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CollegeAmerica®

529 College Savings Plan

A college education can play a crucial part in a loved one's long-term happiness and financial security. College graduates earn 74% more than high school graduates while experiencing lower unemployment.[1]

Yet in 2014, a year of public university cost nearly $19,000.[2]

CollegeAmerica is helping more than 1 million families from all 50 states pursue the crucial goal of higher education.

[1] Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce (2011) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2015)
[2] The College Board (2014). Total includes tuition, fees, room and board.

CollegeAmerica Can Help You

CollegeAmerica is a tax-advantaged way to save for higher education expenses, such as tuition, room and board, and required books and supplies. CollegeAmerica's unique combination of benefits includes:

Among Morningstar's highly rated advisor-sold 529 college savings plans since 2004, the year they began issuing ratings.[3]

Tax Advantages

- You won't pay federal taxes or, in almost every case, state taxes on withdrawals if they're used for qualified expenses.
- Many states allow a deduction from or credit against state taxes for all or part of your contributions.

Flexibility

- You can open an account for anyone, and do so no matter how much you earn.
- You can use the assets to pay for qualified expenses at community colleges, undergraduate and graduate schools and trade schools around the country, or for technical and professional training.
- You can continue investing until an account's value reaches $350,000 – for each beneficiary.
- You can open an account for as little as $50 using an automatic monthly investment plan, or with a $250 start-up contribution.[4]

Low Expenses and Solid Track Record

- CollegeAmerica's expenses are among the lowest in the 529 plan industry according to a 2013 Morningstar study of 529 college savings plans.
- You're investing with American Funds. Our equity funds have beaten their Lipper peer indexes in 91% of 10-year periods and 96% of 20-year periods. Our fixed-income funds have beaten their Lipper indexes in 54% of 10-year periods and 57% of 20-year periods.[5]

Control

- A CollegeAmerica account stays in your name and you control the timing and amount of withdrawals.
- Change the account beneficiary to another who is a member of the same family as often as you like – without worrying about income taxes or penalties.

The Advantages of Saving for College Using CollegeAmerica

	CollegeAmerica account	Coverdell Education Savings Account	UGMA/UTMA account	Taxable investment account
People of all income levels can contribute	√		√	√
Withdrawals for qualified expenses are free from federal taxes	√	√		
State tax deductions/credits for residents of some states	√			
Account owner always controls the account	√			√
Beneficiary changes permitted	√	√		n/a

Depending on your state of residence, there may be an in-state plan that provides tax and other benefits not available through CollegeAmerica. Talk to your tax advisor. If withdrawals are used for purposes other than higher education, the earnings will be subject to a 10% federal tax penalty in addition to federal and, if applicable, state income tax.

3 Based on annual Morningstar reports. Among the criteria Morningstar assessed were fees, flexibility of investment options and the fund company's record of treating investors well.

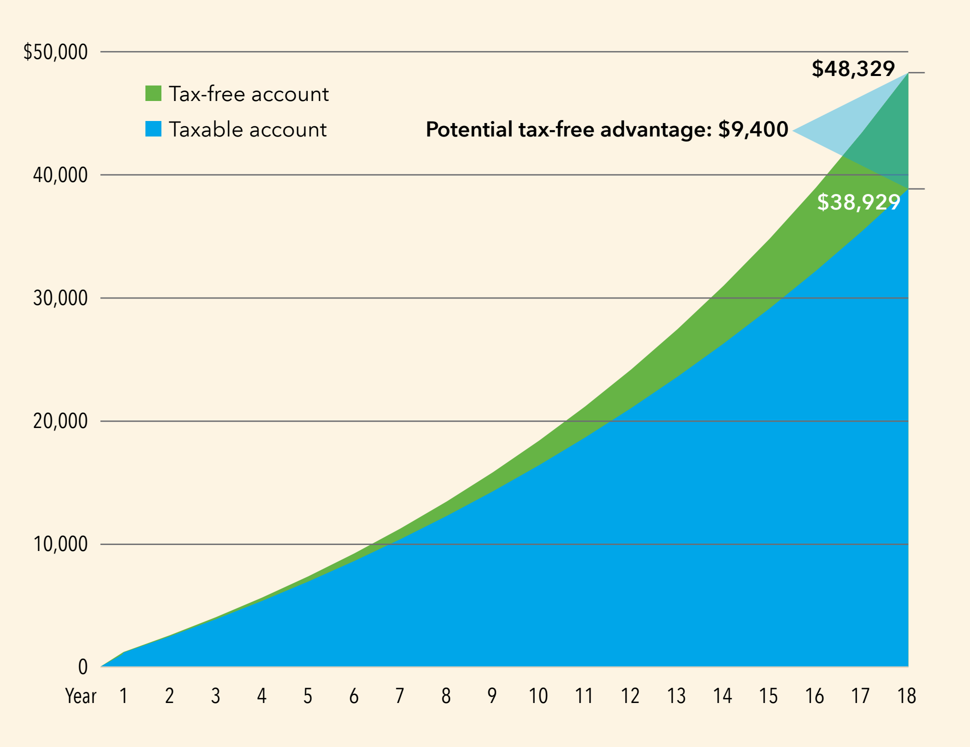
4 The money market fund has a $1,000 minimum initial investment. All available funds have a $25 minimum if you participate in a CollegeAmerica employer-sponsored program.

