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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CSSB 76(HES)  
(S) Publish Date: 3/14/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: University of Alaska  
Title: Tuition for Certain Children RDU: \_\_\_\_\_  
Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester: Senator Ellis Component No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0  
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
This bill would have no fiscal impact on the University.

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Approved by: Pat Pitney Date: 3/2/2007  
Agency: University of Alaska

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
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Fiscal Note Number. 2  
 Bill Version: CSSB 76(HES)  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/18/07  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU Departmental Support Services  
 Component Off Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title TUITION FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN

Sponsor ELLIS  
 Requester SENATE (HES)

Component No. 2849

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4
Travel						
Contractual	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						
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FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>

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**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*  
 SB 76 creates a higher education savings program for eligible children who have been placed in out-of-home care by the Department of Health and Social Services.  
  
 The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is responsible for administration of the ASPIRE (Alaska Youth Succeed When People Invest Resources in Education) program to encourage investment in the higher education of eligible children in the state.

(cont. on page 2)

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 Approved by: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner Date 03/01/2007  
 Agency Department of Health and Social Services

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION  
(cont. from page 1)

The office estimates that it will take 25% of the time of an existing program coordinator (Range 18) located in Juneau or Anchorage to administer the program. The position will be responsible for management of the broader Alaska Partnership for Healthy Communities (APHC) initiative designed to improve collaboration among government agencies and communities through projects that promote integrated services for Alaskans. The ASPIRE program fits well with the position's broader responsibilities.

Contractual funds in the amount of \$20.0 per year are requested to create and print brochures and to support a very modest television and radio promotional effort to publicize ASPIRE.

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SENATOR JOHNNY ELLIS

## SPONSOR STATEMENT SB 76

For children in long-term foster care, one of life's most significant hurdles occurs when the child "ages out" of the state's care. Often times, foster children are ill prepared for life as an adult, whether they choose to pursue education beyond high school or seek the necessary training to join the work force.

SB 76 establishes the **ASPIRE** program, an acronym for Alaska's youth Succeed when People Invest Resources in Education. This program will give children in the custody of the State of Alaska an opportunity to pursue education and training after high school that they may not normally have.

The purpose of the bill is to allow churches, community organizations, non-profits, businesses and individuals to establish education savings accounts in the name of foster children. This bill would create a program in which these organizations or individuals could contact the Alaska Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and make a donation that would establish a savings plan for a child who has been in out of home care for more than two years.

SB 76 would, upon request, allow the Office of Children's Services to release required information for the Alaska Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to open a 529 savings plan in the name of a foster child. The bill would provide a confidentiality clause that would prohibit the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives from using the personal information of foster children for any purpose other than the establishment and maintenance of an education savings plan.

Under the provisions of this bill, the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives would be responsible for the promotion of the program throughout the state.

In accordance with the rules of the UA college savings program, the money in these accounts could be used not only for college and university tuition, but also for vocational training and other education related expenses. Under the terms of the UA college savings program, foster children could use this money at the eligible institution or training program of their choice.

Many of Alaska's foster children have faced extremely tough challenges, and deserve a program that encourages Alaskans to invest in their potential. This is important legislation for the children who represent the future of Alaska. I urge you to support the passage of SB 76.

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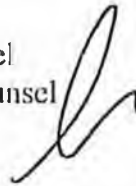
## MEMORANDUM

February 13, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary (CSSB 76( )  
(Work Order No. 25-LS0443(E))

**TO:** Senator Johnny Ellis  
Attn: Gabe Aceves

**FROM:** Jean M. Mischel  
Legislative Counsel



You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

**Section 1.** Establishes a program within the Department of Health and Social Services to encourage investment in savings for the higher education of eligible foster children.

**Section 2.** Provides for the disclosure of appropriate confidential information pertaining to a case involving a child in need of aid, including a foster child, to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska to the extent necessary to support the program established under section one.

**Section 3.** Provides for the disclosure of appropriate confidential information pertaining to a case involving a child who is adjudicated as delinquent, to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska to the extent necessary to support the program established under section one.

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## **CS For SB 76 HESS**

The CS was suggested by the department of Health and Social Services and made 1 small change to the bill.

- On page 3, line 1 the CS changes the definition of “out of home care” for the purposes of this bill to include children in group homes and state facilities.
- The change was made to include children in all types of state care, as was the sponsor’s intent.

# ASPIRE

ALASKA'S YOUTH SUCCEED WHEN PEOPLE INVEST RESOURCES IN EDUCATION

## *SB 76 FAQ*

### *1. What does the bill do?*

SB 76 establishes the ASPIRE program, an acronym for Alaska's youth Succeed when People Invest Resources in Education. The ASPIRE program is designed to connect churches, community groups, non-profits, businesses and individuals with foster children to provide them with educational opportunities beyond high school. This program will give children in custody of the state an opportunity to pursue education and training after high school.

