

Invest529, Virginia's direct-sold college savings plan is available to residents of any state, and offers low fees, diverse investment options and tax benefits for residents.

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
3.88	4.74	4.16	4.44	0.30

Investment Options

Age-based/Enrollment Year investment options:

The Age-based Evolving Portfolios option contains 8 portfolios (including 2 portfolios closed to new participants) of underlying mutual funds and separately-managed investments. Contributions may be invested in any of the portfolios. The portfolios automatically shift to a more conservative investment allocation over time.

Static investment options:

Select among 15 portfolios, including an Invesco stable value option and an FDIC-insured savings option. Twelve of the portfolios invest in Vanguard funds. The ESG Core Equity Portfolio invests in the Parnassus Core Equity Fund.

Underlying investments:

Mutual funds and separately-managed accounts from Vanguard, Rothschild Asset Management, Franklin Templeton, INVESCO, American Funds, Capital Research and Management, DFA, Parnassus, PGIM, Aberdeen Asset Management, and Stone Harbor Investment Partners

Taxes and other Benefits

Program match on contributions:

None.

State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

Contributions to a Virginia 529 plan of up to \$4,000 per account per year are deductible in computing Virginia taxable income, with an unlimited carryforward of excess contributions. Contributions are fully deductible in the year of contribution for taxpayers at least 70 years of age. Contributions from a non-owner are deductible by the account owner and not by the non-owner/contributor. Contribution deadline is receipt (not postmark date) by the last business day of the year based on agency calendar.

State tax recapture provisions:

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

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 Virginia and non-Virginia 529 plans are exempt. Virginia also exempts distributions from a Virginia 529 plan attributable to the beneficiary's death, disability, or receipt of a scholarship.

State tax treatment of rollovers:

Virginia 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?

No

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.virginia529.com/invest/index.php> for additional information.

General

Program type:

Savings

How to enroll:

Enroll directly with the program.

Initial year of operation:

1999

State agency(ies):

Virginia529

Program manager:

Virginia529 Board and its CEO

Program distributor:

Not applicable.

Contributions

Maximum contributions:

Accepts contributions until all account balances in Virginia's 529 plans for the same beneficiary reach \$500,000.

Minimum contributions:

The minimum initial contribution is \$25. No minimum ongoing contributions are required.

Fees & Expenses

Enrollment or application fee:

Effective May 1, 2014, VA529 no longer charges an application fee for this program if application is submitted online.

Account maintenance fee:

None.

Program management fees:

0.09% manager fee.

Expenses of the underlying investments:

Ranges from 0.04% to 0.45% (portfolio weighted average) in the age-based and static multi-fund portfolios, and 0% to 0.53% in the individual-fund portfolios.

Total asset-based expense ratio:

0.09% - 0.62%

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