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. Bond information will be verified with Department of the Treasury records.

Note: A bond bought by a parent and issued in the name of his or her child who is under age 24 will not qualify for the exclusion by the parent or child.

Recordkeeping Requirements.—To verify the amount of interest you exclude, you should 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. For this purpose, 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 documentation showing that you paid qualified higher education expenses during the year.

Line Instructions

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

• If you are filing Form 1040, complete lines 7, 8b, 9 through 22, and 24a through 30. Also, complete Schedule B (Form 1040) through line 2.

 If you are filing Form 1040A, 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 Benefits 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 1992 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.

Line 1, column (b).— Enter the name and address of the eligible educational institution. If the person was enrolled at or attended more than one institution, list the names and addresses of all institutions. An **eligible educational institution** is a college, university, or vocational education school.

Line 2.—Enter the total qualified higher education expenses you paid in 1992. These include only tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance of the person(s) listed on line 1, column (a), at the eligible educational 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 line 3 the total qualified higher education expenses included on line 2 that were covered by nontaxable educational benefits.

Example. You paid \$6,000 of qualified higher education expenses in 1992 to the eligible educational institution your son attended. You claim your son as a dependent on line 6c of your 1992 tax return. Your son received a \$2,000 nontaxable scholarship grant for 1992, which was paid directly to him. You would enter \$6,000 on line 2 and \$2,000 on line 3.

Nontaxable educational benefits include:

• Scholarship or fellowship grants excludable from income under Internal Revenue Code section 117.

• Veterans' educational assistance benefits.

• Employer-provided educational assistance benefits.

• 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.

Line 6.—If you used Form 8818 to record the bonds you cashed in 1992, 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 to enter on line 6.

Worksheet—Line 6 (keep for your records)

- 2. Enter the amount from Form 8815, line 5
- 3. Divide line 1 above by 2 . . .
- 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 adjusted gross income. But if any of the following applies, see **Pub. 550**, Investment Income and Expenses, before using the worksheet.

• You are filing **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 are excluding income from Puerto Rico.

• You have investment interest expense attributable to royalty income.

Worksheet—Line 9 (keep for your records)

1. ● If you are filing Form 1040, enter the amount from Schedule B, line 2.

• If you are filing Form 1040A, enter the amount from Schedule 1, line 2.

 If you are filing Form 1040, add the amounts on lines 7, 9 through 15, 16b, 17b, 18 through 20, 21b, and 22. Enter the total.

• If you are filing Form 1040A, add the amounts on lines 7, 9, 10b, 11b, 12, and 13b. Enter the total.

- 3. Add lines 1 and 2 .
- **4.** If you are filing Form 1040, enter the amount from line 30.
- If you are filing Form 1040A, enter the amount from line 15c.
- 5. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter the result here and on Form 8815, line 9