



# 2020 Schedule M1SLC, Student Loan Credit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your First Name and Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's First Name and Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

**To claim this credit, you must be a full- or part-year Minnesota resident.**

	A — Taxpayer	B — Spouse
<b>1</b> Total amount you paid toward your own qualified education loans in 2020. Do not include amounts you paid toward another individual's loans. . . . . <b>1</b> ■	_____	_____
<b>2</b> Your federal adjusted gross income (see instructions). If you are married and filing a joint return, enter your joint federal adjusted gross income in columns A and B. . . . . <b>2</b>	_____	_____
<b>3</b> Subtract \$10,000 from line 2. If zero or less, enter 0. . . . . <b>3</b>	_____	_____
<b>4</b> Multiply line 3 by 10% (0.10) . . . . . <b>4</b>	_____	_____
<b>5</b> Subtract line 4 from line 1. (If the result in a column is zero or less, <b>STOP in that column.</b> ) . . . . . <b>5</b>	_____	_____
<b>6</b> Enter your total earned income such as wages, salaries, tips, and net earnings from self-employment (see instructions). If zero or less, <b>STOP HERE.</b> You do not qualify . . . . . <b>6</b>	_____	_____
<b>7</b> Enter the lesser of \$5,000 or the amount of qualified education loan used to pay for your postsecondary education (see instructions) . . . . . <b>7</b> ■	_____	_____
<b>8</b> Multiply line 7 by 10% (0.10). . . . . <b>8</b>	_____	_____
<b>9</b> Enter the amount of interest you paid in 2020 on qualified education loans used to pay for your postsecondary education (from box 1 of federal Form 1098-E) . . . . . <b>9</b> ■	_____	_____
<b>10</b> Add lines 8 and 9 . . . . . <b>10</b>	_____	_____
<b>11</b> Enter the lesser of line 5, 6, or 10 . . . . . <b>11</b>	_____	_____
<b>12</b> Maximum credit is \$500 per person. . . . . <b>12</b>	500	500
<b>13</b> Amount from line 11 or line 12, whichever is less. . . . . <b>13</b>	_____	_____
<b>14 Full-year residents:</b> Enter the amount from line 13. <b>Part-year residents:</b> If you are not filing a joint return, multiply the amount on line 13 by line 30 of Schedule M1NR. If you are filing a joint return, see instructions. . . . . <b>14</b>	_____	_____
<b>15</b> Add line 14 from columns A and B. Enter the result here and on line 9 of Schedule M1C . . . . . <b>15</b>	_____	_____

**Include this schedule when you file Form M1. Keep a copy for your records.**



# 2020 Schedule M1SLC Instructions

## Am I eligible?

You may be eligible for the Student Loan Credit if both of the following are true:

- You have taxable earned income
- You made payments toward your own qualified education loans during the year

## What is a qualified education loan?

Qualified education loans include loans used for the cost of attendance at an eligible postsecondary college or university. This does not include loans from a relative or a qualified employer plan.

## Can I claim payments I made toward someone else's loans?

No. You may only qualify for the credit based on your own eligible payments toward your own qualified education loans.

## Do I need proof?

Yes. Save canceled checks and keep a detailed record from the institution you make payments to for your qualified loans. We may ask you to show these records if we have questions.

## Line Instructions

Round amounts to the nearest whole dollar.

### Line 1

Enter the amount you paid in 2020 toward qualified education loans taken out to pay for your postsecondary education. Include payments made toward principal and interest.

If you are married, filing a joint return, and made payments toward loans taken out to pay for each spouse's postsecondary education, enter the amount you paid toward each spouse's loans in the appropriate column.

**Example for married couples filing a joint return:** You paid \$3,000 toward loans taken out to pay for your postsecondary education and \$2,500 toward your spouse's loans. You will enter \$3,000 in column A, and \$2,500 in column B.

### Line 2

Enter your federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) from line 1 of Form M1 or line 34 of Schedule M1NC.

If you are married and filing a joint return, enter your joint FAGI in column A and column B.

### Line 6

Enter your total earned income from 2020. This amount is the total of your wages, salaries, tips, and other employee compensation reported in box 1 of federal Form W-2 plus your net earnings from self-employment.

### Line 7

Enter the total amount of qualified education loans taken out for your postsecondary education. This is the original amount of your qualified education loans, including amounts previously paid and amounts not yet paid. Do not include loans taken out for someone else's college education expenses.

### Line 14

**Full-year Minnesota residents:** Enter the amount from line 13.

#### Part-year Minnesota residents:

- If you are not filing a joint return, multiply the amount on line 13 by line 30 of Schedule M1NR, *Nonresidents/Part-Year Residents*.
- If you are filing a joint return, complete a separate Schedule M1NR for each spouse who qualifies for this credit. If you have a joint income source (such as a joint investment account) or deductions (such as moving expenses), use 50% of the income or deduction on each spouse's separate Schedule M1NR. Use only that spouse's income on the Schedule M1NR you prepare for the spouse. Use the separate Schedules M1NR to complete the Worksheet for Line 14 below.

#### Worksheet for Line 14 — Married Part-Year Resident(s) Filing Jointly

	A Taxpayer	B Spouse
1 Enter the amount from line 13 . . . . .	_____	_____
2 Enter the amount from line 30 of the separate Schedule M1NR prepared using only that spouse's income. Do not enter more than 1.00000. If you are a full-year resident, enter 1.00000 . . . . .	_____	_____
3 Multiply step 1 by step 2. Enter the result here and on line 14 in the appropriate column. . . . .	_____	_____

## Forms and Information

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