

Education Savings Account (ESA) Application



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Use this form to open a Coverdell Education Savings Account with Homestead Funds.

Return your completed application to Homestead Funds by mail to:

Regular Mail

Homestead Funds
c/o of Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC
P.O. Box 46707
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Overnight Mail

Homestead Funds
c/o of Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC
225 Pictoria Drive
Suite 450
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Before completing this application, see the prospectus, which is available at homesteadfunds.com. If you have any questions, call us at 800.258.3030.

Important Notice — The USA Patriot Act

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account.

When you open an account, we will ask for your name, address, date of birth and other information that will allow us to identify you. This information will be verified to ensure the identity of all individuals opening a mutual fund account.

1. Ownership

We cannot process your application if the information below is not provided. Homestead Funds does not accept accounts registered to foreign individuals, including foreign correspondent accounts.

Be sure to sign your completed form (**Section 11**).

A. Student

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Social Security Number Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) / /

Check one:

☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ U.S. Resident ☐ Check if a 'special needs' student

B. Responsible Individual (Parent or Guardian. List only one individual.)

Parent/Guardian's First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Social Security Number Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) / /

Check one:

☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ U.S. Resident

Check one:

☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian (Provide proof of guardianship)

Email address

Daytime Telephone Number (in case we have questions)

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You must provide a valid email address. All shareholders and account custodians (if applicable) will use the email address listed on the application to create their online account log-in. No personal information will be sent to the email address.

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B. Responsible Individual (continued) [Parent or Guardian. List only one individual.]

ELECTIONS (Select an answer to each of the following questions. If a box is not checked for a question, "No" will apply.)

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Will the responsible individual continue to serve as the responsible individual for the custodial account after the designated beneficiary attains the age of majority under state law and until such time as all assets have been distributed from the custodial account and the custodial account terminates? (See Article V of the agreement for additional information.)

If the responsible individual becomes incapacitated or dies after the designated beneficiary reaches the age of majority under state law, the responsible individual shall be the designated beneficiary.

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

May the responsible individual change the beneficiary designated under this agreement to another member of the designated beneficiary's family described in section 529(c)(2) in accordance with the custodian's procedures.

2. Address

Provide the student's residential street address:

Student's Residential Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Provide the parent/guardian's residential street address if different from the student's:

Parent/Guardian's Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

◆ **If you want account correspondence sent to an address other than the parent/guardian's street address.**

Mailing Address (Your mailing address may be a P.O. Box)

City

State

Zip Code

3. Phone Services

We will act on your instructions to exchange or sell shares by phone unless you check the box to opt out of those services below. If you have bank instructions on file, phone purchases are automatically allowed for most account types.

Neither Homestead Funds nor the Transfer Agent will be liable for properly acting upon telephone instructions believed to be genuine.

☐ I DO NOT want to make exchanges and distributions by phone.

A P.O. Box will not be accepted as a residential street address. A rural route, APO or FPO address will be accepted.

The parent/guardian's address will be used as the address of record. If the student has a different address from the parent/guardian, the student will receive copies of statements to their address.

Please note that for phone purchases we must have bank instructions on file. Complete **Section 9**.

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4. Funding Source

Check one:

☐ **Annual Contributions.** Each student may receive a total of \$2,000 in Education Savings Account contributions annually.

Total Dollars (\$200 minimum) \$

Indicate whether this is a contribution for the prior or current tax year. If no tax year is specified, your contribution will be deemed a current-year contribution.

☐ Prior-year contribution tax year (yyyy)

You have until the tax-filing deadline to make a prior year contribution

☐ Current-year contribution tax year (yyyy)

Indicate method of investment.

☐ By check.

☐ By ACH transfer. Upon receipt of this application, we will initiate an electronic funds transfer from the account you indicate in **Section 9**.

☐ **Transfer from an existing ESA custodian.** Also complete an IRA and ESA Transfer Form available at homesteadfunds.com

If you are opening your new account with a check, ACH transfer, or transferring from another Education Savings Account custodian complete this section. If you are funding your account only by establishing the Automatic Investment Plan, you may skip **Sections 4** and **5**.

We accept personal checks with preprinted name and address made payable directly to Homestead Funds. We do not accept third-party checks, credit card convenience checks, bank account starter checks, cash or cash equivalents (including money orders, traveler's checks or bearer bonds).

5. Fund Selections

Indicate how the amount in **Section 4** should be allocated.

