New York's 529 Advisor-Guided College Savings Plan

In May 2012 New York's 529 College Savings Program was renamed New York's 529 Advisor-Guided College Savings Plan. Ascensus Broker Dealer Services, Inc. (formerly Upromise Investments, Inc.) serves as Progam Manager but J.P. Morgan Investment Management replaced Columbia Management Group, LLC as the plan's Investment Manager. The plan features age-based, static asset-allocation, and single-fund portfolios utilizing mutual funds from JPMorgan and SSGA. Accounts can be linked to the Upromise rewards service.

5-Cap Rating

Resident:
Non-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)

Performance	Costs	Features	Reliability	Resident Upgrade
2.63	3.61	4.23	3.77	0.40

Investment Options

Age-based/Enrollment Year investment options:

The Age-Based Option contains 9 portfolios, each invested in mutual funds. Contributions are placed into the portfolio corresponding to the age of the beneficiary and later reassigned to more conservative portfolios as the beneficiary approaches college.

Static investment options:

Select among 6 multi-fund portfolios with varying risk tolerances and 18 individual-fund portfolios.

Underlying investments:

Primarily JPMorgan, but also funds from SSGA.

Taxes and other Benefits

Program match on contributions:

None

State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

Contributions to a New York 529 plan of up to \$5,000 per year by an individual, and up to \$10,000 per year by a married couple filing jointly, are deductible in computing New York taxable income. Only contributions made by the account owner, or if filing jointly, by the account owner's spouse, are deductible. Contribution deadline is December 31 postmark.

State tax recapture provisions:

The principal portion of rollovers and nonqualified withdrawals from this plan are subject to New York tax to the extent of prior New York tax deductions, but only after removal of non-deducted contributions. A rollover for this purpose does not include a trustee-to-trustee transfer between two different accounts in New York's 529 plan.

State definition of qualified expenses

The state's definition of qualified education expenses currently includes expenses for attendance at an institution of higher education or an apprenticeship program as defined by the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations addressing qualified state tuition programs. This does not include tuition for elementary or secondary education or education loan payments. Distributions from a 529 account directly to a Roth IRA are not considered a qualified expense for state income tax purposes.

State tax treatment of qualified distributions:

Qualified distributions from New York and non-New York 529 plans (via conformity to the federal tax exclusion) are exempt.

State tax treatment of rollovers:

New York follows tax-free treatment for rollovers except that, according to a New York State Dept. of Taxation and Finance interpretation, a rollover out of a New York 529 plan is treated as a nonqualified withdrawal. A direct trustee-to-trustee rollover between two New York 529 accounts is not treated as a nonqualified withdrawal for this purpose.

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

Is there a rewards program or outside scholarship program that works with this 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.

Data as of: 03/29/24

General

Program type:

Savings

How to enroll:

Enroll through a financial advisor

Initial year of operation:

2002

State agency(ies):

Office of the State Comptroller and the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation

Program manager:

Ascensus Broker Dealer Services, Inc.

Program distributor:

JPMorgan Distribution Services, Inc.

Contributions

Maximum contributions:

Accepts contributions until all account balances in New York's 529 plans for the same beneficiary reach \$520,000.

Minimum contributions:

The minimum initial contribution is \$1,000 per account. The minimum subsequent contribution is \$25 per account. A minimum initial investment of \$25 per month or \$75 per quarter is required for a recurring contribution, or \$25 per month by payroll direct deposit per account.

Does the program offer an e-gifting platform for receiving gift contributions?

This plan offers a robust gifting platform that allows gift-givers to save their own profile for recurring or future contributions.

Fees & Expenses

Enrollment or application fee:

None, but contributions may be subject to a sales charge depending on share class.

Account maintenance fee:

\$15 annually for accounts with \$25,000 or less.

Program management fees:

0.25% manager fee, plus distribution/servicing fees of 0.25% (Class A), .90% - 1.00% (Class C), and None (Advisor Class)

Expenses of the underlying investments:

Ranges from 0.28% to 0.42% (portfolio weighted average) in the age-based and static multi-fund portfolios, from 0.03% to 0.74% in the individual-fund portfolios.

Total asset-based expense ratio:

Class A: 0.53% - 1.24% Class C: 1.18% - 1.99% Advisor Class: 0.28% - 0.99%

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Plan Portfolios

There is no investment data available for this plan. Please visit http://www.ny529advisor.com/ for additional information.

