

Indiana - CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan

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In September 2008, Upromise Investments, Inc., which was acquired by Ascensus College Savings in 2013, took over the management of the Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan from JPMorgan, and it now features an age-based option using Vanguard index and Loomis Sayles funds, seven individual portfolios using a variety of investment managers, and an FDIC-insured savings account from NexBank. Accounts can be linked to the Upromise Rewards service.

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
4.48	3.95	3.66	4.65	0.55

Investment Options

Age-based/Enrollment Year investment options:

The Year of Enrollment Option contains 7 portfolios of underlying funds. Contributions are placed into the portfolio corresponding to the beneficiary's anticipated year of enrollment. Target allocations for the Year of Enrollment Portfolios evolve to more conservative investments as the beneficiary approaches college age.

Static investment options:

Select among 7 options using various investment managers: Active Bond, International, Bond Index, Stable Value, U.S. Equity Index, and Inflation-Protected, plus an FDIC-insured Savings Portfolio.

Underlying investments:

Age-Based Option: Vanguard index funds, Loomis Sayles, and money market fund
Individual Portfolios: Mutual funds from Dodge & Cox, Carillon Reams, Vanguard, and Western Asset.
The Savings Portfolio invests in the NexBank High-Yield Savings account.

Taxes and other Benefits

Program match on contributions:

None.

State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

A 20% tax credit on up to \$5,000 per year in contributions to an Indiana 529 plan can be claimed against Indiana income tax (maximum yearly credit is \$1,000). Effective January 1, 2010, rollover contributions and contributions generated through a rewards program are not eligible for the credit.

State tax recapture provisions:

An account owner must pay with the Indiana tax return a tax equal to the lesser of 20 percent of a nonqualified withdrawal from this plan, or the excess of (a) the total amount of all Indiana state income tax credits claimed by any contributor to the account for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007 over (b) the total amount of any repayments made for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008. Nonqualified withdrawals for this purpose include rollovers but do not include withdrawals made as the result of the beneficiary's death or disability or withdrawals made on account of the beneficiary's receipt of a scholarship. Recapture will apply to any account terminated within 12 months from account opening date.

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.

For Indiana state income tax purposes, a withdrawal for payment of K-12 Tuition Expenses at a K-12 school which is not located in Indiana will be treated as a nonqualified withdrawal and taxed as income to the extent previously deducted as a contribution to the College Choice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

State tax treatment of qualified distributions:

Qualified distributions from Indiana and non-Indiana 529 plans are exempt.

State tax treatment of rollovers:

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

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.

Plan Portfolios

General

Program type:

Savings

How to enroll:

Enroll directly with the program.

Initial year of operation:

1997, but substantially changed in 2008

State agency(ies):

Indiana Education Savings Authority (IESA)

Program manager:

Ascensus College Savings

Program distributor:

Ascensus College Savings

Contributions

Maximum contributions:

Accepts contributions until all account balances in Indiana's 529 plan for the same beneficiary reach \$450,000.

Minimum contributions:

\$10

Fees & Expenses

Enrollment or application fee:

None.

Account maintenance fee:

\$20 annually, waived for Indiana residents or beneficiaries and for accounts with \$25,000.

Program management fees:

0.33% in the Year of Enrollment Option; 0.18% in the Individual Portfolios and Savings Portfolio.

Expenses of the underlying investments:

Ranges from 0.06% to 0.12% in the Year of Enrollment Option and from 0.02% to 0.64% in the Individual Portfolios (portfolio weighted average). None in the Savings Portfolio.

Total asset-based expense ratio:

0.18% - 0.82%

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