

Plan now for education after high school with Vermont's 529 savings plan.
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What is a 529 plan?

A 529 plan is a savings plan designed to help families set aside funds for education after high school, with tax advantages to help make saving easier. The plans are named after Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and many 529 plans are operated by states. Vermont's 529 plan, VT529 (also known as the Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan), is administered by VSAC, the state's higher education agency.

A VT529 account is not just for college

VT529 savings can help pay for tuition, computers, room and board or off-campus housing, fees, and the costs for qualified apprenticeship programs at institutions throughout the U.S. (as well as at eligible schools in Canada and around the world). VT529 funds can be used for qualified:

- apprenticeships
- technical education
- professional studies
- college & grad schools

Visit **vt529.org** for details on opening or contributing to a VT529 account, qualified uses, the Vermont income tax credit, and other tax benefits.

The Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan, also marketed under the name VT529, is sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, a public nonprofit established by the Vermont Legislature in 1965 to help Vermont students and families plan, save, and pay for college and career training. Before investing, please read the Disclosure Booklet carefully (available at vt529.org) or call 800-637-5860.



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SAVING FOR COLLEGE, TRAINING & MORE

Vermont's 529 Savings Plan — VT 529



Features:

- Get a VT income tax credit on contributions for education after high school
- Money can be transferred to other beneficiaries
- Choice of investment options
- No time or age limit for using funds

Help a child in your life plan for education after high school. **VT529—Vermont's 529 savings plan—can help you get there.**

Why save for education after high school?

Higher education is one of the most important investments you can make in your child or loved one's future. That's because employers say that 70% of tomorrow's jobs will require a postsecondary degree or credential. And studies show that students with even small amounts of savings are three times more likely to pursue education after high school and four times more likely to complete that training.

The benefits of higher education last a lifetime: Reports show that graduates experience higher earnings, higher job satisfaction, and healthier lifestyles than individuals without a degree or postsecondary training.

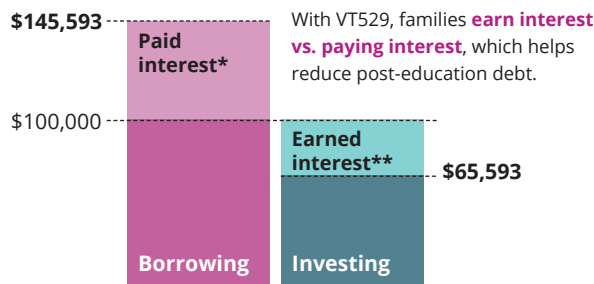
A 529 plan offers tax advantages and benefits that are designed to help families save for education.

By saving with VT529, Vermont's 529 savings plan:

- your savings add up over time.
- you reduce the need to borrow for a higher education degree or training program.
- earnings and withdrawals in 529 plans aren't taxed if used for qualified expenses (see back).
- assets in a 529 account are treated favorably for financial aid purposes.

The cost of a \$100,000 education (example)

Saving and investing for education instead of relying entirely on loans can cut the cost by more than half.



Source: collegesavings.org/why-save-for-college

Assumptions: * 8% interest and level loan payments over 10 years.

** Earned interest includes other types of investment growth and earnings. Actual returns may vary.

Make your money go farther

Start small and contribute regularly

Saving even small amounts adds up over time.

- Open an account with as little as \$25 or make a contribution of any amount to an existing account.
- Set up automatic deposits through payroll deduction to help you stay on track.
- E-gift invitations make it easy for friends or relatives to help you save.

Get a Vermont tax credit

As Vermont's official 529 plan, VT529 is the only 529 savings plan that qualifies for the Vermont state income tax credit of up to \$250 per beneficiary per account (\$500 per beneficiary for couples filing jointly) on yearly contributions for higher education.

Get additional tax benefits

VT529 earnings are free from federal and Vermont income tax when used for qualified higher education expenses. You won't pay a penny on what you earn if it's used for a qualified expense for college or training or rolled over to a member of the beneficiary's family, including yourself.

Manage your savings with flexible features

- Anyone—parent, relative, friend—can open an account and contribute to a beneficiary.
- Money can be transferred to another beneficiary or account owner at any time.
- Choice of investment options that you can change twice a year whenever you want to.
- No time or age limit for using funds.

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