

Estate planning with my529

Did you know that a my529 account can help with estate planning? 529 accounts have unique tools that you can use as you advise your clients on saving for college, investing and estate planning.



Saving for education for the next generation

Using the gift tax exclusion to superfund an account

Navigating client family events like divorce or death

(See reverse side for details)

Contact the relationship management team by booking a meeting, calling 888.529.1886 or emailing us at advisorinfo@my529.org.

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The benefits of a my529 account do not need to stop at graduation. Creating the habit of saving is the first and most difficult step, so encouraging your clients to maintain that savings habit after graduation to achieve their family's future educational goals. Here are a few ideas to keep those accounts working for your client.

- Use their my529 funds to pay for graduate school or other continuing higher education.
- Grow their my529 savings for the next generation as an investment in the educational future of your client's family.
- Change the beneficiary of their my529 account. If the new beneficiary belongs to the family of the current beneficiary, the account will not incur federal or Utah state income tax consequences. Please see the Program Description for details regarding who qualifies as a "member of the family."

Using the gift tax exclusion to superfund an account

Superfunding allows a lump-sum gift of five years' contribution to a beneficiary of up to \$90,000 (or \$180,000 if married and filing a joint tax return) without creating a taxable gift. Superfunding requires IRS Form 709, which allows the gift to be treated as a series of five equal contributions (e.g., \$18,000 each, for a total of \$90,000; \$36,000 each, for a total of \$180,000, if married and filing a joint return).

Generally, money held in an account is not considered part of the account owner's estate, even though the account owner maintains control of the money.

Navigating client family events like divorce or death

Life transitions can be emotionally difficult for your clients, so we are here to help you make it easier for them. These are some of the steps you can take to guide your clients through a major life event:

- Inform my529 of the event and we can assist you with the 529 account management process (888.529.1886 or advisorinfo@my529.org).
- Change account ownership (Form 505) and provide necessary documentation.
- Update your individual LPOA authorization (Form 710).
- Safeguard the my529 account by having a primary successor — either an individual or trust (Form 515).
- Set up an interested party.

Important Legal Notice

Investing is an important decision. The investments in your account may vary with market conditions and could lose value. Carefully read the Program Description in its entirety for more information and consider all investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. For a copy of the Program Description, call 800.418.2551 or visit my529.org. Investments in my529 are not insured or guaranteed by my529, the Utah Board of Higher Education, the Utah Education Savings Board of Trustees, any other state or federal agency, or any third party. However, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance is provided for the FDIC-insured investment option. In addition, my529 offers investment options that are partially insured for the portion of the respective investment option that includes FDIC-insured accounts as an underlying investment. The state in which you or your beneficiary pay taxes or live may offer a 529 plan that provides state tax or other benefits, such as financial aid, scholarship funds and protection from creditors, not otherwise available to you by investing in my529. You should consider such benefits, if any, before investing in my529. my529 does not provide legal, financial, investment or tax advice. You should consult your own tax or legal advisor to determine the effect of federal and state tax laws on your particular situation.