







College Planning Essentials

A comprehensive guide to saving and investing

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Discover how a college degree can pay off with higher income, lower unemployment and other lifelong benefits.

> 86%

Higher annual income for bachelor's degree holders vs. high school graduates¹



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See how quickly tuition costs are rising and what you can expect to pay.

> 78%

Families having to rule out some colleges because of cost²



Section 3: Financial aid

Learn what financial aid is, how it works and why it's important to invest for the expenses not covered by free grants and scholarships.

> 324%

Increase in student loan debt since 2005³



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Make informed decisions about how much to contribute, when to start, where to invest and which strategies can help your money work hardest.

> 67%

Families not using taxadvantaged 529 plans to invest for college⁴



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Get additional details on college preparation, financial aid, tax breaks and more.

- $1.\ U.S.\ Census\ Bureau,\ Current\ Population\ Survey.\ Data\ for\ 2022\ based\ on\ mean\ earnings\ for\ workers\ aged\ 18\ and\ older.$
- 2. Sallie Mae, How America Pays for College, 2023.
- 3. Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Household Debt and Credit Report, Q2 2023.
- 4. ISS Market Intelligence, 529 Industry Analysis 2023.

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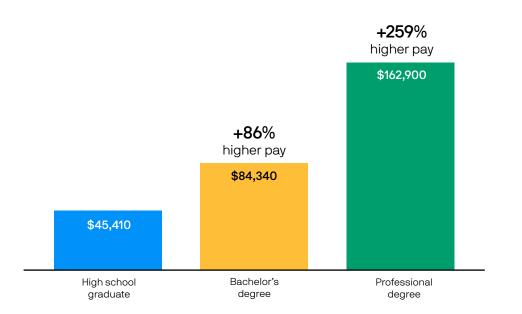
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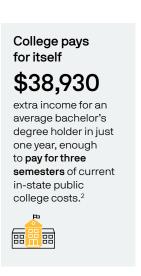
Higher education pays



A college diploma opens the door to a lifetime of higher earnings.

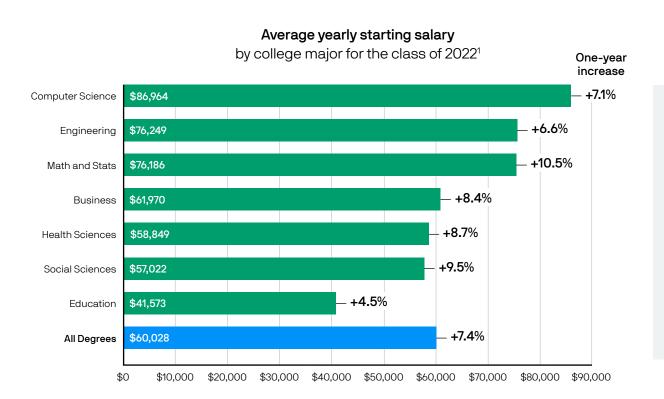
Average annual earnings by highest educational degree¹





- $1.\,\,U.S.\,Census\,Bureau,\,Current\,Population\,Survey.\,Data\,for\,2022\,based\,on\,mean\,earnings\,for\,workers\,aged\,18\,and\,older.$
- 2. College Board, Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023. Based on average tuition, fees, and room and board at an in-state, four-year public university.

Choice of college major has a significant impact on a graduate's starting salary.





Weigh future job earnings against college costs when deciding which school to attend and how much to borrow.



62%

of families don't discuss starting salaries.²

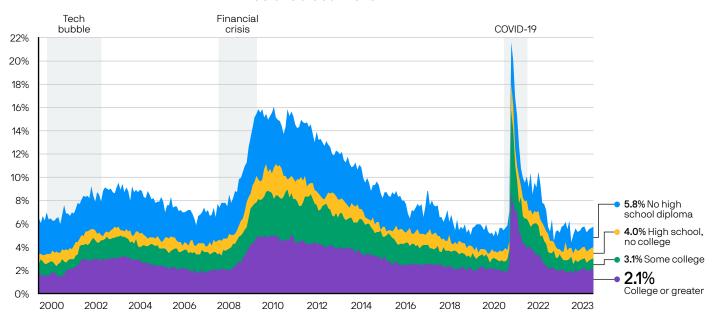
 $^{1.\} National\ Association\ of\ Colleges\ and\ Employers\ (NACE), \textit{Salary\ Survey}, Summer\ 2023.\ For\ bachelor's\ degree\ recipients.$

^{2.} Sallie Mae, How America Pays for College, 2023.

More education, less unemployment

College graduates enjoy much better job security and opportunity, especially during economic downturns.

Unemployment rates by education level as of October 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment rates shown are for civilians aged 25 and older. Data current as of 10/31/23.

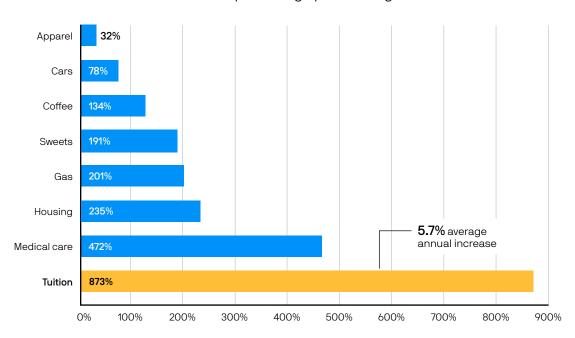
Tuition inflation



College tuition costs have increased much faster than any other household expense in recent decades.

College tuition vs. other expenses

Cumulative percentage price change since 1983



Why costs typically rise

- Colleges spend more to attract the best students.
- Colleges hire more faculty and administrative staff.
- Colleges receive less financial support from states.
- Colleges pursue more international students willing to pay higher prices.



Source: BLS, Consumer Price Index, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Data represent cumulative percentage price change from 12/31/82 to 12/31/23.

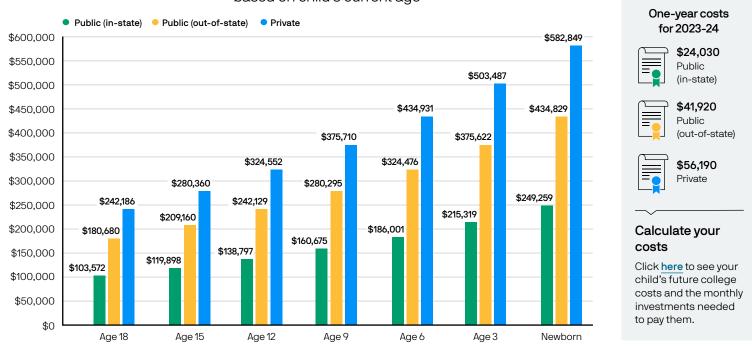
Future four-year college costs



The younger the child, the more college is likely to cost. Add up four years per child, and it equals one of a family's largest expenses.