Daily Income Fund (168)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Short-Term Government Securities Fund (170)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Intermediate Bond Fund (171)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Short-Term Bond Fund (172)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Stock Index Fund (174)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Value Fund (176)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Small-Company Stock Fund (178)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
International Equity Fund (180)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Growth Fund (182)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Rural America Growth and Income Fund (414)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %
Total (Must match amount from Section 4)	\$ <input type="text"/>	or	<input type="text"/> %

If you are only transferring from another ESA custodian then only provide your fund selections on the IRA and ESA Transfer Form.

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6. Automatic Investment Plan

In addition to or instead of providing an initial investment in **Section 4**, you may elect to fund your account by making regular investments transferred directly from your bank account (complete **Section A**) or paycheck (complete **Section B**).

A. ACH Transfer from Bank Account

Transfer frequency:

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Annually

Purchase Date (mm/dd/yyyy) — Your automatic purchases will occur on the day you provide or the next business day if the market is closed on your specified day. If you select the 29th, 30th or 31st, for any month without that many days, the system will schedule the last business day of the month for your purchase.

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Indicate how much you want to automatically purchase into each fund.

Daily Income Fund (168)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Short-Term Government Securities Fund (170)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Intermediate Bond Fund (171)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Short-Term Bond Fund (172)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Stock Index Fund (174)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Value Fund (176)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Small-Company Stock Fund (178)	\$ <input type="text"/>
International Equity Fund (180)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Growth Fund (182)	\$ <input type="text"/>
Rural America Growth and Income Fund (414)	\$ <input type="text"/>

Total \$

B. Payroll Deduction

Select the funds you will be investing in. You do not need to indicate investment amount at this time.

<input type="checkbox"/> Daily Income Fund (168)	<input type="checkbox"/> Value Fund (176)
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term Government Securities Fund (170)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small-Company Stock Fund (178)
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Bond Fund (171)	<input type="checkbox"/> International Equity Fund (180)
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term Bond Fund (172)	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Fund (182)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stock Index Fund (174)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural America Growth and Income Fund (414)

Complete this section to sign up for the Automatic Investment Plan and have money moved regularly from your bank account to your fund account. You must also complete **Section 9**.

Contributions made automatically are considered current-year contributions for the year in which they are received. **It is your responsibility to not exceed the \$2,000 annual ESA contribution limit.**

Complete this section to set up an account for receipt of payroll deductions to be sent by your employer. We will mail your new account numbers and other information you will need to provide to your payroll office to initiate deposits.

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7. Dividends and Capital Gains

All distributions will be automatically reinvested in your fund account unless you make a different election here.

Dividends and Short-Term Capital Gains:

- ☐ Pay by Check Sent to Address of Record
- ☐ Pay by Direct Deposit to Bank Account
You must also complete Section 9.

Long-Term Capital Gains:

- ☐ Pay by Check Sent to Address of Record
- ☐ Pay by Direct Deposit to Bank Account
You must also complete Section 9.

8. Beneficiary Designation

Designate who should receive account assets in the event of the student's death. Assets are divided among primary beneficiaries first. If all primary beneficiaries predecease the student, assets are divided among secondary beneficiaries. Attach a separate sheet if you have more than two beneficiaries, and provide all of the information requested here for each beneficiary. Please note beneficiaries must be an eligible family member of the minor and be under the age of 30.

You may view your beneficiary designations when you log into your account at homesteadfunds.com.

A. Primary Beneficiaries

Name	Relationship	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	If minor, name of parent/guardian <input type="text"/>	
Name	Relationship	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	If minor, name of parent/guardian <input type="text"/>	
(Percentages listed for Primary Beneficiaries in Section 8A. must total 100%)		Total 100 %

B. Secondary Beneficiaries

Name	Relationship	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	If minor, name of parent/guardian <input type="text"/>	
Name	Relationship	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	If minor, name of parent/guardian <input type="text"/>	
(Percentages listed for Secondary Beneficiaries in Section 8B. must total 100%)		Total 100 %

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9. Bank Information

By completing this section, you authorize Homestead Funds to deduct money from your bank account via ACH to purchase shares into your Homestead Funds account and to send redemption proceeds via wire or ACH to your bank account of record.

Be sure to complete this section if you:

- Elected to send your investment by ACH transfer (**Section 4**)
- Signed up for the Automatic Investment Plan and chose to have money moved by ACH transfer from your bank account (**Section 6**)
- Elected to have distributions deposited directly in your bank account (**Section 7**)
- Want the option of having redemption proceeds deposited directly in your bank account

Account type. Check one: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

Your request cannot be processed without a voided check or deposit slip for the account you wish to designate as your bank account of record unless you opt for us to use your initial purchase check.



Attach voided check here.

