

What is a 529 Plan?

A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged savings and investment program designed specifically to help families save for education costs. It is named after Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code and is typically offered by state governments or educational institutions. Investments grow tax-deferred, and qualified withdrawals are generally tax-free when used for eligible education expenses.

Where and How it Can Be Used

Funds can be used at virtually any accredited college or university or for other qualified education goals. Qualified expenses include tuition, room & board, fees, books and supplies, required technology, and more. Whether you're planning for college, trade school, or other qualified education goals, a 529 plan can help families save more efficiently and with valuable tax benefits.

Types of 529 Plans

Savings Plans are investment accounts where your contributions are invested in funds (often mutual funds). The value grows based on investment performance. Prepaid Tuition Plans let you pre-purchase tuition credits or units at today's prices for use in the future.

Advantages & Benefits of a 529 Plan



Tax Benefits

Federal tax advantages

- Earnings grow tax-deferred (like in retirement accounts).
- Withdrawals are tax-free when used for qualified education expenses.

State tax benefits

Many states also offer tax-free growth and withdrawals and may provide deductions or credits for contributions.



Contribution Options

Low minimum contributions make 529 plans accessible to many families regardless of income. Many plans allow large total savings limits (often \$250,000+ per beneficiary).



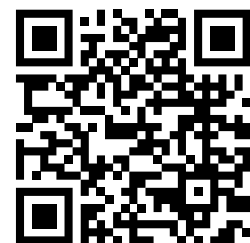
Control & Flexibility

The account owner keeps control of the assets, not the beneficiary. You can change the beneficiary to another eligible family member without tax penalty.



Protection

Assets in 529 plans are often protected from bankruptcy under federal and state rules.



Ready to get started? Scan to review plan options by state.