Projected cost of a four-year college education





Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management, using College Board's *Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023*. Future college costs estimated to inflate 5% per year, based on average tuition, fees, and room and board for 2023-24.

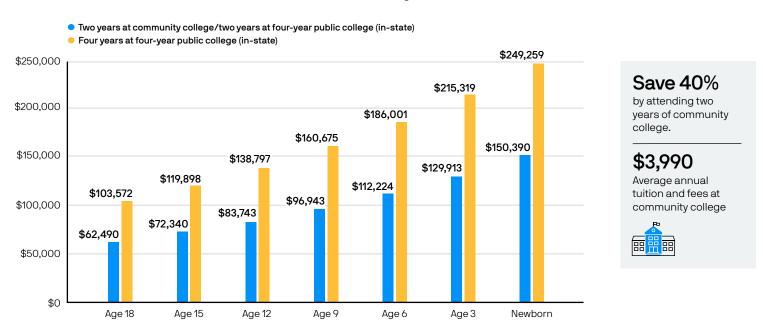
The community college option



Some students choose to attend two years of community college before transferring to four-year universities.

Projected four-year costs with and without community college

based on child's current age



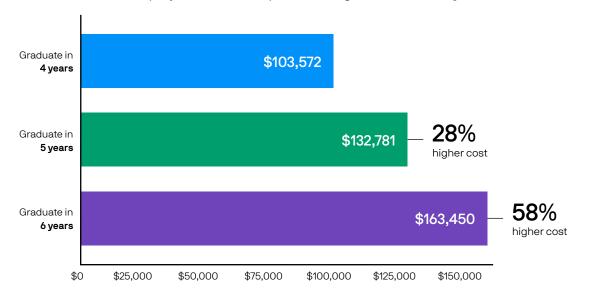
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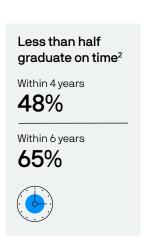
Preparing for more than four years

Most students take more than four years to earn degrees, which increases total college costs.

The high price of not graduating on time

Total projected in-state public college costs for first-year student¹

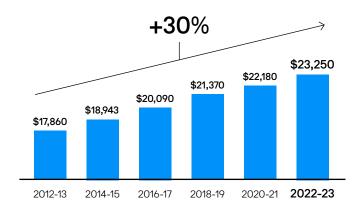




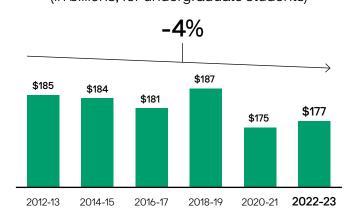
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College costs continue to rise while financial aid has declined — leaving families to pay more of the expenses.

College costs¹
(four-year in-state public university)



Total financial aid² (in billions, for undergraduate students)





Result: Families are paying more

Families now pay 50% of college costs from their income and investments, up from 38% 10 years ago.³

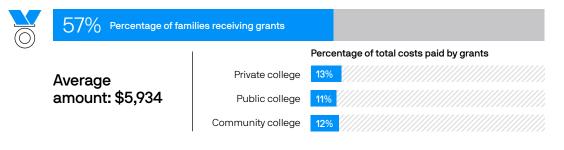
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- 2. College Board, Trends in Student Aid, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2023. Includes federal, state, institutional and private grants as well as federal work-study, tax benefits, veterans' benefits and loans.
- 3. Sallie Mae, How America Pays for College, 2014 and 2023. Remaining college costs paid with loans, grants, scholarships and family gifts.

Financial aid reality check

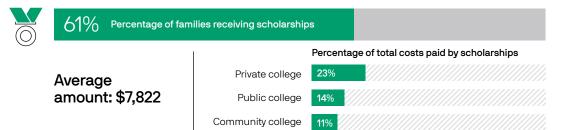


Free grants and scholarships normally pay only a small portion of college costs, and many families don't qualify.

Grant reality 2022-23 (need-based)¹



Scholarship reality 2022-23 (merit-based)¹



Will we get a Federal Pell Grant?

It depends on your income, marital status and family size. Example: Two-parent households with two kids qualify for a full Pell Grant only if their income is \$48,563 or lower.²

Few free rides

0.3%

of college students receive enough grants and scholarships to cover all costs.³



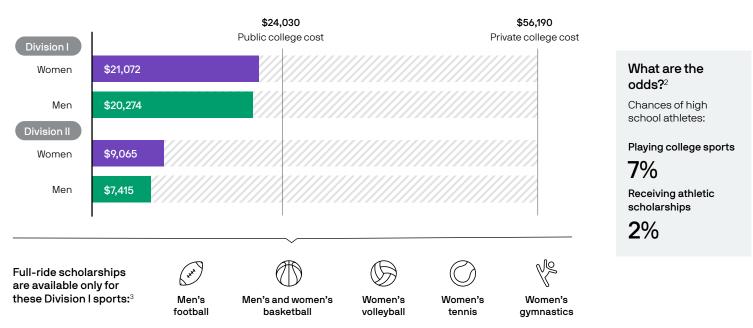
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- 2. Congressional Research Service, The FAFSA Simplification Act, August 2022. For dependent, full-time students in the 2024-25 school year, based on 2022 federal poverty guidelines. Families may also qualify for maximum Federal Pell Grants based on other criteria.
- 3. Mark Kantrowitz, National Postsecondary Student Aid Study from the National Center for Education Statistics. Based on full-time students at four-year colleges.

The facts about athletic scholarships



Athletic scholarships usually cover only some college costs — and only for the select few who receive them.





^{1.} ScholarshipStats.com, based on 2019-20 data with 3% annual increases through 2023-24. College costs are based on average tuition, fees, and room and board, using College Board's Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023. Public college reflects in-state charges.

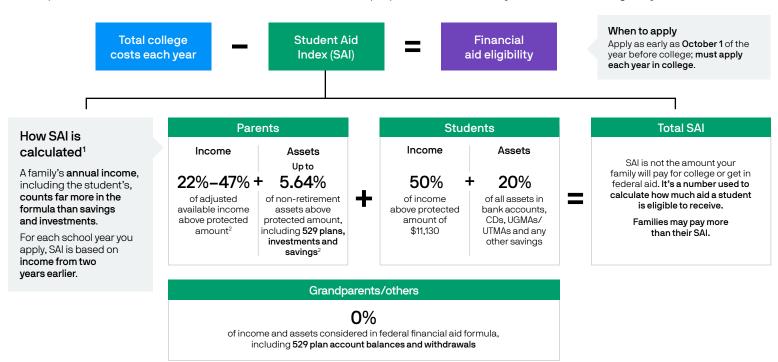
^{2.} National Collegiate Athletic Association, December 2023.