☐ Check this box if you wish to use your initial purchase check enclosed with this application to establish banking instructions instead of including an additional voided check.

Checks must be preprinted with your name and address. At least one common name must match exactly between your Homestead Funds and bank account. We do not accept starter checks. If you do not have a preprinted check please include a letter from your bank, on their letterhead, confirming your bank account registration, account number and routing number.

10. Online Access and Electronic Delivery

If you have existing Homestead Funds accounts, we default to linking this account to your online profile so you may view this account under your current log-in. If you do not want this option, you may opt out below. You are able to receive electronic notification of certain Homestead Funds documents instead of receiving them by mail.

Check to Opt Out

☐ I DO NOT want to view this account online under my current Homestead Funds log-in.

Check to Opt In

☐ I elect to receive notification of the following checked fund documents electronically.

- ☐ Trade Confirmations ☐ Quarterly Account Statements ☐ Prospectus & Shareholder Reports

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11. Certifications and Signatures

By certifying this application, I represent and warrant that:

1. I have the full right, power and authority to make the investment applied for and I am of legal age in my state of residence.
2. I have read the Homestead Funds prospectus and this application and agree to be bound by the terms. I also agree that any shares purchased now or later are and will be subject to the terms of the Homestead Funds' prospectus as revised from time to time. I have also read and agree to the terms of the ESA Custodial Agreement. The Homestead Funds prospectus and ESA Custodial Agreement are available at **homesteadfunds.com** or by calling **800.258.3030**.
I acknowledge that under certain circumstances specified by state law, Homestead Funds may be required to transfer my account assets to my state as abandoned property (i.e. escheated). I may consult my state's website or call my state government's escheatment customer service number for more details.
3. I am a U.S. citizen or resident and I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the Social Security Numbers shown on this form are my correct Taxpayer Identification Number and the correct Tax Identification Number for the student.
4. I additionally represent and warrant that:
 - a. If making an annual contribution to an ESA, that the student is less than 18 years old or is a 'special needs' student and that all contributions made on a student's behalf to this or any other ESA do not exceed \$2,000 in a single tax year.
 - b. If transferring an existing ESA, that the student is less than 30 years old or is a 'special needs' student.
 - c. If this is a contribution from a corporate entity, that the donor has the requisite authority to sign this application on behalf of such entity and that the establishment of the account and contribution thereto have been duly approved by all requisite corporate actions.
5. I acknowledge that adverse income tax consequences (including possible penalties) may apply for providing false or incorrect information and certify that the information provided is accurate and correct.
6. The information in this application pertaining to account ownership, investing, funding, options and this disclosure will apply to any new fund into which my shares may be exchanged.
7. If I request transfers to or from my bank account in this application or at any time, including by telephone, electronically or otherwise, you are authorized to make those requested transfers (and to make, if necessary, adjusting transfers if any amounts are transferred in error). I understand that I can end this authorization at any time by notifying you in writing or by telephone.

Be sure to sign this form on the next page. We cannot act on your instructions without all required signatures.

You must sign this form in Section 11 continued on the next page.

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11. Certifications and Signatures (continued)

8. I understand that mutual fund shares are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other agency of the U.S. Government, and that an investment in mutual fund shares involves risks, including the possible loss of principal.

Sign Below:

Parent/Guardian's Signature (Required)

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Student's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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(Required and valid only if the student has obtained the age of majority in his/her state.)

**Be sure to sign this form.
We cannot act on your
instruction without all
required signatures.**

If the student is a minor under the laws of the student's state of residence, acceptance by the custodian of the contribution to this account is expressly conditioned upon the agreement of the parent (identified in Section 1) to be responsible for all requirements of the student under the documents governing the account, and to exercise the powers and duties of the student with respect to the operation of the account. Upon reaching the age of majority in the state in which the student resides, the student may advise the custodian in writing (accompanied by such supporting documentation as the custodian may require) that he or she is assuming sole responsibility to exercise all powers and duties associated with the administration of the account. Absent such written notice by student, the custodian shall have no responsibility to acknowledge the student's exercise of such powers and duties of administration.

REVOCATION OF ACCOUNT

The donor may revoke this custodial account at any time within seven days after they have established the account. Upon revocation, Homestead Funds will return to them the entire amount contributed to the account without penalty, service charge, administrative expenses or other deduction. To revoke the account, mail the form entitled "IRA Revocation Form" to Homestead Funds within seven days of establishing the account. The law considers notice of revocation mailed on the date of the postmark (or on the date of certification or registration if sent by certified or registered mail) provided they deposit the form in the United States mail in an envelope or other appropriate wrapper, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed to Homestead Funds