



# Nebraska Education Savings Trust -- Direct College Savings Plan

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Nebraska Education Savings Trust -- Direct College Savings Plan switched program managers in December 2010 from Union Bank and Trust Company of Lincoln, Nebraska to First National Bank of Omaha. 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
3.86	4.31	5.00	4.32	0.40

## Investment Options

### Age-based/Enrollment Year investment options:

The Age-Based Portfolios option offers a choice among 3 different risk levels (Aggressive, Growth, and Index).

### Static investment options:

Select among 6 static options (All Equity, Growth, Moderate Growth, Balanced, Conservative and Bank Savings), and 15 individual-fund portfolios including a money market option.

### Underlying investments:

State Street, DFA, MetWest, Tributary, T. Rowe Price, iShares, Vanguard, Goldman Sachs

## Taxes and other Benefits

### Program match on contributions:

None.

### State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

Contributions by an account owner who files a Nebraska state income tax return, including the principal and earnings portions of rollovers from another qualified college savings plan not issued by the State of Nebraska, are deductible in computing the account owner's Nebraska taxable income for Nebraska income tax purposes in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (\$5,000 for married taxpayers filing separate returns) in the aggregate for all contributions to all accounts within the Trust in any taxable year. Contributions by a custodian of an UGMA or UTMA account who is also the parent or guardian of the Beneficiary of an UGMA or UTMA account may claim this deduction. Contribution deadline is December 31 postmark.

### State tax recapture provisions:

The principal portion of rollovers and nonqualified withdrawals from this plan are included in Nebraska taxable income to the extent of prior Nebraska tax deductions.

### State definition of qualified expenses

The state's definition of qualified education expenses currently includes expenses for attendance at an institution of higher education 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, apprenticeship programs, or education loan payments.

### State tax treatment of qualified distributions:

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

### State tax treatment of rollovers:

Nebraska 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

### 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

There is no investment data available for this plan. Please visit <http://www.nest529Direct.com/> for additional information.

## General

### Program type:

Savings

### How to enroll:

Enroll directly with the program.

### Initial year of operation:

2001, but substantially changed December 2010

### State agency(ies):

Nebraska State Treasurer and Nebraska Investment Council

### Program manager:

First National Bank of Omaha

### Program distributor:

First National Bank of Omaha

## Contributions

### Maximum contributions:

Accepts contributions until all account balances in Nebraska's 529 plans for the same beneficiary reach \$400,000.

### Minimum contributions:

No minimum.

## Fees & Expenses

### Enrollment or application fee:

None.

### Account maintenance fee:

None

### Program management fees:

0.25% manager fee and a 0.02% fee to the state; 0.18% manager fee and 0.02% state fee for the Bank Savings option.

### Expenses of the underlying investments:

Ranges from 0.05% to 0.17% (portfolio weighted average) in the age-based and static multi-fund portfolios, and from 0.0175% to 0.99% in the individual-fund portfolios. None for the Bank Savings option.

### Total asset-based expense ratio:

0.20% - 1.26%

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