^{3.} Athleticscholarships.net.

Federal financial aid eligibility

Financial aid

The Department of Education calculates the Student Aid Index (SAI) used to determine your financial aid eligibility.



- 1. Based on federal methodology for 2024-25 school year. Federal financial aid rules are subject to change. Please consult your financial professional for more information. To learn more about how SAI is calculated, click here.
- 2. Protected amount for parental income is based on household size. Protected amount for parental assets is based on age and marital status and excludes primary residence and retirement accounts.

Key changes taking effect for the 2024-25 school year

New rules that could increase aid



529 education plans

- Withdrawals from accounts owned by grandparents and other non-parents no longer reported as student income
- Only accounts in student's name reported as parental assets (previously had to include siblings)



Income and asset reporting

- Pre-tax contributions to employer retirement plans, worker's compensation benefits and other income sources not reported
- Child support received treated more favorably as an asset instead of income
- More income excluded from eligibility formula



Other changes

- Expanded Federal Pell Grant eligibility for lower-income families
- More opportunities to appeal a college's financial aid decision

- New rules that could decrease aid



Families with multiple college students

Expected to pay more for each child enrolled (family contribution previously divided by number of college students to increase aid eligibility)



Small business owners and farmers

Must report net worth of business or farm, regardless of size (previously only if 100+ employees)



Divorced or separated parents

- Parents providing the most financial support to students must apply, using their income and investments
- No income reduction for child support paid



Residents of high-tax states

No income reduction for state taxes paid

Federal financial aid rules are subject to change. Please consult your financial professional for more information.

Use this chart to estimate your Student Aid Index, the number used to determine federal financial aid eligibility.

Annual Student Aid Index (SAI)

Examples based on income and assets1

Assets (excluding primary residence and retirement accounts)

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assets.		\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
	\$50,000	-\$1,500	-\$1,500	-\$1,500	-\$1,419	\$7	\$1,749	\$3,923	\$6,591
	\$75,000	\$793	\$1,447	\$2,458	\$4,758	\$7,572	\$10,392	\$13,212	\$16,032
Φ	\$100,000	\$8,903	\$9,964	\$11,374	\$14,194	\$17,014	\$19,834	\$22,654	\$25,474
moou	\$125,000	\$17,444	\$18,505	\$19,915	\$22,735	\$25,555	\$28,375	\$31,195	\$34,015
Combined income	\$150,000	\$25,711 —	\$26,771	\$28,181	\$31,001	\$33,821	\$36,641	\$39,461	\$42,281
ombi	\$175,000	\$33,976	\$35,037	\$36,447	\$39,267	\$42,087	\$44,907	\$47,727	\$50,547
O	\$200,000	\$42,220	\$43,280	\$44,690	\$47,510	\$50,330	\$53,150	\$55,970	\$58,790
	\$225,000	\$50,251	\$51,311	\$52,721	\$55,541	\$58,361	\$61,181	\$64,001	\$66,821
	\$250,000	\$58,282	\$59,342	\$60,752	\$63,572	\$66,392	\$69,212	\$72,032	\$74,852
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Calculate your personal SAI

Use the U.S. Dept. of Education's online calculator to get an estimate.



Example: If you earn \$150,000 in income and have \$0 in assets, your estimated SAI is \$25,711 — more than one year of public college costs.²

Income has a much bigger impact than

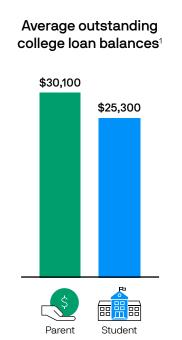
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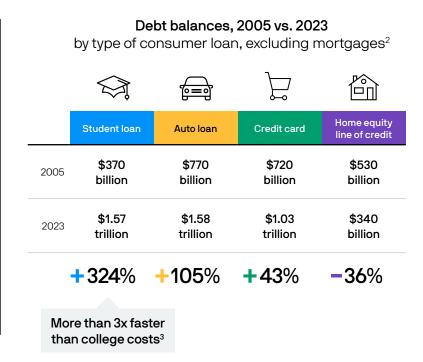
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Rising college debt



Families that don't invest enough for college often have no other choice than to borrow.





A heavy burden

85%

of college borrowers expect financial hardships due to loan payments.⁴



^{1.} U.S. Department of Education, National Student Loan Data System. Data as of Q3 2023 for federal Stafford and parent PLUS loans.

^{2.} Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Household Debt and Credit Report, Q2 2023.

^{3.} College Board, Trends in College Pricing, 2005 and 2023. Based on average tuition, fees, and room and board at an in-state, four-year public university.

^{4.} U.S. News & World Report, July 2023.

Understanding the different college planning vehicles can help you choose the right one for your needs.







	529 education plan	Custodial account (UGMA/UTMA)	Coverdell Education Savings Account
Tax-free investing and withdrawals for qualified education expenses	Yes¹	No, some earnings may be taxed at child's rate, the rest at parents' rate	Yes ³
State tax breaks on contributions	Yes, in some states	No	No
Income limits on contributors	No	No	Yes
Annual contribution maximum without gift taxes	\$180,000 per beneficiary ² (five years of tax-free gifts in one year)	\$36,000 per beneficiary	\$2,000 per beneficiary
Account owner control for the life of the account	Yes	No, child usually takes control at age 18 or 21; doesn't have to use money for education	No, beneficiary must generally use money by age 30
Assets removed from taxable estate	Yes	No, if donor is also custodian	Yes
Impact on federal financial aid	Low	High	Low
Allows rollovers to Roth IRAs	Yes¹	No	No

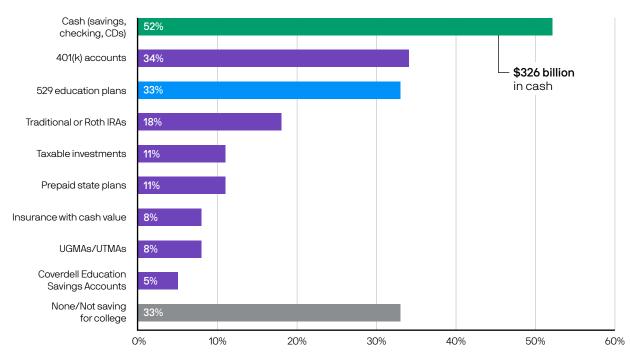
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^{2.} Maximum gifts are \$180,000 per beneficiary from married couples filing jointly and \$90,000 from single tax filers. No additional gifts can be made to the same beneficiary over a five-year period. If the donor does not survive the five years, a portion of the gift is returned to the taxable estate.

