Similar to other TIAA-managed 529 savings programs, the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) features three age-based options along with eight static investment options.

### 5-Cap Rating

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### Investment Options

#### Age-based investment options:

Three age-based options, the Moderate Managed Allocation Option, Conservative Managed Allocation Option and the Aggressive Managed Allocation Option, are offered, each containing 9 portfolios of underlying mutual funds. Contributions are placed into the portfolio corresponding to the beneficiary’s age and later reassigned to more conservative portfolios as the beneficiary approaches college age.

#### Static investment options:

Four static blend and five individual options are offered plus the Principal Plus Interest Option, and the Money Market Option.

#### Underlying investments:

TIAA-CREF institutional mutual funds and funds from seven outside mutual fund families, BlackRock, Harding Loevner, GMO, DFA, GE, MetWest, T Rowe Price, & Franklin Templeton. The Principal Plus Interest Option is invested in a funding agreement with TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company that guarantees principal and a minimum annual rate of interest (actual rate is declared annually).

### Taxes and other Benefits

#### Program match on contributions:

The CHET Baby Scholars program provides $100 to families that open a 529 college savings account by their child's first birthday or within the first year after an adoption. Families that save an additional $150 in the first four years will receive a state match of $150, for a total of $250 in state funds.

#### State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

Contributions to a Connecticut 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 Connecticut taxable income, with a five-year carryforward of excess contributions. Rollover contributions are not deductible.

#### State tax recapture provisions:

None.

#### 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 Connecticut and non-Connecticut 529 plans are exempt. Nonqualified distributions from Connecticut 529 plans made to the account beneficiary are also exempt (i.e. income reported for federal purposes may be subtracted on the CT tax return).

#### State tax treatment of rollovers:

Connecticut 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, 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.aboutchet.com](http://www.aboutchet.com) for additional information.