5 Based on Class A share results for rolling periods through December 31, 2014. Periods covered are the shorter of the fund's lifetime or since the comparable Lipper index inception date (except SMALLCAP World Fund, for which the Lipper average was used).

Substantial Tax Benefits

Earnings in a CollegeAmerica account, unlike those in a taxable account, are free from federal and, in almost all cases, state taxes provided they're used to pay a broad range of educational expenses. The hypothetical example below illustrates how significant the tax benefits can be.

The Tax-Free Advantage: $100 Per Month for 18 Years



Assumes an 8% average annual rate of return (compounded monthly) for both investments and a 25% income tax rate. (The typical mutual fund investor falls into the 25% tax bracket.) Example assumes taxes were paid annually out of account. Your tax rate may vary. Current minimum tax rates on capital gains and dividends could make taxable investment returns higher, thus reducing the difference between the two ending values. Results shown are hypothetical and are not intended to represent an investment in a specific fund. Your investment experience will differ. Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. You should consider your willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining.

As you can see, over 18 years, a $100 per month investment in a tax-free account would have grown to more than $48,000 (assuming no withdrawals were taken). But the same hypothetical investment in a taxable account would have incurred $9,400 in taxes. Based on today's costs, that's enough for a full year of tuition and fees at most public universities.*

* The College Board (2014)

Everyone Can Contribute

CollegeAmerica allows family members, friends and even the beneficiary to contribute to the account.

Common Ways to Contribute

Parents often elect to build assets in the account with monthly or quarterly contributions.	**Grandparents** may opt to help grandchildren with larger gifts, which may also have estate planning benefits (see below).	**Beneficiaries** can add money they've earned through jobs or received as gifts.	**Extended family and friends** can contribute to the CollegeAmerica accounts of someone they care about.

CollegeAmerica Can Be an Estate-Planning Vehicle

Individuals can contribute up to $14,000 a year ($28,000 for married couples) toward a loved one's college education without gift-tax consequences. Or, under a special election, you can combine up to five years into one contribution of up to $70,000 ($140,000 for married couples) without gift-tax consequences.

There is a separate contribution limit for each beneficiary. If you use the special election to give the maximum five-year amount, for example, and then give other gifts to the same individual during the next four calendar years, you may face gift-tax consequences. If the contributor dies within five years of making the election, the portion of that contribution allocable to the remaining years is included in the contributor's estate for estate-tax purposes. Tax issues can be complicated, so talk to your tax advisor.