^{3.} Earnings on non-qualified withdrawals may be subject to federal income tax and a 10% federal penalty tax, as well as state and local income taxes.

Many families use retirement and savings accounts for college instead of taking full advantage of 529 plans.

Percentage of families using each vehicle



Missed opportunities

\$1.3 trillion

of education savings are currently held outside tax-advantaged 529 plans.



Source: ISS Market Intelligence, 529 Industry Analysis 2023.

See how much you should be investing each month, based on a child's age and your college funding plans.

Monthly investment to pay your share of college costs

	Public college (in-state)			Private college				
Child's age when	Total 4-year Monthly investment to pay:		Total 4-year	Monthly investment to pay:				
investments start	cost	100%	75%	50%	cost	100%	75%	50%
Newborn	\$249,259	\$651	\$488	\$326	\$582,849	\$1,523	\$1,142	\$761
Age 3	\$215,319	\$747	\$560	\$373	\$503,487	\$1,746	\$1,310	\$873
Age 6	\$186,001	\$890	\$668	\$445	\$434,931	\$2,081	\$1,561	\$1,041
Age 9	\$160,675	\$1,129	\$847	\$564	\$375,710	\$2,640	\$1,980	\$1,320
Age 12	\$138,797	\$1,606	\$1,205	\$803	\$324,552	\$3,756	\$2,817	\$1,878
Age 15	\$119,898	\$3,040	\$2,280	\$1,520	\$280,360	\$7,110	\$5,332	\$3,555

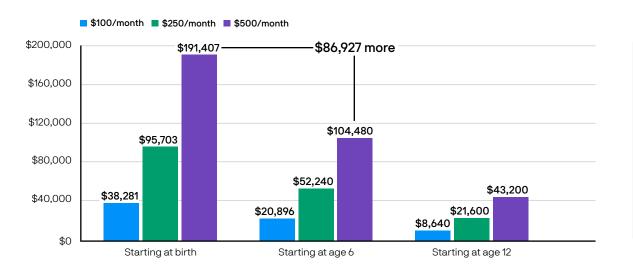
Set your investment goal with our college planning calculator. Never miss a monthly 529 contribution Go online to easily set up automatic transfers from a bank account.

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Based on average tuition, fees, and room and board costs for 2023-24 school year, College Board's *Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023*. Costs estimated to inflate 5% per year. This hypothetical example illustrates the future values of different regular monthly investments for different time periods, assuming an annual investment return of 6%, compounded monthly. This hypothetical example does not represent the performance of any particular investment. Different assumptions will result in outcomes different from this example. Your results may be more or less than the figures shown. These figures do not reflect the impact of fees or expenses that would be paid by a 529 plan participant. Such costs would lower performance. A plan of regular investment cannot ensure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

The sooner you start investing, the more time you have to grow your college fund through the power of long-term compounding.

Small monthly contributions add up over time

Total amounts accumulated at different starting ages¹



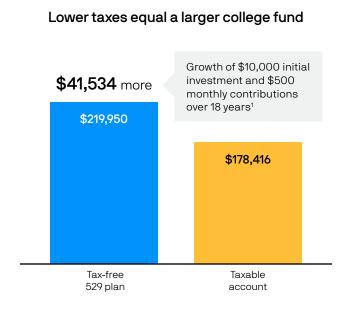
Put college investing on autopilot

Three-quarters of 529 plan users make automatic contributions from bank accounts or paychecks.²



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- 2. ISS Market Intelligence, 529 Industry Analysis 2023.

A tax-advantaged 529 plan has the potential to grow faster than a taxable investment earning the exact same returns.





State tax benefits

Many 529 plans offer state tax benefits in addition to federal tax-free investing.² See page 42 for more information.



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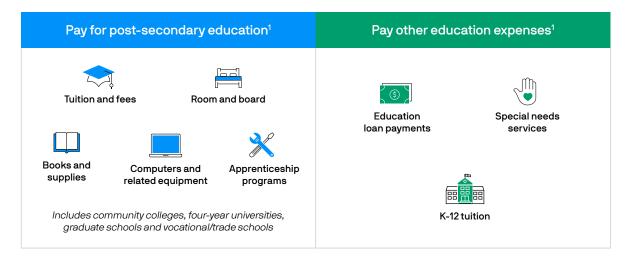




Tax-advantaged investing Estate planning benefits Control and flexibility Accessible and affordable Tax-deferred compounding Contributions and Account owner retains full • No income limits on contributors of contributions and earnings investment gains removed control over assets • No age limits on beneficiaries from taxable estate Tax-free withdrawals for Can change beneficiaries to other or contributors qualified education expenses1 • Option to make five years of eligible family members • No mandatory withdrawals at tax-free gifts in a single year - up Tax-deductible contributions Covers any qualified expense any age to \$180,000 per beneficiary from at accredited U.S. and foreign in some states Very low investment minimums married couples filing jointly and colleges, trade schools, and make it easy to get started \$90,000 from individuals² apprenticeship programs³ · High contribution limits, Only completed gift that can · Minimal impact on financial often \$400,000 or more per be revoked under current laws. aid eligibility beneficiary4

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- 2. No additional gifts can be made to the same beneficiary over a five-year period. If the donor does not survive the five years, a portion of the gift is returned to the taxable estate.
- 3. To search for accredited schools, visit https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/FSCsearch.
- 4. The Program Administrators of New York's 529 Advisor-Guided College Savings Program impose a maximum aggregate balance of all accounts for a single beneficiary in qualified tuition programs sponsored by the State of New York, which limits the amount of contributions that may be made for any one beneficiary, as required by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The current maximum account balance is \$520,000.

A flexible 529 plan can be used to pay for a wide range of education expenses — and beyond.



529 plan rules vary by state

Check with your plan to see if any uses are considered nonqualified for state tax purposes.