### *2. Why is this bill necessary?*

The bill is necessary to address confidentiality issues regarding the release of private information of foster children. It is also necessary to set guidelines for DHSS to establish a process to identify foster kids with the highest priority need.

### *3. How does it work?*

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is responsible for the promotion of the program through its various contacts in the faith based and non-profit community across the state. Once a donor is identified they can contact OFBCI to contribute money, which OFBCI can only use for establishing a UA Savings Account. DHSS (OCS) involvement is necessary for OFBCI to have the required information about each foster child.

### *4. Who can contribute?*

Individuals, non-profit organizations, churches, businesses, etc can all contribute to a UA College Savings Plan. The UA Savings program is extremely flexible.

### *5. Who is an eligible beneficiary?*

Children who have been placed in "out of home" care for a minimum of two years are eligible. DHSS is assigned the task of identifying the children with the highest priority and potential for success.

### *6. Don't some foster children already receive free tuition?*

Some do, but eligibility is often too strict for many foster children to take advantage of the program. Through state tuition waivers, children must be in custody

on their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, and must attend an AK state university (UAA, UAF, UAS). With a UA savings account, any eligible child would be able to attend community college, university, and vocational education anywhere in the country.

***7. Once a donor is identified, how does DHSS decide who gets to be a beneficiary?***

DHSS is assigned the task of establishing a process to identify children with the highest priority. The two most important factors, according to DHSS, are age and the consideration of "aging out" of the system, and length of time in state care.

***8. What happens if a foster child is not able to use the money?***

If a beneficiary is unable to use the money for any reason, another beneficiary can be named. In other words, if a business or church opens an account for a child, and that child becomes ineligible, a 2<sup>nd</sup> child would be named as the beneficiary and be able to take advantage of the account.

***9. Is there an age limit for the beneficiaries?***

In section 1, paragraph C of SB 76, a provision is included to name a new beneficiary if the current beneficiary does not enroll in an eligible program before the age of 30.

***10. What is envisioned by the "central office" on line 10, page 1?***

This is a reference to the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, who will be tasked with promoting the program through its extensive network of contacts throughout the state. They will also be tasked with doing a minimal amount of paperwork to keep track of the children and their accounts.

***11. What metrics does the sponsor anticipate could be used to determine the program's success?***

The easiest ways to track it will be the number of accounts opened, the amount of money donated, the growth of the accounts, etc.

***12. What was the thinking behind using the 30 yr age cut-off?***

Working with OCS and legal services, it was determined that age 30 would give foster children sufficient time to get their lives settled after they leave state care, but not allow them to keep the money forever without using it.

***13. Can I donate to a child that I know?***

Absolutely. Nothing in the bill or in the existing UA College Savings Plan precludes someone from donating to a child that he/she knows. The regulations of the program will provide options for someone who knows a specific foster child they would like to establish an account for.

# Alaska State Legislature



## Senator Johnny Ellis

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Thanks  
for your  
support of  
foster kids!  
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for your  
information...

**COMPASS:** *Points of view from the community*

# Bills could help foster children succeed

By AMANDA METIVIER

Two bills moving through the Legislature will provide opportunities for Alaska's youths when they age out of the foster care system. According to the Department of Health and Social Services, there are nearly 2,000 children in "out-of-home care" in Alaska and many will be aging out soon.

Many of these children have been removed from their primary homes because of abuse or neglect. For many, the adversity they face will continue throughout childhood and into adulthood because the state is overwhelmed by its case loads and access to transition services is lacking.

As a former foster child, I know too well about the limited options surrounding education as a child becomes an adult and ages out of the system. The state provides only five tuition waivers per year, and the rules for eligibility are strict; so for many of Alaska's foster children, education or vocational school beyond high school is not really an option.

This is where Senate Bill 76 and House Bill 135 can truly make a difference. The sponsors, Rep. Bill Stoltze and Sen. Johnny Ellis, are calling the program ASPIRE, an acronym for Alaska's Youth Succeed when People Invest Resources in Education. These bills allow churches, community organizations, nonprofits, businesses and individuals to establish education savings accounts in the name of a foster child. They will create education opportunities for foster children without an expensive state program.

The pair of bills is already making its way through the Legislature, and that is good news for the nearly 500 children in state custody who are high school age or



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older. The ASPIRE program can help them by encouraging generous donors to provide the means for them to succeed.