Three Different Investment Approaches

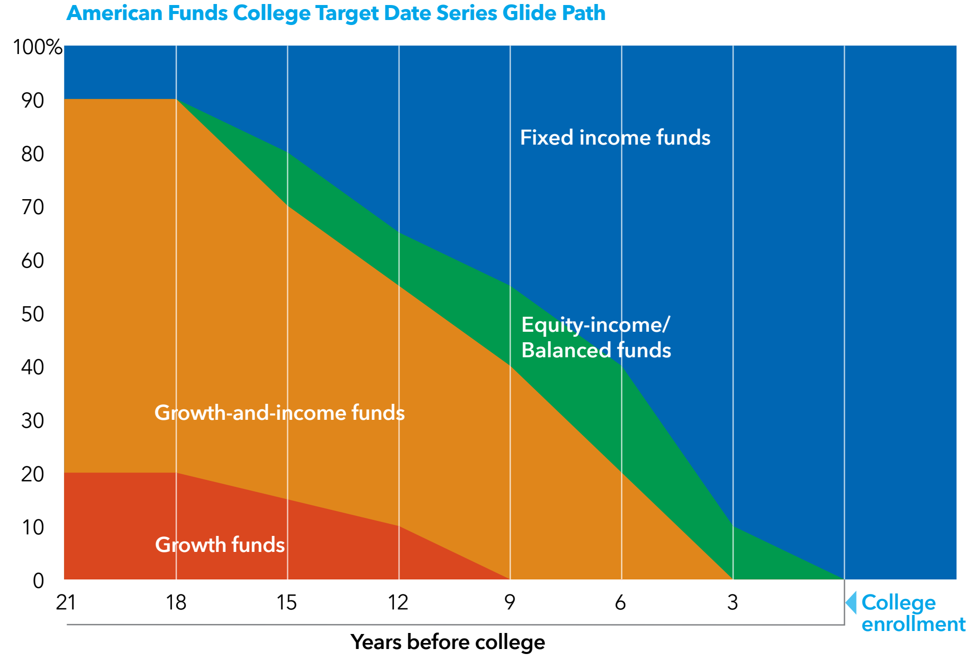
1. American Funds College Target Date Series®

Our College Target Date Series funds are designed to pursue the specific needs of college savings investors. You select the target date fund closest to the year in which the beneficiary will likely enroll and withdrawals will begin. The portfolio will automatically grow more preservation-oriented as college approaches, but investors and their advisors should periodically evaluate their investment to determine whether it remains a good fit.

American Funds College Target Date Series

	Growth	Growth-and-Income	Equity-Income/Balanced	Bond
American Funds College 2033 Fund℠	20%	70%	0%	10%
American Funds College 2030 Fund®	14%	53%	10%	23%
American Funds College 2027 Fund®	8.5%	43.8%	10.7%	37%
American Funds College 2024 Fund®	0%	36.3%	15.7%	48%
American Funds College 2021 Fund®	0%	16.6%	18%	65.4%
American Funds College 2018 Fund®	0%	0%	8.6%	91.4%
American Funds College Enrollment Fund®	0%	0%	0%	100%

American Funds College Target Date Series Glide Path



Investment allocations for the American Funds College Target Date Series are as of January 1, 2015. Allocation percentages and underlying funds are subject to the Portfolio Oversight Committee's discretion and will evolve over time. Underlying funds may be added or removed at any time. Like other investments, Enrollment Fund investments can lose value. The target date funds do not guarantee that education savings goals will be met and are subject to the risks and returns of the underlying American Funds. Visit americanfunds.com for quarterly updates of the underlying fund allocations.

2. American Funds Portfolio Series℠

The six Portfolio Series "funds of funds" available in CollegeAmerica are managed with specific investment objectives in mind: Appreciation, Balance or Preservation. To remain aligned with their objectives, the portfolios are rebalanced periodically to their original fund mixes. Select the option that best fits the beneficiary's time frame and your risk tolerance.

For example, American Funds Balanced Portfolio℠ combines six carefully selected funds that together may be appropriate if your beneficiary has a few years until college or if you're seeking lower volatility than the broader stock market.

American Funds Balanced Portfolio

- New Perspective Fund 20%
- Capital World Growth and Income Fund 10%
- Washington Mutual Investors Fund 10%
- American Balanced Fund 20%
- American Funds Global Balanced Fund 20%
- The Bond Fund of America 20%

American Funds Portfolio Series
American Funds Global Growth Portfolio℠
American Funds Growth Portfolio℠
American Funds Growth and Income Portfolio℠
American Funds Balanced Portfolio℠
American Funds Income Portfolio℠
American Funds Preservation Portfolio℠

3. The American Funds

The 27 individual American Funds available in CollegeAmerica are good options for those seeking to build customized portfolios.

With the help of your advisor, you can assemble portfolios matched to your specific risk tolerance and time horizons. The individual American Funds option offers investors and advisors maximum control.