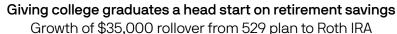
How to keep extra 529 funds in your family

- Change account beneficiary to another eligible family member
- Withdraw amounts equal to scholarships received2
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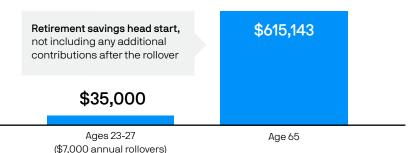
New in 2024: Rollovers from 529 plans to Roth IRAs

Saving and investing

Moving extra money to Roth IRAs extends tax benefits beyond college while easing concerns about overfunding 529 accounts.



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Consult your financial or tax professional

Qualified rollovers are free from federal taxes and penalties, but each state sets its own 529 plan rules.



Questions about 529-to-Roth rollovers

Who is eligible?

- No income limits
- Roth IRA must be in same name as 529 beneficiary
- Beneficiary's annual job earnings must equal or exceed rollover amount

How much can be rolled over?

- \$7,000 annual maximum per beneficiary (\$8,000 if age 50 or older)
- \$35,000 lifetime maximum per beneficiary

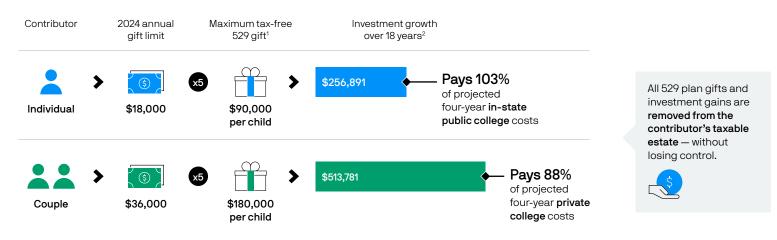
When can rollovers occur?

- 15+ years after 529 account opened
- Can't include 529 contributions or investment earnings within five years of rollover

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Chart assumes \$7,000 annual rollovers with 7% annual returns, compounded monthly, which grow to \$43,362 after five years. For illustrative purposes only. Under federal law, you may withdraw funds from your Account to pay K-12 Tuition Expenses, Apprenticeship Program Expenses, Qualified Education Loan Repayments, and/or Roth IRA Rollovers. For federal tax purposes, each of a distribution to pay K-12 Tuition Expenses, pay Apprenticeship Program Expenses, make Qualified Education Loan Repayments, and make a Roth IRA Rollover is considered a Federal Qualified Withdrawal and is, therefore, free from federal taxes and penalties. However, if you are a New York State taxpayer, the distributions for K-12 Tuition Expenses, Qualified Loan Repayments, and Roth IRA Rollovers are not considered a New York Qualified Withdrawal and will require the recapture of any New York State tax benefits that have accrued on contributions.

Only 529 plans allow five years of tax-free gifts in one year to help families meet college costs and manage estate taxes.

One gift at birth can pay all or most four-year college costs

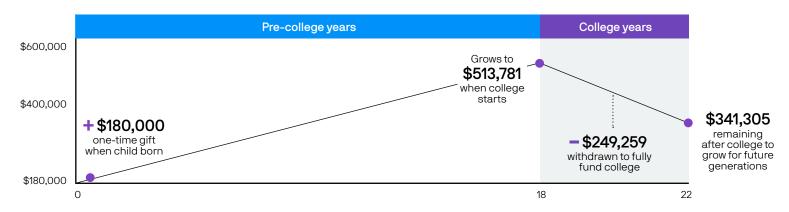


- 1. No additional gifts can be made to the same beneficiary over a five-year period. If the donor does not survive the five years, a portion of the gift is returned to the taxable estate.
- 2. J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Illustration assumes an annual investment return of 6%, compounded monthly. This example does not represent the performance of any particular investment. Different assumptions will result in outcomes different from this example. Your results may be more or less than the figures shown. Investment losses could affect the relative tax-deferred investing advantage. Each investor should consider his or her current and anticipated investment horizon and income tax bracket when making an investment decision, as the illustration may not reflect these factors. These figures do not reflect any management fees or expenses that would be paid by a 529 plan participant. Such costs would lower performance. Average projected four-year college costs are based on College Board's Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023, assuming 5% annual inflation. This chart is shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is no quarantee of future results.

Any money left in a 529 plan after college can continue growing for future generations.1

Investing for many generations with one 529 plan gift

Growth of one-time accelerated \$180,000 gift, from birth through college²



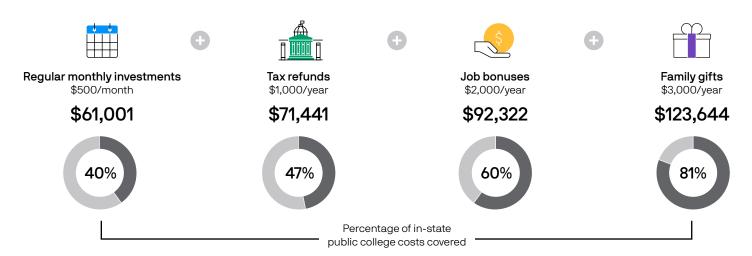
- 1. The Beneficiary of a 529 Account can be changed at any time. If the new Beneficiary is a Member of the Family, the change of Beneficiary is free from New York State and federal income tax. A Member of the Family includes the Beneficiary's child or step-child (and their descendants); sibling or step-sibling; parent or step-parent (and their ancestors); niece or nephew; aunt or uncle; a son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law; the spouse of the Beneficiary or the spouse of any individual described above; or a first cousin of the Beneficiary.
- 2. J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Illustration assumes an annual investment return of 6%, compounded monthly. This example does not represent the performance of any particular investment. Different assumptions will result in outcomes different from this example. Your results may be more or less than the figures shown. Investment losses could affect the relative tax-deferred investing advantage. Each investor should consider his or her current and anticipated investment horizon and income tax bracket when making an investment decision, as the illustration may not reflect these factors. These figures do not reflect any management fees or expenses that would be paid by a 529 plan participant. Such costs would lower performance. Illustration assumes student attends an in-state public college. Average projected four-year college costs are based on College Board's *Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023*, assuming 5% annual inflation. Changing a 529 plan beneficiary to another generation may result in federal gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes. Please consult a tax professional for advice specific to your situation. This chart is shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Catching up on college investing

By funding 529 plans with manageable amounts from multiple sources, late starters may still have time to achieve their goals.