ASPIRE connects donors to foster youths by establishing University of Alaska College Savings Plan accounts. The beauty of the UA savings accounts is that they can be used for nearly all education-related expenses at any educational institution or program. The money in these accounts can be used for college, university, technical and vocational education and all related expenses. The flexibility of these accounts gives children in foster care options when they leave the state's custody.

Unlike the state tuition waiver system, which limits students to UA enrollment, the ASPIRE program will have accounts that can be used across the U.S. If exceptional foster children have access to these accounts, there is no longer a limit to what they can achieve. Some may be able to pursue an Ivy League education; others may be able to attend technical or vocational school in the Lower 48.

It is an impossible task for the state to provide education and job training for every child in the state's care. It is unrealis-

tic to expect them to foot the bill for university and technical schools that have become difficult even for children with typical families to afford. Government can't do everything, but creating a program that relies on the generosity of Alaskans is a common-sense start. It won't cost the state much to administer the program, and it could provide great opportunities for young adults in need.

There are too many stories of children in state care who have the potential to pursue education and job training but simply do not have the means. It is long overdue that Alaskans address some of the problems facing children as they become adults and age out of state care. This is one exciting step in that process.

HB 135 and SB 76 allow these children, with the help of local community organizations and businesses, to explore opportunities in education and vocational training that have never been possible before.

I urge you to contact your legislators and support these important bills.

■ Amanda Metvier is a UAA student and the president of Facing Foster Care in Alaska.

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May 4, 2006

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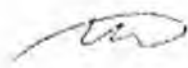
Thank you for your leadership in helping foster youth in Alaska make a successful transition to adulthood. The Child Welfare League of America commends your vision and commitment to these youth. Your legislation, Senate Bill 287, addresses critical issues for these young people and we applaud your efforts.

CWLA supports all attempts to assist youth in their transition to adulthood. The data show the difficult challenges they face in a number of areas, particularly in pursuing higher education. We'd like to suggest, however, additional ways to support these youth in this important time of transition.

We know that in addition to education youth face other serious challenges when they leave foster care. Housing and transportation are enormous hurdles. Other challenges include access to health care services and securing and maintaining employment. While a 529 savings account provides critical support for vocational training or education expenses it wouldn't be available for these other necessities. A more flexible account is needed to help address this wider array of issues. Individual Development Accounts provide more flexibility, which is necessary to address these multiple issues. These accounts or some other similar approach could be used for a wide variety of uses depending on the individual needs.

We would be happy to discuss these approaches further if you like. We applaud your leadership and know that with efforts such as yours there will be progress in Alaska for youth transitioning out of foster care to a productive and fulfilling adulthood.

Sincerely,



Shay Bilchik  
President/CEO



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Senator Johnny Ellis  
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April 19, 2006

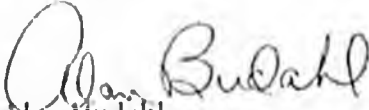
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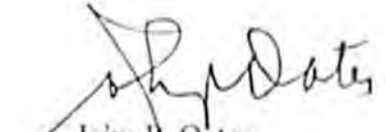
On behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs Board of Directors and professional staff, we are writing to extend Boys & Girls Clubs' support for Senate Bill 287, legislation designed to help provide higher education opportunities for foster children. As you are well aware, our organization has been operating youth development programs for 40 years. In 1998, we eagerly undertook a Statewide Expansion Initiative that has developed Clubhouses in 29 rural Alaskan communities. This initiative, combined with our steady expansion in urban communities, has broadened our total impact to 30,000 youth in 38 Alaskan communities.

Our members' challenges range from peer pressure to poor grades, hunger, abusive homes, or multiple foster home placements. For every child that walks through a Clubhouse door, we listen, we comfort, we challenge and cheer. Many of our staff, volunteers and program partners establish personal connections and mentor relationships with our members in foster care. SB 287 will provide them with an avenue to have a lasting impact on these children well into adulthood.

Again, thank you for sponsoring this legislation. Boys & Girls Club appreciates your support of our programs and your commitment to Alaska's youth.

Sincerely,

  
Alan Budahl  
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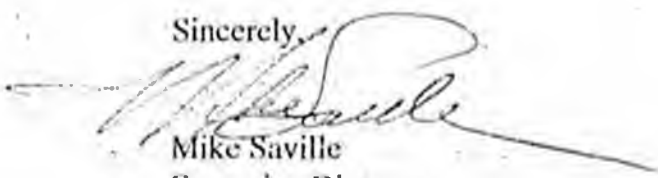
WASILLA

Thank you for your letter concerning Senate Bill 287. I am very pleased that you are proposing legislation that offers increased opportunities for Foster Children in the state of Alaska. I too believe that these children deserve and should be able to take every advantage of programs that enhance their ability to succeed in life and become responsible, productive adults.

