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Trustee & Administrator



Program Manager

Not FDIC Insured
No Bank Guarantee
May Lose Value

ONLINE ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

At brightdirections.com it's easy to manage your account online. As an Account Owner you can:

1. Contribute Online
2. Establish or modify an automatic investment plan
3. Sign-up for e-delivery of statements
4. Request a withdrawal
5. Change investments
6. Account maintenance (address changes, etc)

If you have not utilized these features and could benefit from any of them please visit brightdirections.com, select "Account Login" and follow the onscreen instructions to create a new user and enjoy the ease of online account management.

WITHDRAWALS FOR COLLEGE

With the Fall Semester right around the corner, you have several easy options when it comes time to withdraw funds for college expenses. Here are some things to consider:

1. You can request funds online, via a paper withdrawal request form, or by calling the Plan;
2. Funds can be paid to the Account Owner, Beneficiary or College;
3. Make sure to match payment of expenses and any withdrawal from your Bright Directions Account in the same calendar year;
4. Keep copies of the various invoices and receipts regarding the qualified college expenses you are paying with your other important tax papers;
5. A 1099-Q will be issued next January to the Account Owner or Beneficiary reporting the withdrawal.

Be sure to consult your tax professional if you or your beneficiary plan to claim any tax deductions or credits for education for 2010. You will want to coordinate those deductions & credits with your 529 withdrawals.

AUTOMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN ("AIP")

Looking to save more for college? Start an automatic investment plan today. It's easy to do and you can set aside any amount to start building for the future. To increase your current AIP or to start a new AIP login to your Account or call us to obtain the appropriate form today.

COLLEGE SAVINGS GRANTS

We were recently made aware of a benefit available to members and retirees of participating labor unions and we wanted to share this information. Here are the highlights as we understand them:

- \$500 Grant available to union members and retirees who open a new 529 college savings account after July 1, 2009 (for participating unions call 1-800-472-2005)
- The 529 account beneficiary must be 12 years of age or younger at time of account opening
- Once the account is opened the account owner must build savings of at least \$1,000
- Lifetime Limit: one \$500 college savings grant per union household

For all of the information and details visit:

1. www.unionplus.org
2. Select "Legal & Education" on the menu navigation
3. Select "College Savings Grants"

ILLINOIS TAX DEDUCTION¹

Don't wait until the last minute. The deadline to make contributions to your Bright Directions Account(s) is December 31, 2010. Don't delay - contribute now to take advantage of the \$10,000 (ind.) and \$20,000 (joint) state income tax deduction for contributions to the Program.

If you have other 529 plans visit with your advisor to see if it would be beneficial to roll over into Bright Directions. Make sure to discuss the advantages and any disadvantages of rolling over.

¹ Individuals who file individual Illinois state income tax returns can deduct up to \$10,000 per tax year (\$20,000 if filing jointly) for their total, combined contributions to the Bright Directions® College Savings Program, the Bright Start College Savings Program, and Collegellinois! during that tax year. The \$10,000 individual and \$20,000 (joint) limit on deductions will apply to total contributions made without regard to whether the contributions are made to a single account or more than one account.

Thank You for Investing with Us!