



Georgia - Path2College 529 Plan

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The Georgia Path2College 529 Plan, a TIAA-managed 529 savings program features two age-based options and five fixed options including a guaranteed option with interest at a rate between 1% and 3% as declared each October.

5-Cap Rating

Resident:  Savingforcollege.com's 5-Cap Ratings provides an evaluation and comparison of 529 plans, utilizing a formula that examines dozens of factors grouped into the following categories. (Scale 0 to 5; 5 is highest)

Non-Resident: 

Performance	Costs	Features	Reliability	Resident Upgrade
4.34	4.85	2.83	4.46	0.40

Investment Options

Age-based investment options:

Choose between the Managed Allocation Option and the Aggressive Managed Allocation Option, each containing 9 portfolios of underlying mutual funds. Under either option, contributions are placed into the portfolio corresponding to the beneficiary's age and later reassigned to more conservative portfolios as the beneficiary approaches college age.

Static investment options:

Select among 3 multi-fund portfolios (the 100% Equity Option, the Balanced Fund Option, and the 100% Fixed Income Option), the Guaranteed Option, and the Money Market Option.

Underlying investments:

TIAA-CREF, DFA and Vanguard mutual funds; the Guaranteed Option is invested in a funding agreement with TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company that guarantees principal and a minimum 1% - 3% annual rate of interest (actual rate, which may be greater, is declared annually).

Taxes and other Benefits

Program match on contributions:

None.

State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

Contributions to the Georgia 529 plan of up to \$2,000 per beneficiary per year for those filing a single return and \$4,000 per year per beneficiary for those filing a joint return are deductible in computing Georgia taxable income. Incoming rollovers from other 529 plans do not qualify as contributions eligible for the state income tax deduction. Contribution deadline is April 15 of the following year.

State tax recapture provisions:

The principal portion of rollovers and nonqualified withdrawals from this plan are included in Georgia taxable income to the extent of prior Georgia tax deductions. Recapture also applies when previously-deducted contributions are withdrawn for expenses deducted under federal section 222.

State definition of qualified expenses

The state conforms with the federal definition of qualified education expenses, which includes expenses for higher education, as well as up to \$10,000 per year in tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school.

State tax treatment of qualified distributions:

Qualified distributions from Georgia and non-Georgia 529 plans are exempt. Note: if a withdrawal from the Georgia 529 plan is non-qualified, the earnings must be reported on the account owner's, not the beneficiary's, Georgia income tax return.

State tax treatment of rollovers:

Georgia follows federal tax-free treatment except that outbound rollovers are subject to the recapture of prior state tax deductions.

Does the sponsoring state exclude the value of an account for state financial aid purposes?

Yes

Does participation in the program provide beneficiaries with any advantages in qualifying for resident tuition status at state institutions?

No

Does the program have a formal agreement with a rewards program or outside scholarship program?

Yes, the Upromise Rewards program can be linked to any 529 college savings plan. Upromise Rewards is free to join and offers members cash back for college.

Plan Portfolios

There is no investment data available for this plan. Please visit <http://www.path2college529.com> for additional information.

General

Program type:

Savings

How to enroll:

Enroll directly with the program.

Initial year of operation:

2002

State agency(ies):

Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan

Program manager:

TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc.

Program distributor:

TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC

Contributions

Maximum contributions:

Accepts contributions until all account balances in Georgia's 529 plan for the same beneficiary reach \$235,000.

Minimum contributions:

\$25, or \$15 per pay period via payroll deduction.

Fees & Expenses

Enrollment or application fee:

None.

Account maintenance fee:

None.

Program management fees:

0.07% manager fee plus 0.06% state fee. Manager fee subject to breakpoints (0.06% when assets equal or exceed \$4.0 billion). Manager and state fees do not apply to the Guaranteed Option.

Expenses of the underlying investments:

0.06% to 0.18%; none for the Guaranteed Option.

Total asset-based expense ratio:

0.18% - 0.31%. None for the Guaranteed Option.

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