

Student Financial Assistance Under HOTMA

§ 479B HEA Assistance 20 USC § 1087uu	Non-HEA Assistance § 5.609(b)(9)(ii)	Actual Covered Cost of the Student § 5.609(b)(9)(ii)(B)(4)
<p>Any assistance that § 479B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 USC § 1087uu) states is excluded from a family's income, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Pell Grants; • Teach Grants; • Federal Work Study Programs; • Federal Perkins Loans; • Higher Education Tribal Grant; • Tribally Controlled Colleges or Universities Grant Program 	<p>The term "<u>Student Financial Assistance</u>" means: a grant or scholarship received from:</p> <p>(1) the Federal government;</p> <p>(2) a State, Tribe, or local government;</p> <p>(3) a private foundation registered as a nonprofit;</p> <p>(4) a business entity; or</p> <p>(5) an institution of higher education; AND must be</p> <p>(6) <u>expressly</u> for tuition, books, room & board, or other fees required and charged by the education institution; or</p> <p>(7) <u>expressly</u> to assist a student w/ costs of higher ed; or</p> <p>(8) <u>expressly</u> to assist a student who is not the head of household or spouse w/ reasonable and actual costs of housing while attending the education institution and not residing in an assisted unit.</p> <p><i>Does not include:</i></p> <p>(1) assistance § 497B of the Higher Education Act excludes from a family's income;</p> <p>(2) financial support to the student in the form of a fee for services performed (such as work study or teaching fellowship);</p> <p>(3) gifts;</p> <p>(4) Any amount of the scholarship or grant that exceeds "<u>the actual covered costs of the student</u>"</p>	<p>Actual costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tuition, • books, • supplies, • room & board, • other fees required and charged to a student by the education institution <p>For a student who is NOT the head of household or a spouse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reasonable and actual costs of housing while attending the institution of higher education and not residing in an assisted unit.

Program Type	Assistance Type	Assistance Exceeds Actual Covered Cost of Student	Included or Excluded as Income
Non-Section 8	§ 479B HEA Assistance	No	All Assistance Excluded From Income
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Non-Section 8	Non-§ 479B HEA	Yes	The Assistance that does not exceed the Actual Covered Cost of the Student will be excluded from income; the Assistance that exceeds the Actual Covered Cost of the Student will be included as income.
Non-Section 8	Non-§ 479B HEA	No	All Assistance Excluded From Income
Section 8 Student Aged 23 and Under OR Without Dependent Children	§ 479B HEA Assistance or Non-§ 479B HEA Assistance	Yes	Assistance Included As Income to the extent it exceeds the Actual Covered Cost of the Student
Section 8 Student Age 24+ With Dependent Children	§ 479B HEA Assistance or Non-§ 479B HEA Assistance	Yes	All Assistance Excluded From Income

For Section 8 Students:

Determine the student's relationship to the household, age, and whether they have dependent children.

- If student is the head of household, co-head, or spouse **AND** is 23 or younger **OR** does not have dependent children → § 479B HEA Assistance and Non-§ 479B Assistance will be included as income **if** it exceeds the Actual Covered Cost of the Student.
- If student is over 23 w/ dependent children, → § 479B HEA Assistance and Non-§ 479B Assistance excluded from income.

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