Combining monthly investments with other sources of college savings

Example: Getting started for a 10-year-old



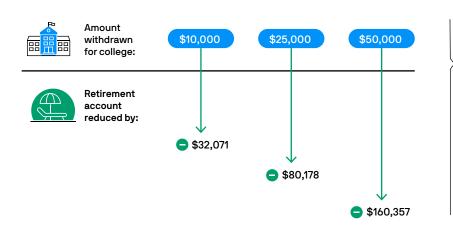
Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. This hypothetical illustration assumes an annual investment return of 6%, compounded monthly. Investment losses could affect the relative tax-deferred investing advantage. Each investor should consider his or her current and anticipated investment horizon and income tax bracket when making an investment decision, as the illustration may not reflect these factors. All savings sources combined reflect \$500 monthly investments, plus \$6,000 in combined annual tax refunds, bonuses and family gifts. Projected four-year college costs are based on College Board's *Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023*, assuming 5% annual inflation. Projected college costs for this example are \$153,023, which includes average tuition, fees, and room and board at an in-state public college. Different assumptions will result in outcomes different from this example. Your results may be more or less than the figures shown. This example does not represent the performance of any specific investment and does not reflect any management fees or expenses that would be paid by a 529 plan participant. These costs would lower performance. This chart is shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Don't pay for college with retirement funds

Saving and investing

Every dollar used for college can mean several less for retirement, due to years of lost investment earnings and compounding.

How college withdrawals can jeopardize retirement security¹





Retirement accounts may also be reduced by:

- Potential taxes due on amount withdrawn2
- Potential 10% penalty if under age 59½2

Keep college and retirement separate

A 529 education plan offers special tax benefits not available in retirement accounts. along with greater flexibility and higher contribution limits.

A dangerous decision

Two in five Americans have used retirement funds to pay for college.3







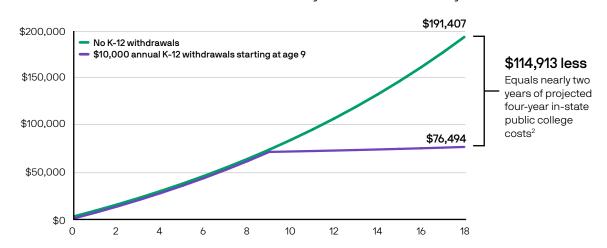


- 1. J.P. Morgan Asset Management. This illustration assumes that assets would have remained in a tax-advantaged retirement account instead of being withdrawn for college, earning 6% annual investment returns for 20 years, compounded monthly. This example does not represent the performance of any particular investment. Different assumptions will result in outcomes different from this example. Your results may be more or less than the figures shown. Investment losses could affect the relative tax-deferred investing advantage. Each investor should consider his or her current and anticipated investment horizon and income tax bracket when making an investment decision, as the illustration may not reflect these factors. These figures do not reflect any management fees or expenses. Such costs would lower performance. Shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
- 2. Distributions from certain retirement accounts, including IRAs, may not be subject to the 10% penalty tax if used for qualified higher education expenses, Income taxes may be due on withdrawals if certain requirements are not met. Refer to IRS Publication 970 or consult your tax professional regarding your personal circumstances.
- 3. Society of Actuaries, June 2023. Based on respondents saving for both retirement and college.

Withdrawing money from a 529 plan before college can leave families with less during college.

The price of K-12 withdrawals

Growth of \$500 monthly investments over 18 years¹



Check your 529 plan

Annual withdrawals of up to \$10,000 per beneficiary for private K-12 tuition are free from federal taxes, but state tax consequences may apply in certain states.³

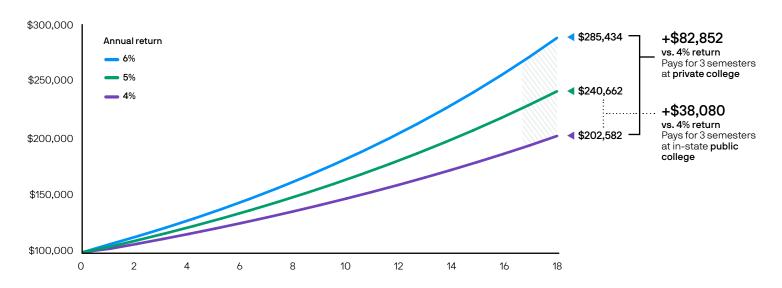


- 1. J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Illustration assumes an annual investment return of 6%, compounded monthly. It also assumes \$10,000 annual K-12 withdrawals between ages 9 and 17. This example does not represent the performance of any particular investment. Different assumptions will result in outcomes different from this example. Your results may be more or less than the figures shown. Investment losses could affect the relative tax-deferred investing advantage. Each investor should consider his or her current and anticipated investment horizon and income tax bracket when making an investment decision, as the illustration may not reflect these factors. These figures do not reflect any management fees or expenses that would be paid by a 529 plan participant. Such costs would lower performance. This chart is shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
- 2. College Board, Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023, assuming 5% annual inflation. Based on average tuition, fees, and room and board at an in-state, four-year public college.
- 3. Under New York State law, withdrawals used to pay elementary or secondary school tuition or qualified education loan repayments are considered non-qualified distributions and will require the recapture of any New York State tax benefits that have accrued on contributions.

Even small increases in investment returns can make a big difference when it comes time to pay for college.

Small increases in returns, big impact on college funds

Growth of \$100,000 investment over 18 years



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management, using College Board's *Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023*. This hypothetical illustration assumes an investment of \$100,000 over an 18-year period, with returns compounded monthly. Different assumptions will result in outcomes different from this example. Investment losses could affect the relative tax-deferred investing advantage. This hypothetical illustration is not indicative of any specific investment and does not reflect the impact of fees or expenses. Such costs would lower performance. Each investor should consider his or her current and anticipated investment horizon and income tax bracket when making an investment decision.

Compare the best, worst and average annual returns for different investments over rolling 18-year periods.

Best, worst and average rolling 18-year periods

Average annual returns, 1983-2023

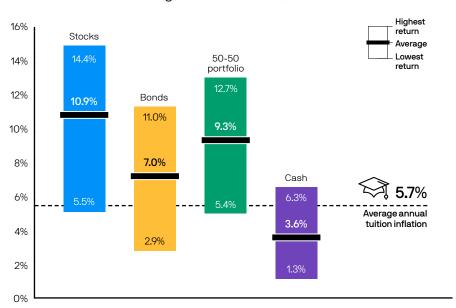


Chart highlights

- Average returns for both stocks and bonds outpaced tuition inflation.
- The diversified portfolio delivered higher returns than bonds, with lower volatility than stocks.
- Average returns for shortterm cash did not keep pace with tuition inflation.



Source: Barclays Capital, FactSet, Robert Shiller, Strategas/Ibbotson, Federal Reserve, BLS, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Rolling returns shown are based on calendar-year returns from 1983 through 2023. Stocks are represented by S&P 500 Index, bonds by Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index and cash by Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bellwethers 3M Index. Data are as of 12/31/23. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Diversification does not guarantee investment returns and does not eliminate the risk of loss.

