



Massachusetts - U.Fund College Investing Plan

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Massachusetts' U.Fund College Investing Plan, a Fidelity-managed 529 plan follows the same approach as other Fidelity plans in Arizona, Delaware and New Hampshire. It features three age-based options; one using Fidelity Series actively managed funds; one using Fidelity Series index funds; and a third using a combination of the two. The plans also offer 11 static options, and one option that invests in an interest-bearing deposit account.

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
3.74	4.07	4.53	3.82	0.30

Investment Options

Age-based investment options:

Choose between 3 age-based options, one invested in Fidelity Series actively managed funds, another invested in Fidelity Series index funds, and a Fidelity Blend option with a combination. Contributions are placed into the portfolio corresponding to the beneficiary's age. The portfolios automatically shift to a more conservative investment allocation over time.

Static investment options:

Select among 6 multi-fund portfolios, 5 individual-fund portfolios and a Bank Deposit Portfolio.

Underlying investments:

Fidelity Investments. For the Bank Deposit Portfolio only, a deposit in a FDIC-insured interest-bearing account.

Taxes and other Benefits

Program match on contributions:

SeedMA is a pilot program designed by the Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General of Massachusetts and MEFA to help families in eligible communities invest in their child's post-high school education and training. The pilot program commenced in the Fall of 2016 and currently provides kindergarten students in the Worcester and Monson Public School Systems with an initial \$50 deposit to establish a Massachusetts 529 college savings account (also known as the U.Fund College Investing Plan).

SeedMA Baby is an expansion of the SeedMA initiative started in 2016. Beginning in January 2020, every baby born to or adopted by a Massachusetts resident will be eligible for a free \$50 seed deposit into a U.Fund 529 college savings account.

State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

Effective January 1, 2017 through the 2021 tax year, contributions to Massachusetts 529 plans of up to \$1,000 per year by an individual, and up to \$2,000 per year by a married couple filing jointly, are deductible in computing Massachusetts taxable income.

State tax recapture provisions:

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

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 Massachusetts and non-Massachusetts 529 plans are exempt.

State tax treatment of rollovers:

Massachusetts follows federal tax-free treatment.

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

No

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, Fidelity Rewards Visa Signature Card rebates 2% of purchases.

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 <https://www.fidelity.com/529-plans/massachusetts> for additional information.

General

Program type:

Savings

How to enroll:

Enroll directly with the program.

Initial year of operation:

1999

State agency(ies):

Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA)

Program manager:

Fidelity Investments

Program distributor:

Fidelity Brokerage Services, LLC

Contributions

Maximum contributions:

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

Minimum contributions:

There is no minimum to open an account. With the automatic investment plan, the minimum contribution level is \$15 per month or \$45 per quarter.

Fees & Expenses

Enrollment or application fee:

None.

Account maintenance fee:

None.

Program management fees:

0.09% for the index fund options (includes 0.045% state fee); 0.20% for the Fidelity fund options (includes 0.10% state fee); 0.14% for the Fidelity Blend fund options (includes 0.07% state fee). For the Bank Deposit Portfolio, there is a 0.10% Program Management Fee (includes 0.05% state fee) and is based on the Federal Funds Target Rate.

Expenses of the underlying investments:

Ranges from 0.02% to 0.05% annualized in the Fidelity index fund portfolios, from 0.30% to 0.76% annualized in the Fidelity funds portfolios, and 0.29% to 0.51% in the Fidelity Blend portfolios. For the Bank Deposit Portfolio, there is no underlying fund expense. There is, however, a Bank Administration Fee, which ranges from 0.00%-0.40% and is based on the Federal Funds Target Rate.

Total asset-based expense ratio:

0.11% - 1.13%

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