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A SAVINGS PLAN FOR TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES



A NEW WAY TO SAVE:
Helping Individuals with Disabilities
Secure More Financial Stability





The Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE[®]) Program encourages and assists individuals and families to save and pay for disability-related expenses to maintain an eligible individual's health, independence and quality of life.

Under this Program, eligible individuals with disabilities can save up to \$15,000 per year¹ up to a lifetime maximum of \$370,000, and funds up to \$100,000 are generally disregarded for purposes of determining eligibility to receive government assistance or benefits.² Any earnings on the account grow free from federal taxes.

The Texas ABLE Program is made possible through the federal ABLE Act, which was signed into law in December 2014. The Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, with assistance from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, administers the Program.



Eligibility³

Eligible individuals are Texas residents who became disabled or blind before the age of 26, and:

- (a) are currently entitled to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or
- (b) a licensed physician provides a written diagnosis that the person is either blind or has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that results in marked and severe limitations either expected to result in death or has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months, or
- (c) the person has a condition listed on the Social Security Administration's list of Compassionate Allowances Conditions.⁴

An eligible individual can have only one active ABLE account, except with respect to pending rollovers and program-to-program transfers.

¹ Annual contributions to an ABLE account cannot exceed the individual gift tax exclusion for that given year unless the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 applies.

² Exceptions apply. See the Program Disclosure Statement for information and details.

³ Eligibility requirements are subject to change. The designated beneficiary or, if one has been named, their authorized legal representative, is responsible for notifying the Program if the designated beneficiary ceases to be an eligible individual.

⁴ The Social Security Administration's list of Compassionate Allowances Conditions can be found here: <https://www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm>

Qualified Disability Expenses

Tax-deferred savings from a Texas ABLE account can help pay for a variety of expenses related to the blindness or disability of the eligible individual to maintain or improve their health, independence and quality of life.⁵



Education



Health, Prevention & Wellness



Legal Fees



Housing



Financial Management & Administrative Services



Funeral & Burial



Transportation



Assistive Technology & Personal Support Services



Other Expenses that Might Be Identified from Time to Time by the IRS



Employment Training & Support



Expenses for Oversight & Monitoring

Investment Choices

Texas ABLE offers three managed allocation options for various investment objectives of:



Aggressive



Moderate



Moderately Conservative

These options allow participants in the Texas ABLE Program to invest in diversified, investment management strategies designed to assist those seeking long-term growth, medium-term growth, or income and some growth. Mutual funds involve risk including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee that any investment will achieve its objectives.

Additionally, Texas ABLE offers a Bank Savings Account Option, which will invest in an omnibus savings account insured by the FDIC and the monies in the account will be held in trust for the Program.

Withdrawing Funds⁶

Account funds can be easily accessed online and withdrawn via a check or through a direct transfer to your personal bank account. The Program charges \$5 for each withdrawal by check and \$1 for each ACH withdrawal in excess of two per month.

⁵ See the Program Disclosure Statement for information and details.

⁶ Only you, as the designated beneficiary, or, if one has been named, your authorized legal representative, may direct withdrawals from your Program account.

START SAVING TODAY!

Open an account online today at TexasABLE.org. If you have questions, please see our online Frequently Asked Questions or call us at **1-844-489-2253**.

The minimum initial contribution to open an account is \$50, and there is a minimum of \$25 for subsequent contributions. There is no enrollment fee.



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