How do I claim the college tuition credit or itemized deduction?
If you paid qualified college tuition expenses in tax year 2018, complete all sections of Form IT-272 that apply to you. For the credit, transfer the amount from line 5 or line 7 to the appropriate line on Form IT-201, Resident Income Tax Return. For the itemized deduction, see Part 4 on Form IT-272. Submit your completed Form IT-272 with your return.

Specific instructions
See the instructions for your tax return for the Privacy notification or if you need help contacting the Tax Department.

Part 1
If you paid qualified college tuition expenses to more than one college or university for the same eligible student, enter the total qualified expenses paid to all institutions during 2018 for that student on one line.

If you are claiming more than three eligible students, complete Part 1 as instructed, and submit a statement in the same format with your return with the required identifying information for the additional eligible students (be sure to include your name and social security number).

Box A – Eligible student includes the taxpayer, the taxpayer’s spouse, and the taxpayer’s dependent(s) (for whom an exemption for New York State income tax purposes is allowed). List each eligible student only once in Part 1.

Line D – If the eligible student is someone other than you or your spouse, the student must be claimed as a dependent on your New York State return. If the eligible student is you or your spouse, mark an X in the No box.

Boxes E and F – Enter the EIN and name of the college or university to which qualified college tuition expenses were paid. Obtain the EIN from Form 1098-T, Tuition Statement, or contact the college or university. If the eligible student attended more than one college or university during the tax year, enter the EIN and name of the last undergraduate college or university attended.

Line G – If No, stop; these tuition expenses do not qualify for the credit. Only expenses for undergraduate enrollment or attendance qualify.

Line H – Qualified college tuition expenses include tuition required for the enrollment or attendance of the eligible student at an institution of higher education. The expenses may be paid by cash, check, credit card, or with borrowed funds. The eligible student does not need to be enrolled in a degree program or to attend full time for the expenses to qualify. However, only expenses for undergraduate enrollment or attendance qualify. Expenses for enrollment or attendance in a course of study leading to the granting of a post-secondary degree, certificate, or diploma do not qualify.

Payments on behalf of an eligible student from a qualified state tuition program (such as New York’s 529 College Savings Program) are considered qualified college tuition expenses for purposes of Form IT-272. If you claim the student as a dependent, these payments are treated as paid by you.

Generally, qualified college tuition expenses paid on behalf of an eligible student by someone other than the student (such as a relative) are treated as paid by the student. However, if the eligible student is claimed as a dependent on another person’s New York State income tax return, only the person who claims the student as a dependent for income tax purposes may claim the credit or deduction for college tuition expenses that were paid (or treated as paid) by the student. This is the case even if the expenses were paid from the student’s earnings, gifts, inheritances, or savings.

The following are not qualified college tuition expenses:

- Tuition paid through the receipt of scholarships or financial aid (For this purpose, financial aid does not include student loans, other loans, and grants that must be repaid either before or after the student ceases attending school.)
Expenses reimbursed to you from your employer are not eligible for the college tuition credit or deduction. To
compute your college tuition itemized deduction, complete Worksheet 1 below to compute the amount to enter on line 5.

Note: If the amount on Form IT-201, line 33, is more than $1,000,000, do not complete Part 4. You should claim the college tuition credit since your college tuition itemized deduction is reduced to zero.

Use the following steps to determine if the college tuition itemized deduction or the college tuition credit offers the greater tax savings:

- **First** complete any of the following that apply to you:
  - Form IT-213, Claim for Empire State Child Credit
  - Form IT-214, Claim for Real Property Tax Credit
  - Form IT-215, Claim for Earned Income Credit, or Form IT-209, Claim for Noncustodial Parent New York State Earned Income Credit
  - Form IT-216, Claim for Child and Dependent Care Credit
  - Form NYC-208, Claim for New York City Enhanced Real Property Tax Credit
  - Form IT-201, lines 69 and 69a, New York City school tax credit

- **Then**, complete Worksheet 2 on page 3.