College preparation timeline



Planning in advance and filing early for financial aid may help students get into their preferred colleges.

	September-November	December-February	March-May	June-August
High school junior	 Begin researching colleges Take PSAT/SAT/ACT 	 Begin to formulate college list Retake SAT/ACT or continue test preparation Schedule college visits 	 Retake SAT/ACT (if needed) Take AP exams Write college essay Get recommendations from guidance counselor, teachers and others 	 Finalize college lis Visit colleges Aug. 1: Common A released online Begin applying fo scholarships
High school senior	Oct. 1: File FAFSA Register for CSS Profile (if required) Nov. 1: Apply early decision/early action Retake SAT/ACT (if needed)	 Consider early decision acceptances Submit regular decision applications 	 Consider regular decision acceptances May 1: Make final decision/pay deposit Take AP exams Finalize loan applications (if needed) 	Pay for Fall semester College begins College begins

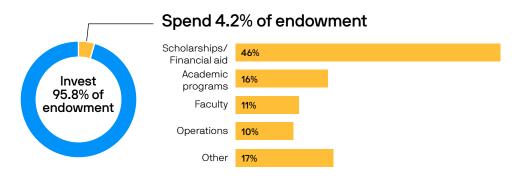
Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. For informational purposes only. Check with individual colleges regarding their application deadlines and policies. See page 35 for additional resources.

College endowments and financial aid



Endowments fund college scholarships and financial aid, but not enough to cover a typical family's costs.

What endowments do with money received from donors



Few college students get the full benefit of endowments

100 biggest U.S. endowments

80% of all endowment assets

More student aid, but usually
higher-cost colleges

\$3.9 million spent on student aid
Enough to fund
only 162 full scholarships

Why not spend more?

Most endowments are meant to last in perpetuity, so they generally have limits on annual spending to reduce the risk of running out of money.



Source: 2022 NACUBO-TIAA Study of Endowments®. Average endowment spending is based on a 4.2% spending rate, with 46% going to student aid. Full scholarship amount is based on College Board's Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2023, using average tuition, fees, and room and board for four-year, in-state public college.

Financial aid and college planning websites





Financial aid

fafsa.gov

cssprofile.collegeboard.org

studentaid.gov

irs.gov

(IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education)



529 college savings plans

collegesavings.org savingforcollege.com



College preparation

collegeboard.org collegeconfidential.com act.org



Grants and scholarships

goingmerry.com

fastweb.com

appily.com

petersons.com

finaid.org



Aid for New York residents (including the Excelsior Scholarship)

hesc.ny.gov

	Types of financial aid	Details
U.S. federal government	Grants and scholarships Loans Work-study Tax credits and deductions	In addition to aid from the U.S. Department of Education, scholarships and loan repayment may be available to qualified students through other government entities.
States	Grants and scholarships	Example: New York's Tuition Assistance Program offers grants of up to \$5,665 per year to eligible residents attending approved New York State schools and meeting income limits.
Colleges	Grants and scholarships	Aid may be available for attending a particular college and/or studying specific majors.
Nonprofit or private organizations	Grants and scholarships	Possible sources include charitable foundations, religious and community organizations, local businesses, ethnicity-based organizations, students' and parents' employers, civic groups, and professional associations related to a field of study.
Banks, credit unions or other lenders	Private loans	Tend to have higher interest rates and less flexible repayment options than federal loans.

Types of financial aid

Grants and scholarships are free gifts that generally don't have to be repaid.

Grants are typically need-based, while scholarships are merit-based.

Loans must be paid back with interest.



 $Source: studentaid.gov (U.S.\ Department\ of\ Education).$

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required by all colleges to award federal and institutional aid. About 250 colleges also require students to submit the CSS Profile, a more detailed assessment used to determine eligibility for institutional scholarships, grants or loans.¹

Income and assets reported ²	FAFSA	CSS Profile
Taxable income	•	•
Untaxed income (i.e., tax-deductible IRA contributions, tax-exempt interest, untaxed retirement distributions)	•	•
Interest and dividend income		•
Bank and investment accounts		•
Education savings accounts in student's name, owned by either parent or student	•	•
Trust funds		•
Investment real estate net worth		•
Business or farm net worth		•
Child support received		•
Parent assets held in sibling names ³		•
Retirement assets		
Home equity (primary home)		•
Education savings accounts in student's name, owned by grandparents or other non-parents		•
Income and assets for both divorced or separated parents (and spouses, if remarried)		•
Pre-tax contributions to employer retirement plans		•
Mandatory contribution from student income		•
Untaxed Social Security benefits		

Allowances and deductions ²	FAFSA	CSS Profile
Number in household		•
Federal income and/or payroll taxes paid		•
Income and asset protection allowances		•
Education-related benefits (i.e., federal tax credits, taxable grants/scholarships, federal work-study)	•	•
Employment/business expenses		•
Number of family members enrolled in college		•
State taxes paid		•
Private K-12 tuition for siblings		•
Medical and dental expenses		•
Emergency reserve allowance		•
Education loan payments		•
Child support paid		•
Regional cost-of-living adjustments		•

^{1.} College Board. The CSS Profile may vary by institution. See financial aid office or net price calculator at your desired institution for more information about what is used to calculate awards.

^{2.} For illustrative purposes only. Information is not meant to be exhaustive. Review the FAFSA and CSS Profile applications for additional details.

^{3.} For siblings under age 19 and not enrolled in college.

Federal student aid: A sample of grant programs



	Details	2023-24 award year Annual award limit
Federal Pell Grant	Generally awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need; click here for eligibility requirements	\$7,395
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	 Awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority Not all colleges participate Funds depend on availability at the college; apply by college's deadline 	up to \$4,000
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant	 For undergraduate or graduate students taking eligible coursework needed to become elementary or secondary teachers Must attend a participating college and meet certain academic achievement requirements Must agree to serve as a full-time highly qualified teacher in a high-need field and low-income area for at least four years within the first eight years after college Failure to complete the teaching service commitment results in grant funds being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan that must be repaid with interest 	up to \$3,772
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	 Non-need-based, this grant is available to any undergraduate student who is not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and whose parent or guardian died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11 Must have been younger than 24 years old or enrolled in college at least part-time at the time of the parent's or guardian's death 	up to \$6,973

Source: U.S. Department of Education. Awards are subject to availability of funds, and recipients must meet certain eligibility requirements. This is for informational purposes only. To learn more, visit https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants.

