



Save today for a  
*brighter tomorrow*  
**Virginia529<sup>SM</sup>**



## A teacher • A scientist • A mechanic

Career aspirations vary, but all require a certain amount of training and education to achieve. Paying for this education out of pocket can be a challenge, and loans can saddle you or your child with substantial debt. Fortunately, saving with Virginia529<sup>SM</sup> lets time and planning work to your advantage.

Virginia529 helps families save for future qualified higher education expenses in tax-free accounts. You can open an account with as little as \$25 and save at your own pace through your choice of Invest529<sup>SM</sup> or CollegeAmerica<sup>®</sup>.

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We're saving with Invest529 for our children's education after high school - whether it be college, a two-year program or some kind of technical training.

- Kathy W., Vienna, VA

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I'm an average, single mom with an average income. I learned about Invest529 when my daughter was a toddler. I started depositing whatever I could afford and it has grown enough to cover most of her undergraduate studies.

- Laura K., Jacksonville, NC

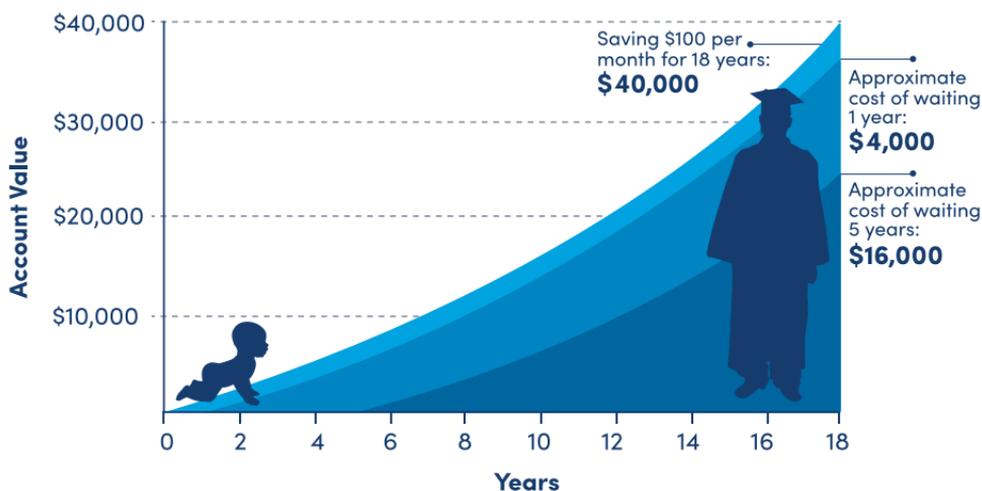
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# Start saving now to meet tomorrow's education needs

The sooner you start, the more your savings can grow. Saving just \$100 a month could yield nearly \$40,000 after 18 years.

Delaying, on the other hand, can be costly. In the example below, if you wait one year to begin saving, your account could be worth \$4,000 less. By waiting five years, you may reduce your account's potential value by \$16,000.

## The Cost of Waiting<sup>1</sup>



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We can help pay for their future education little by little without hurting our retirement or going into debt when the college bills start coming in 13 years.

- David B., Falls Church, VA

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We have three children to put through college. We set up their Invest529 plans as soon as they were born and deposited each month. Being able to throw the 4 to 11% interest rate loan solicitations in the trash? PRICELESS.

- Karen C., Fairfax, VA

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<sup>1</sup> See the back cover for more information about this chart.

# Why save with Virginia529?

## The money you invest is always yours.



Should plans change – if your student receives a scholarship or doesn't pursue higher education – the money you invested is still yours. You can save the money for graduate school, transfer the account to a member of the family without penalty or simply withdraw the funds.<sup>2</sup>

## It's not just for college.



Virginia529 accounts can fund many qualified higher education expenses for eligible four-year colleges, two-year colleges, graduate schools, trade schools, training programs, and tuition at private or religious K-12 schools.