However, **do not use** Worksheet 2 if you must file any of the following forms:

- Form IT-201-ATT, Other Tax Credits and Taxes
- Form IT-360.1, Change of City Resident Status
- Form IT-112-R, New York State Resident Credit
- Form IT-112-C, New York State Resident Credit for Taxes Paid to a Province of Canada

**Instead**, you should first compute your tax liability claiming the college tuition credit on a separate sheet of paper. **Then**, compute your tax liability claiming the college tuition itemized deduction. Claim the option that results in the greater tax savings.

You may claim either the credit **or** the deduction, **but not both**.

**Important:** You must submit Form IT-272 with your 2018 Form IT-201 to claim the college tuition credit or the college tuition itemized deduction.

---

**Worksheet 1**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Step</th>
<th>Calculation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Enter amount from Form IT-272, line 3.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Enter amount, if any, from Form IT-196, line 47.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enter amount from Form IT-196, line 45.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Divide line 2 by line 3, and round to the fourth decimal place.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Multiply line 1 by the amount on line 4. This is your <strong>college tuition itemized deduction</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Enter amount from Form IT-196, line 47.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Add lines 5 and 6.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Enter your New York standard deduction (see the instructions for Form IT-201).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If line 7 is less than line 8, **stop**. You should claim the standard deduction and the college tuition credit on your Form IT-201 since it offers the greater tax savings. If line 7 is more than line 8, continue with Worksheet 2 on page 3.

**Note:** If the amount on Form IT-201, line 33, is:

- **$525,000** or less, use the instructions for Form IT-196, *New York Resident, Nonresident, and Part-Year Resident Itemized Deductions*, line 46. On Worksheet 3, line 6, or Worksheet 4, line 3 (whichever worksheet applies) enter 25% of the amount from Form IT-272, line 3 (instead of 25% of the line 45 amount). Subtract the amount computed on Worksheet 3, line 7, or Worksheet 4, line 5, from the amount on Form IT-272, line 3. Enter the result on line 5 above.
- more than **$525,000** but not more than **$1,000,000**, enter 50% of Form IT-272, line 3, on line 5 above.
- more than **$1,000,000**, **stop**. Your college tuition itemized deduction is reduced to zero.
1. Enter your New York adjusted gross income from Form IT-201, line 33.
2. Enter amount from Worksheet 1, line 7.
3. NYS dependent exemption(s) amount from Form IT-201, line 36.
4. Add lines 2 and 3.
5. Subtract line 4 from line 1.
6. New York State tax on line 5 amount. (See the instructions for Form IT-201 to compute your tax. Use the line 5 amount instead of the amount on Form IT-201, line 38, to determine which tax computation method to use and to compute your tax.)
7. Enter your NY State household credit from Form IT-201, line 40.
8. Subtract line 7 from line 6.
9. Enter amount from Form IT-216, line 14.
10. Enter amount from Form IT-215, line 16 or 17, or Form IT-209, line 42 or 43.
11. Enter amount from Form IT-214, line 33.
11a. Enter the total amount from Form IT-201, lines 69 and 69a.
12. Enter amount from Form IT-213, line 16 or 17.
12a. Enter amount from Form NYC-208, line 29.
12b. Enter the amount of your property tax relief credit (see instructions for Form IT-201, Item D2).
13. Add lines 9 through 12b.
15. New York City resident tax (see instructions).
16. Enter your New York City household credit from Form IT-201, line 48.
17. Subtract line 16 from line 15.
18. Yonkers residents, multiply line 14 by 16.75% (.1675); Yonkers nonresidents, enter amount from Form Y-203, line 6.
19. Add lines 8, 17, and 18.
20. Enter amount from line 1 above.
21. Enter amount from Worksheet 1, line 6 or Worksheet 1, line 8, whichever is greater.
22. Enter amount from line 3 above.
23. Add lines 21 and 22.
25. New York State tax on line 24 amount. (See the instructions for Form IT-201 to compute your tax. Use the line 24 amount instead of the amount on Form IT-201, line 38, to determine which tax computation method to use and to compute your tax.)
26. Enter amount from line 7 above.
27. Subtract line 26 from line 25.
28. Enter amount from line 13 above.
29. Subtract line 28 from line 27.
30. New York City resident tax (see instructions).
31. Enter amount from line 16 above.
32. Subtract line 31 from line 30.
33. Yonkers residents, multiply line 29 by 16.75% (.1675); Yonkers nonresidents, enter amount from Form Y-203, line 6.
34. Add lines 27, 32, and 33.
35. Enter amount from Form IT-272, line 5 or 7, whichever applies.
36. Subtract line 35 from line 34.

