

## YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REDUCE YOUR FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY

The IRS provides an education tax credit deduction to taxpayers meeting certain income limits. See IRS Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education for information on claiming the education tax credit. This publication is found at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf> . Use 8863 to determine the amount of the credit.

**NIACC cannot provide tax advice.**

**Please call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040, or contact your tax advisor to answer your questions.**

North Iowa Area Community College is located in the Midwest Disaster Area. This designation allows every qualified taxpayer to receive a larger education tax credit. In addition, the IRS has expanded the definition of qualified expenses for students attending a university in the Midwest Disaster area to include room and board. You can claim the greater of:

1) the allowance for room and board used for Federal Financial Aid was:

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Off Campus</u>				<u>With Parent</u>
Spring 2008 only	\$2045	Dependent	\$3098	Independent	\$1720
Spring 2008 & Fall 2008	\$4174	Dependent	\$6322	Independent	\$3510
Fall 2008 only	\$2129	Dependent	\$3225	Independent	\$1790

or

2) the actual amount charged if you were residing in NIACC Housing (available by reviewing your NIACC billing statement.)

For more information please consult your tax advisor or IRS Publication 17 for a complete listing of eligible expenses.

Hope Tax Credit is available for tuition/fees billed between 1/1/2008 - 12/31/2008.  
Lifetime Learning Credit is for tuition/fees billed between 1/1/2008 - 12/31/2008.