## In state, out of state, public, or private ... go anywhere!



Use your Virginia529 account at any eligible educational institution around the country – or even the world. Plus, accounts are flexible and can fund expenses at public or private colleges.

## Others can help out.



Family – including grandparents – and friends can give the gift of education by opening their own Virginia529 accounts or contributing to another's Virginia529 account.

<sup>2</sup> See the back cover for more information.

## Benefit from tax savings.



Save for education and save on your taxes. Earnings grow free from state and federal taxes and are never taxed when used for qualified higher education expenses. Plus, Virginia taxpayers may deduct up to \$4,000 per account per year from their Virginia state individual income taxes.

### The Benefits of Tax-Free Earning<sup>1,3</sup>



## Save for yourself.



Virginia529 accounts are open to all ages and can be opened any time for anyone – even adults.



<sup>1,3</sup> See the back cover for more information about this chart.

# See how Virginia529's

## invest529<sup>SM</sup>

Invest in yourself or a loved one by saving for higher education and job training



Invest529 can be used to pay for qualified higher education expenses beyond tuition, including certain room and board costs, computers and related technology expenses as well as fees, books, supplies and other equipment.



There's no online application fee, annual maintenance fee or withdrawal fee for qualified higher education expenses.



No residency or age requirements.

### Choose a portfolio and save at your own pace.



Select from a range of diverse investment portfolios and an FDIC-insured portfolio to match any savings objective and risk tolerance.



Invest529 offers two groups of portfolios: Target Enrollment (evolving), which shift investments over time, and static (non-evolving), which include a range of options from aggressive to conservative.

# programs *work for you*

**Manage your Invest529 account contributions online.**



Put your savings on autopilot with automated monthly contributions from your checking or savings account.



Use some of a financial windfall such as a tax refund or employment bonus to give your account a boost.



Ask family and friends to give the gift of education by contributing to your account with an Invest529 gift card or online contribution.

## CollegeAmerica<sup>SM</sup>

**Work with your financial adviser to reach your savings goals.**



Choose from a variety of American Funds portfolios to build a plan that best suits your needs.



Contact your financial adviser, visit [AmericanFunds.com/529](https://www.AmericanFunds.com/529) or call 1-800-421-0180 ext. 529 for more information.

# Starting your college savings *is easy!*

Visit [Virginia529.com/enroll](https://Virginia529.com/enroll) to set up a user profile, select your program options and find answers to your questions.

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## Enjoy Virginia529 *Smart Savers* perks

Opening a Virginia529 account grants you membership to the Smart Savers Club, offering you exclusive rewards and discounts.



Have you met the **Tuition Monster**<sup>TM</sup>?

He's a reminder of future tuition expenses...and without advance planning, he could be your permanent and most obnoxious houseguest.

After opening your Virginia529 account, check out his website at **TameTheTuitionMonster.com** and learn more about how to keep him in check.

## ABLE now<sup>®</sup>

Visit [able-now.com](https://able-now.com) to learn about ABLEnow, the country's largest independent disability savings program.

ABLEnow provides a simple, affordable tax-advantaged pathway to greater independence for individuals with disabilities.

<sup>1</sup> This chart is for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to reflect actual performance of any specific investment. Assumes interest rate of 6.25 percent compounded monthly. The value of your Virginia529 account will vary depending on market conditions and the performance of the investment option you select, and it may be more or less than the amount you deposited. You could lose money – including the principal you invest – or not make money if you invest in one of these programs. Past performance of investments is not an indicator of future returns.

<sup>2</sup> Tax consequences on earnings and penalties may apply.

<sup>3</sup> This example assumes a federal tax rate of 25 percent and a Virginia tax rate of 5.75 percent.

This brochure contains general information about Virginia529 and its programs. Prospective participants are urged to obtain and read the enrollment materials carefully before investing, including the information concerning applicable fees and expenses. Virginia529 encourages prospective participants to seek the advice of a professional concerning any financial, tax, or legal implications related to opening an account.

