

## HOW DOES THE TEXTBOOK TAX CREDIT WORK?

- 1) Buy your books**
- 2) Keep your receipts**
- 3) Check [www.textbookaid.org](http://www.textbookaid.org) to see if you're eligible (If you make under \$80,000 per year, you probably are).**
- 4) File a tax return and GET MONEY BACK FOR YOUR BOOKS!**

### **American Opportunity Tax Credit At A Glance**

- **In 2009 and 2010, tax credit of up to \$2,500 of the out-of-pocket cost of tuition and related expenses including course materials paid during the tax year**
- **Eligible for the first four years of college**
- **100% of the first \$2,000 and 25% of the next \$2,000**
- **40% of the credit is refundable with the maximum refundable amount of \$1,000**
- **Phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$80,000 or \$160,000 for married couples filing jointly (AGI phase out limits are \$90,000 individual, \$180,000 married couples filing jointly)**
- **Helps 4 million additional students attend college.**
- **\$13.907 billion in estimated benefits for students and families in 2009 and 2010**
- **President Obama has proposed to make credit permanent**

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