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HELP! MY (CLIENT'S) CHILD IS STARTING COLLEGE

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I. INTRODUCTION

The cost of college
has substantially
outpaced the annual
inflation rate.



II. PRACTICAL STEPS THAT CAN SAVE MONEY

Advanced Placement Programs

Dual Enrollment Programs

Low-Cost College







III. SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Scholarships
- Federal Student Aid
- Federal Student Loans
- One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- Repayment Programs

Submit Scholarship
Application



IV. TAX CREDITS

Education Credits

AOTC

• LLC





V. ADDITIONAL TAX ISSUES

- Interest on Qualified Education Loans
- Gift Tax Exclusion for Educational Costs
- Educational Assistance Programs
- Interest on US Savings Bonds
- IRA Withdrawals



VI. QUALIFIED TUITION PLANS (QTP)

Section 529 plans – prepaid tuition or college savings plans

Substantial contributions can be made to the plans

Plan investments earn tax free

Distributions are tax free if used for educational expenses



VII. EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

- Pay qualified education expenses of the designated beneficiary of the account.
- No more than \$2,000 can be contributed to the ESA each year.
- Withdrawals from the ESA are tax free if used for qualified education expenses.
- Funds can be used for elementary, secondary, undergraduate and graduate levels.



VIII. EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

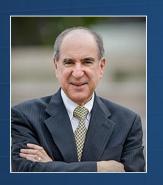
 Definition of Educational Expenses differs depending upon the applicable program.

 See the Appendix which has a chart detailing these differences.





THANK YOU



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