For residents of states other than Virginia: you should consider whether your or the beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protections from creditors that are only available for investments in that state's qualified tuition program.

# Invest529<sup>SM</sup>

Rated Gold by Morningstar  
"both residents and nonresidents will find plenty to like with this plan."  
– Morningstar, Inc.

*Invest in yourself or a loved one by saving for higher education and job training*

Start saving today with just \$25 then continue to save on your own terms.

You can customize your strategy with Invest529 by answering three simple questions:

Which portfolio option will I choose?

What amount will I contribute?

How often will I contribute?

## Choosing a portfolio

### Target enrollment portfolios

Take the guesswork out of investing with a portfolio that matches the date you or your loved one will begin using the funds for higher education. With target enrollment portfolios, your investments automatically shift over time to an investment mix emphasizing income and preservation of capital.

#### Target enrollment investment portfolios

2039 Portfolio (Ages 0-3)	2036 Portfolio (Ages 0-3)	2033 Portfolio (Ages 4-6)
2030 Portfolio (Ages 7-9)	2027 Portfolio (Ages 10-12)	2024 Portfolio (Ages 13-15)
2021 Portfolio (Ages 16-18)		

### Static portfolios

Invest in a specific asset allocation or type of investment that remains the same over time. Options include aggressive and conservative risk objectives and active and passive management. There is also an FDIC-insured option available in the static portfolio lineup.

Many options feature investments in Vanguard mutual funds. Some have a diversified asset allocation and others implement a single investment strategy.



#### Passively managed static portfolios

Aggressive Growth	Total Stock Market Index	Inflation-Protected Securities
Moderate Growth	Total Bond Market Index	REIT Index
Conservative Income	Total International Stock Index	FDIC-Insured

#### Actively managed static portfolios

Active Aggressive	ESG Core Equity
Active Moderate	Stable Value
Active Conservative	Global Equity

Find additional information on all portfolios at [Virginia529.com/resources/performance](https://Virginia529.com/resources/performance)

## Deciding what amount and how often to contribute

The minimum initial deposit to open an account is \$25 and you choose how much and how often to contribute in the future. You have several options to grow your account.



**Automatic contributions** – Reach your goals faster and put your savings on autopilot with automated contributions from your checking or savings account.



**One-time contributions** – Celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, holidays and the end of school with an extra contribution. You could also use some of a financial windfall such as a tax refund or employment bonus to give your account a boost.



**Direct Deposit** – Have contributions deducted from your paycheck, post-tax, and applied to your account through the online direct deposit assistant.



**Give a Gift** – Ask family and friends to give the gift of education by contributing to your account. There are various gifting options available through the online gift center.

## Tax benefits of Invest529

Enjoy the same tax advantages as other Virginia529 programs:

- Deductions for annual contributions, up to \$4,000 per account, from Virginia taxable income for the account owner
- Tax-free earnings
- Tax-free distributions for qualified higher education expenses
- Favorable federal gift and estate tax treatment

## Using Invest529 for higher education and job training

Money saved with Invest529 can be used at any eligible educational institution, anywhere in the world, to pay for the following qualified higher education expenses:

- ✓ **tuition** (for college and up to \$10,000 for K-12 private or religious schools)
- ✓ **fees**
- ✓ **room and board\***
- ✓ **required supplies**
- ✓ **textbooks**
- ✓ **special needs services**
- ✓ **computers and related equipment**

For more information on using Invest529 savings, visit [Virginia529.com/invest](https://Virginia529.com/invest).

## Getting Started

You may open an Invest529 account year-round at [Virginia529.com](https://Virginia529.com). Select “Open an account” and create a secure online user profile. There is no application fee, no state residency or beneficiary age requirements and the initial contribution is \$25. Simply open the account, choose your portfolio or combination of portfolios and choose how much and how often to contribute.

\*Certain limitations apply to using 529s to pay for room and board. Please see the Invest529 Program Description for more details.