- **If line 19 is less than line 36,** the college tuition itemized deduction offers you the greater tax savings. Enter the amount from Worksheet 1, line 5, on Form IT-196, line 48. **Do not claim the college tuition credit** on line 68 of Form IT-201. You must submit your completed **Form IT-272** with Form IT-201. **We cannot allow** your college tuition itemized deduction if you fail to submit Form IT-272 with Form IT-201.

- **If line 19 is more than line 36,** the college tuition credit offers you the greater tax savings. **Do not enter** an amount on Form IT-196, line 48. Enter the college tuition credit from Form IT-272, line 5 or 7, whichever applies, on Form IT-201, line 68. However, you should complete Form IT-196 to determine if your New York itemized deduction, not including the college tuition itemized deduction, is greater than your allowable standard deduction.

Keep this completed Worksheet 2 with your records; **do not mail** Worksheet 2 with your return.
Worksheet 2 instructions

Lines 15 and 30 – Did you make a contribution to the New York Charitable Gifts Trust Fund in one or more of the following accounts:
• Health Charitable Account; or
• Elementary and Secondary Education Account; and
did you claim an itemized deduction for that contribution on Form IT-196?

If No, compute your New York City resident tax as follows:

Line 15 – Use the amount on Worksheet 2, line 5, to compute your New York City resident tax. (See the instructions for Form IT-201 to compute your tax. Use the line 5 amount on Worksheet 2 instead of the amount on Form IT-201, line 47.) Enter amount here and on Worksheet 2, line 15.

Line 30 – Use the amount on Worksheet 2, line 24, to compute your New York City resident tax. (See the instructions for Form IT-201 to compute your tax. Use the line 24 amount on Worksheet 2 instead of the amount on Form IT-201, line 38, to determine which tax computation method to use and to compute your tax.) Enter amount on Worksheet 2, line 30.

If Yes, complete the line 15 and line 30 worksheets below to compute your New York City resident tax.

---

### Line 15 worksheet

1. Enter your NYC AGI from Form IT-201-I, Line 47 worksheet, line 3
2. Enter amount from Worksheet 1, line 7
3. NYS dependent exemption(s) amount from Form IT-201, line 36
4. Add lines 2 and 3
5. Subtract line 4 from line 1
6. New York City resident tax on line 5 amount above. (See the instructions for Form IT-201 to compute your tax. Use the line 5 amount instead of the amount on Form IT-201, line 47, to determine which tax computation method to use and to compute your tax.) Enter amount here and on Worksheet 2, line 15.

### Line 30 worksheet

1. Enter your NYC AGI from Form IT-201-I, Line 47 worksheet, line 3
2. Enter amount from Worksheet 1, line 6 or Worksheet 1, line 8, whichever is greater
3. NYS dependent exemption(s) amount from Form IT-201, line 36
4. Add lines 2 and 3
5. Subtract line 4 from line 1
6. New York City resident tax on line 5 amount above. (See the instructions for Form IT-201 to compute your tax. Use the line 5 amount instead of the amount on Form IT-201, line 38, to determine which tax computation method to use and to compute your tax.) Enter amount here and on Worksheet 2, line 30.