



1 DO YOUR RESEARCH



Almost every state offers a 529 plan and some offer more than one. That means there are lots of different types of plans to choose from, so it is important to understand the details of the plan you select. Make sure you are aware of any associated fees and tax implications and what the plan does and does not cover.

2 LET US HELP



Deciding where to invest your money for your child's education expenses can be a daunting task - and one you want to make sure you get right. We can help you review your options and choose the plan that's right for you and your family.



WHAT'S A 529 PLAN?

With the costs of higher education rising annually, saving for college is on every parent's mind. Realizing this you may be searching for an efficient way to save. That's where a 529 plan can help.

A 529 state savings plan is a tax-advantaged college savings vehicle governed under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. A state savings plan lets you save money for college in an individual investment account. Some plans let you enroll directly, while others require that you go through a financial professional.

Details of plans vary by state, but the basics are the same:

- 1. Apply.** You fill out an application on which you choose the beneficiary and one of the plan's pre-established investment portfolios.
- 2. Contribute.** You contribute money to the account as often as you wish, subject to plan limitations.
- 3. Invest.** Your contributions go into the investment portfolios you've chosen. Please note: The financial institution that the state has chosen to run the plan is solely responsible for managing the investments.
- 4. Taxation.** Your contributions grow tax-deferred, which means you don't pay income tax on the account's earnings each year.
- 5. Withdrawal.** Money withdrawn to pay college expenses (or other qualified education expenses) is tax-free at the federal level and may also be tax-free at the state level.

If you are looking for a way to save for college, a 529 plan can be an excellent vehicle for saving toward higher education goals. We are here to help if you have any questions.



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