Call 1-888-567-0540 or visit [Virginia529.com](https://Virginia529.com) to obtain program materials. Read them carefully before investing. An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of the programs before investing. For non-Virginia residents: other states may sponsor a 529 plan that offers tax or other benefits not available through Virginia529. © 2020 Virginia College Savings Plan. All Rights Reserved. V7

# Virginia529<sup>SM</sup> *New Saver* FAQ

## Are there any limitations on who may open a Virginia529 account?

Generally, account owners must be 18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident to open an account, while the beneficiary must be born and a U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident to be named to an account. Read the program description for each program for more information.

## Do I have to be a Virginia resident to open a Virginia529 account?

No residency restrictions exist for the Invest529 and CollegeAmerica savings programs.

## May I invest in more than one Virginia529 program?

Yes. Many families choose to enroll in multiple Virginia529 programs. Account values across all programs may not exceed \$500,000 per beneficiary.

## Does my Virginia529 account affect eligibility for federal financial aid?

Any non-retirement investment or savings account may affect eligibility. For accounts owned by parents and dependent students, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) assesses 529 assets at a maximum of 5.64 percent of the value when calculating the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for financial aid eligibility. Accounts owned by other parties will impact eligibility differently. For more information, consult [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) or an educational financial aid adviser.

## How do I get started?

First, read the program description for the program(s) in which you are interested. Next, visit [Virginia529.com](http://Virginia529.com) and select "Open an account" to create your online user profile. Opening an Invest529 account online requires no application fee. You can also obtain additional information on how to start your savings with CollegeAmerica at [Virginia529.com](http://Virginia529.com).

# Virginia529<sup>SM</sup> *Current Saver* FAQ

## How do I contribute to my account?

Contributions may be made online at [Virginia529.com](http://Virginia529.com), and also by check, online bill pay, and through direct deposit.

## Can anyone make contributions to my account?

Yes! Anyone may contribute to your Virginia529 account; however, only account owners may take the Virginia state income tax deduction for contributions

# Current Saver FAQ (continued)

## What are the tax advantages of a Virginia529 account?

Virginia taxpayers who are Virginia529 account owners can deduct their contributions up to \$4,000 per account, per year, with unlimited carryforward to future tax years. Accounts may grow free from state and federal taxes and are exempt from tax when distributions are used for qualified higher education expenses.

## Do I have to use my account at a Virginia school?

No. All of our accounts, including Prepaid529, can be used at any eligible educational institution around the country or the world, public or private! Benefits of Prepaid529 contracts differ depending on how and where they are used. Read the program description for each program for more information.

## Can my Virginia529 account be used at professional or graduate schools?

Yes. Most vocational, technical, and graduate schools are eligible educational institutions. Check the eligibility of a specific school online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) using the "School Code Search" or contact the school directly. Benefits of Prepaid529 contracts differ depending on how and where they are used. Read the program description for each program for more information.

## Can I transfer my account to someone else?

Account ownership can be transferred at any time to an individual 18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident. Account benefits can be transferred to a member of the current beneficiary's family without penalty. Penalties may apply if transferred to an individual who is not a member of the current beneficiary's family. Please read each program description and consult your tax adviser for more information.

## How long do I have to use my account?

You have thirty years after the beneficiary's projected high school graduation date, or thirty years from when the account was opened (if opened after the beneficiary's high school graduation) for Invest529 or CollegeAmerica accounts. You have ten years after the beneficiary's projected high school graduation date to use a Prepaid529 account. Virginia529, in its sole discretion, may grant limited extensions of time in which to use a Virginia529 account.

## Is it possible to cancel my account?

Yes. Accounts can be cancelled at any time. Keep in mind that earnings not used for qualified higher education expenses are subject to a 10 percent federal penalty (with certain exceptions for death, disability and scholarships), plus federal and state income taxes on the earnings reportable on the taxpayer's return, and the recapture of any Virginia tax deduction previously taken on the amount of the cancellation or refund.