Growth Funds
AMCAP Fund®
EuroPacific Growth Fund®
The Growth Fund of America®
The New Economy Fund®
New Perspective Fund®
New World Fund®
SMALLCAP World Fund®
Growth-and-Income Funds
American Mutual Fund®
American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund℠
Capital World Growth and Income Fund®
Fundamental Investors®
International Growth and Income Fund℠
The Investment Company of America®
Washington Mutual Investors Fund℠

Equity-Income Funds
Capital Income Builder®
The Income Fund of America®
Balanced Funds
American Balanced Fund®
American Funds Global Balanced Fund℠
Bond Funds
American Funds Inflation Linked Bond Fund®
American Funds Mortgage Fund®
American High-Income Trust®
The Bond Fund of America®
Capital World Bond Fund®
Intermediate Bond Fund of America®
Short-Term Bond Fund of America®
U.S. Government Securities Fund®
Money Market Fund
American Funds Money Market Fund®

Investment allocations for the American Funds Portfolio Series are as of December 31, 2014. Investment allocations of the American Funds Portfolio Series may not achieve fund objectives. There are expenses associated with the underlying funds in addition to fund-of-funds expenses. The funds' risks are directly related to the risks of the underlying American Funds.

The American Funds Advantage

Since 1931, American Funds, part of Capital Group, has helped investors pursue long-term investment success. Our consistent approach – in combination with The Capital System℠ – has resulted in a superior long-term track record.

Aligned With Investor Success

We base our decisions on a long-term perspective, which we believe aligns our goals with the interests of our clients. Our portfolio managers average 27 years of investment experience, including 22 years at our company, reflecting a career commitment to our long-term approach.[1]

The Capital System℠

Our investment process, The Capital System, combines individual accountability with teamwork. Each fund is divided into portions that are managed independently by investment professionals with diverse backgrounds, ages and investment approaches. An extensive global research effort is the backbone of our system.

Superior Long-Term Track Record

Our equity funds have beaten their Lipper peer indexes in 91% of 10-year periods and 96% of 20-year periods. Our fixed-income funds have beaten their Lipper indexes in 54% of 10-year periods and 57% of 20-year periods.[2] Our fund management fees have been among the lowest in the industry.[3]

1 Portfolio manager experience as of December 31, 2014.

2 Based on Class A share results for rolling periods through December 31, 2014. Periods covered are the shorter of the fund's lifetime or since the comparable Lipper index inception date (except SMALLCAP World Fund, for which the Lipper average was used). Although Class A shares are available for purchase by retirement plans only in limited instances, their results reflect the investment management experience of the American Funds without retirement plan recordkeeping expenses. American Funds offers plan sponsors flexibility in how they pay for plan operating expenses (such as recordkeeping fees) through six distinct retirement plan share classes. Expenses differ for each share class, so results will vary.

3 On average, our management fees were in the lowest quintile 70% of the time, based on the 20-year period ended December 31, 2014, versus comparable Lipper categories, excluding funds of funds.

Outside of CollegeAmerica, we offer more than 40 American Funds, the American Funds Target Date Retirement Series® (available for IRAs and tax-deferred retirement plans), as well as Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, the American Funds Insurance Series® variable annuity funds and a full line of retirement plan solutions. For details, please contact your financial professional or visit americanfunds.com.

Figures shown are past results for Class A shares and are not predictive of results in future periods. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown. Share prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. For current information and month-end results, visit americanfunds.com. Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses, summary prospectuses and the *CollegeAmerica Program Description*, which can be obtained from a financial professional and on the Web and should be read carefully before investing. CollegeAmerica is distributed by American Funds Distributors® and sold through unaffiliated intermediaries. If used after September 30, 2015, this brochure must be accompanied by a current American Funds quarterly statistical update.

Investing outside the United States involves risks such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectuses. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries. Small-company stocks entail additional risks, and they can fluctuate in price more than larger company stocks.

Bond prices and a bond fund's share price will generally move in the opposite direction of interest rates. The return of principal for bond funds and funds with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Fund shares are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings. Investments in mortgage-related securities involve additional risks, such as prepayment risk, as more fully described in the prospectus. Lower rated bonds are subject to greater fluctuations in value and risk of loss of income and principal than higher rated bonds. Shares of U.S. Government Securities Fund are not guaranteed by the U.S. government.

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