	Lender	Eligibility	Interest rate	Annual Ioan limit
Direct Subsidized Loan	U.S. Department of Education	Undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time and demonstrating financial need	5.50% Student not charged interest while in school and during deferment periods	\$3,500-\$5,500 depending on year in school
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	U.S. Department of Education	Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at least half-time, regardless of financial need	5.50% for undergraduates 7.05% for graduate students Student responsible for interest during all periods	\$5,500-\$12,500 for undergraduates, depending on year in school and dependency status \$20,500 for graduate students
Direct PLUS Loan for parents	U.S. Department of Education	Parents of dependent undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time Parents must not have negative credit history	8.05% Parents responsible for interest during all periods	Cost of attendance (determined by the school) minus any other financial aid received
Direct PLUS Loan for graduate or professional students	U.S. Department of Education	Graduate or professional degree students enrolled at least half-time Student must not have negative credit history	8.05% Student responsible for interest during all periods	Cost of attendance (determined by the school) minus any other financial aid received

Source: U.S. Department of Education. Interest rates apply to loans first disbursed between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. For more information, visit https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans.

Compared to these options, a 529 education plan is usually the better choice.

	How it works	Pros	Cons
Roth IRA	Withdraw retirement funds to pay for college	No taxes or penalties when contributions withdrawn¹ No penalty if investment earnings withdrawn for qualified higher education expenses Assets not considered for federal financial aid	 Withdrawals for college reduce retirement savings (see page 29) Potential taxes on investment earnings withdrawn² Annual contributions limited to \$7,000 (\$8,000 if age 50 or older) Contributors subject to income limits; no gifts allowed from others No state tax benefits
Life insurance	Withdraw or borrow against the cash value of a policy to pay for college	Cash value grows tax-deferred; withdrawals generally tax-free ³ Cash value not considered an asset for federal financial aid	 Subject to fees, commissions and surrender charges Loan interest not generally tax deductible No state tax benefits
Home equity loan	Borrow against home equity value to pay for college	Have fixed interest rates often lower than college loans Not subject to borrowing limits of federal loans	 Interest not tax deductible when used for college Less repayment flexibility than federal loans Risk of foreclosure if loan not repaid
Private loan	Borrow from bank, credit union or other lenders outside the U.S. government	Interest may be tax deductible, subject to income limits Higher borrowing limits than federal loans	 Interest rates often variable and higher than federal loans Interest may be due while student is in college Less repayment flexibility than federal loans Often require cosigners

^{1.} Subject to certain requirements. Penalties may be due if contributions from a converted account are withdrawn within five years of the conversion. Please consult a tax professional for additional details.

^{2.} Withdrawals of investment earnings are tax free if the account owner is over age 59% and the Roth IRA has been open at least five years. Please consult a tax professional for additional details.

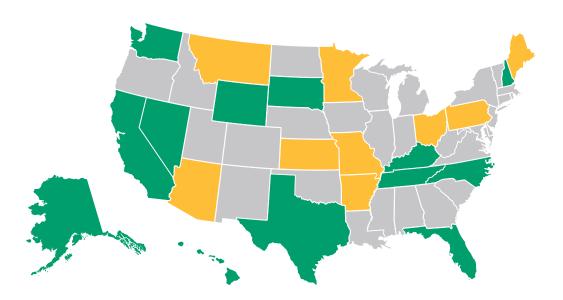
^{3.} If withdrawal amounts exceed the premiums paid, taxes may be due on the difference.

	Details	Income limits	Tax benefits
Tax-advantaged	529 plans for four-year universities, graduate school, vocational/trade schools and community college	None	Contributions not typically deductible from federal taxes; investments grow tax-deferred,
savings plans	Coverdell Education Savings Accounts for any level of education, from elementary school through graduate school	Single: \$110,000 Married filing jointly: \$220,000	and withdrawals are generally tax-free for qualified expenses ²
Federal tax credits ³	American Opportunity Tax Credit for qualified expenses in the first four years of college	Single: \$90,000 Married filing jointly:	Reduce taxes by up to \$2,500 per student each year (100% of the first \$2,000 of qualified expenses, and 25% of the next \$2,000)
	Lifetime Learning Credit for qualified expenses in an unlimited number of years of college	\$180,000	Reduce taxes by up to \$2,000 per tax return each year (20% of the first \$10,000 of qualified expenses)
Student loan interest deduction	For interest paid on student loans taken out for yourself, your spouse or dependents	Single: \$95,000 Married filing jointly: \$195,000	Reduce taxable income by up to \$2,500 each year
State tax deductions	Some states allow deductible contributions to a 529 education plan for state income tax purposes	Varies by state	Varies by state; see page 42 for more information

^{1.} Must meet certain eligibility requirements. Information as of November 2023. Please consult a tax professional for additional details.

^{2.} Tax-free withdrawals cannot be taken for the same expenses used to claim tax credits.

 $^{3. \, \}text{Taxpayers cannot claim both credits for the same student in the same year.} \\$



Some states have income limits

Tax breaks may be subject to income requirements in some states, including Delaware, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon and Pennsylvania. Check with individual plans for more details.

Tax parity states

These states offer a tax deduction for contributing to any 529 plan, including out-of-state plans that may be more attractive than the in-state option: Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Pennsylvania.

Tax-neutral states

These states offer **no state tax deduction** for 529 plan contributions: Alaska, California, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wyoming.

All other states

These states offer potential tax breaks on contributions made only to in-state 529 plans.

^{1.} As of December 2023.

^{2.} Arkansas offers larger tax deductions for contributions made to an in-state 529 plan. Minnesota offers either a tax deduction or tax credit, depending on income. Consult the plans for more details.

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- Six asset allocation portfolios, each pursuing different risk/return objectives
- 18 individual single-asset portfolios for creating your own customized investment mix, including a stable asset income option



Broad diversification

- Access to asset classes and investment strategies not often found in 529 plans
- Potential for higher returns and lower risk than less diversified portfolios²

Investment expertise from J.P. Morgan Asset Management

State tax deductions

for account owners living or working in New York³

High contribution limit of \$520,000 per beneficiary

Ugift® online tool enables family and friends to make gift contributions to Plan accounts

Upromise® rewards program turns everyday purchases into funds for college



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- 1. As of 9/30/23.
- 2. Diversification does not guarantee investment returns and does not eliminate the risk of loss.
- 3. Deductions may be subject to recapture in certain circumstances, such as rollovers to another state's plan; distributions for tuition expenses in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private or religious school; or qualified education loan repayments.



