



September Deadlines and Education Information

The following are due in September:

9/17: Extended S-Corporation and Partnership Returns

9/15: 3rd Quarter Estimated Tax Payments

9/20: New York State Quarterly Sales Tax for the quarter of June 1-August 31, 2018

We are continuing to work on 2017 tax returns. Please send us any outstanding information as soon as possible. Returns will be completed in the order in which complete tax information is received.

Education Tax Benefits

If you pay tuition, fees, and other costs for attendance at an eligible educational institution for yourself, your spouse, or your dependent, you may be able to take advantage of one or more of the education tax benefits. You can claim more than one education benefit in a tax year as long as you do not use the same expenses for more than one benefit.

Education Deductions: Deductions reduce the amount of income subject to income tax and include:

- a) Tuition and fees deduction up to \$4,000 of gross income if you meet the income and dependent guidelines. The deduction for tuition and fees cannot be taken for the same student in the same year as any other education tax credit. Additionally, the same expenses cannot be used as qualified expenses for tax-free treatment of savings plan distributions (such as from a 529 plan) and the deduction for tuition and fees or the education credits.
- b) Student loan interest deduction up to \$2,500 from gross income if you meet the income guidelines.
- c) Business deduction on Schedule C or F. You can deduct the cost of education related to the business or farm activity.

Education Tax Credits: Tax credits reduce the amount of income tax you may have to pay if you meet the income guidelines. You may claim only one of the following education tax benefits for the same student per year: tuition and fees deduction, American Opportunity Credit (\$2,500 maximum per student per year), or Lifetime Learning Credit (\$2,000 maximum per tax return per year)

