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Tiny toes, gummy smiles and ... college tuition? Yes, even while you're navigating the whirlwind of newborn life, it's a good time to think about planning for your baby's future! And for Texas families with little ones younger than 1 year of age, a special window is open right now: the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (TTPF) newborn enrollment period, open through July 31 at current year enrollment prices.

This newborn enrollment period offers an opportunity to think about your loved one's future education while they're still wearing onesies. Before you know it, they'll be asking big questions about their future, and you can help prepare them for their educational journey. TTPF lets you purchase tuition units at this year's sales prices (2024-2025), which can then be applied toward future undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental schools.

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By taking a proactive step today, you're mapping out a potential path for their educational future. Think of it as a long-term planning tool, like organizing their baby photos or creating a memory box.

If you miss this newborn enrollment window, don't worry. You'll have another chance to consider how the plan fits into your family's future educational plans when the TTPF general enrollment period opens again on Sept. 1 at 2025-2026 sales prices.

It's never too early to start thinking about the possibilities.

May 29 is National 529 Day – the perfect time to start planning for college with an IRC Sec. 529 plan.



Planting Seeds for Future Education

Ah, Texas summers: a time for family, fun and ... thinking of the future? As the sun sets on another day of backyard barbecue, consider planting seeds for your loved one's educational journey.

Texas offers plans to help navigate the rising costs of college tuition and other higher education expenses, all of which let you and your extended family — grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends — contribute to your child's college planning.

First, the **Texas Tuition Promise Fund** (TTPF), a 529 prepaid tuition plan, allows you to lock in today's rates for tomorrow's undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental schools. It's a way to tackle potential tuition increases head on, by pre-purchasing and locking in today's rates.

Second, complementing this is the **Texas College Savings Plan**[®] (TCSP), a direct-sold 529 college savings plan. TCSP allows you to save for a broad range of educational expenses, including undergraduate and graduate tuition and fees, books, room and board (if enrolled at least half time), certain special-need services, and registered apprenticeship programs. If you're working with a financial advisor, ask them about the LoneStar 529 Plan[®], an advisor-sold 529 college savings plan.

Now picture this: Grammy contributing during birthdays, your best friend offering a graduation gift, all directly to your child's college planning. It could be a collaborative effort, turning gift giving into a plan for future educational expenses.

TTPF general enrollment is open from Sept. 1 through Feb. 28 each year (Feb. 29 in leap years). Newborn enrollment extends through July 31. TCSP is open year-round. Exploring both options this summer allows you to make informed choices. Learn more by visiting <u>TuitionPromise.org</u> for TTPF and <u>TexasCollegeSavings.com</u> for TCSP.

READY TO USE Your TTPF Benefits?

If you have a loved one preparing for the exciting college journey this year or in the not-too-distant future and plan to use Texas Tuition Promise Fund (TTPF) benefits, we can help. To ensure a smooth transition, we encourage you to review the <u>2025 TTPF Student Handbook</u>, conveniently located online.

This comprehensive resource provides detailed information on accessing accounts, redeeming tuition units and understanding the tuition unit redemption process. You'll find step-by-step instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions, all designed to make this process as clear and straightforward as possible.

Whether you're currently supporting a student or planning for future educational endeavors, familiarizing yourself with the handbook can be beneficial. Access the handbook today for valuable insights into managing your TTPF contract.

Financial Advisors: Contact our office to schedule a free presentation.

Upcoming Webinars

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is offering virtual learning opportunities about the plan. <u>Register</u> for one of our upcoming webinars and learn about tuition unit types, redemption values, payment options and more.*

* Residency restrictions apply.



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Non-residents of Texas should consider whether their home state, or the beneficiary's home state, offers its residents any tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for participants in that state's plan.

Participation in the Plan does not guarantee admission to or graduation from any college or university. Only the purchaser may direct redemptions, withdrawals, changes in beneficiary, or other contract changes.

You may lose money by participating in the Plan. No part of a contract is a deposit or obligation of, or is guaranteed or insured by, the Board, the state of Texas, or any agency or agent thereof. The contracts have not been registered with or approved by the SEC or any state. Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, fees, charges, and expenses associated with contracts, including Plan termination and reduced Transfer or Refund Value. Transfer Value applies to redemptions at Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, medical and dental schools, career schools, and registered apprenticeship programs and is the lesser of: (1) the costs the units would cover at a Texas public college or university; or (2) the original purchase price of the units plus or minus the Plan's net investment earnings or losses on that amount. <u>Texas Match the Promise Foundation</u>SM scholarships can only be used at Texas public colleges and universities, and any Transfer Value of a Match the Promise Foundation scholarship account cannot be utilized. The <u>Plan</u> <u>Description and Master Agreement</u> contain this and other information about the Plan and may be obtained by visiting <u>TuitionPromise.org</u> or calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), option 5. Purchasers should read the Plan Description and Master Agreement, and all other Plan documents carefully before purchasing a contract.

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MATCHING Scholarships Available to plan Enrollees

The Texas Match the Promise FoundationSM awards matching scholarships and tuition unit grants to eligible third through ninth graders who are enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. The foundation encourages families to save for college by supplementing their contributions to the plan. Eligible students can apply between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31. More details can be found at <u>MatchThePromise.org</u>.**

** Residency restrictions, eligibility criteria, household income restrictions and contribution requirements apply.

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