Alaska Community Services volunteers provide services to these and many other children across the state through our Foster Grandparent Program. I am certain that they are also concerned with the future of these children, and will lend their support to this legislation. I will request the support of my legislators for SB 287 and also ask that my colleagues do so as well.

During this time when most of our focus seems to be primarily on pipelines and taxes, I thank you for your ongoing support of and commitment to programs that address the needs of disadvantaged or devalued Alaskans.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Saville  
Executive Director

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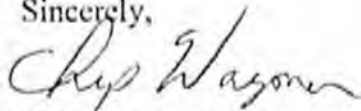
The Honorable Johnny Ellis  
State Senate  
Alaska State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Ellis:

On behalf of the Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops, I would like to thank-you for sponsoring Senate Bill 287, an act establishing a higher education savings program for children in state foster care. The Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops is the official public policy voice of the Roman Catholic Church in Alaska.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in proposing an innovative way to assist eligible children in foster care to pursue educational opportunities beyond grade 12. Foster care children, like many other vulnerable persons, are often out of sight and out of mind of those of us who have the financial resources for a dignified life. We also commend you for proposing a mechanism by which Alaskans who have the financial ability can help to contribute to the higher education costs of those who do not have the financial ability. Turning from self-love toward love of neighbor is a central teaching of the Gospel message. S B 287 provides another way for Alaskans to put this teaching into practice and we support it.


Sincerely,



Chip Wagoner

Executive Director

Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops



# Anchorage Daily News

COMPASS: *Points of view from the community*

## Bill offers hope to kids in foster care

By SEN. JOHNNY ELLIS and CHIP WAGONER

With so much focus this year dedicated to the state's oil and gas resources, it is important that other issues concerning Alaska's future not be overlooked. According to the Department of Health and Social Services, there are nearly 2,000 children in Alaska's foster care system. Most of these children were placed in foster care because they were neglected or abused in their homes and it is unsafe for them to return.

Unfortunately, the reality of the situation for most foster children is that they will be in the custody of the state for a significant period of time, an average of 23 months, according to DHSS. Some of these children will be placed back in their primary homes and some will be adopted, but many remain in foster care until they turn 18, when they are released from the state's custody.

Foster parents around the state should be applauded for the job they do, providing positive role models for children in need. They take up the challenge of caring for children daily when no one else will. Acting as the primary caregivers for these children, foster parents sacrifice their time and efforts for children in need and expect little in return.

These foster parents, however, are usually not prepared or expected to shoulder the burden of caring for the children after they exit the foster care system. In many cases, foster children are ill prepared for life as adults, whether they choose to pursue education beyond high school or seek the necessary training to join the workforce. These children face significant barriers during the transition to adulthood and find a lack of support services available to them during their time of need.

It is troubling that Alaska has nearly 500 children in state custody that are high



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school age or older. Without a plan for their future, our fear is that many of these children will not be ready to lead responsible lives and be proud, productive members of our society and citizens of our state. It would be wise for Alaskans to help these foster kids make the most of their futures.

We believe the key to helping these young Alaskans realize their full potential lies in preparing them for life as adults through education and job training. Senate Bill 287 would establish a plan to assist foster children when they are released from state custody.

SB 287 allows churches, community organizations, nonprofits and businesses to establish education savings accounts in the name of a foster child. Our vision is to create a system in Alaska in which any individual or entity can make a tax-deductible donation that will directly impact the life of a foster child and provide that child with opportunities they would not otherwise have. Imagine a system in which a church or nonprofit organization could sponsor a foster child in Alaska who has faced difficult personal challenges.

As Alaskans, we are fortunate to have what many experts believe is the best education savings plan in the nation. Man-

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aged by T. Rowe Price, the UA College Savings Program allows individuals and organizations to open 529 savings accounts for a beneficiary of their choice.

The beauty of the UA savings accounts is that they can be used for nearly all education-related expenses at any educational institution or program. If the key to successful youth is opportunity, this program is an excellent option. The money in these accounts can be used for college, university, technical and vocational education and all related expenses. The flexibility of these accounts gives children in foster care options when they leave the state's custody.

In many instances, foster children who have aged out of the state's foster care system have essentially been left by the wayside. SB 287 allows these children, with the help of local community organizations and businesses, to explore opportunities in education and vocational training that they normally would not have.

Our goal, as Alaskans, is to pass this important legislation for the children who represent the future of our state.

■ Sen. Johnny Ellis is the minority leader of the Alaska Senate. Chip Wagoner is the executive director of the Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops.

# Voice of the Times

A CONSERVATIVE VOICE FOR ALASKANS

Foster children need extra help at age 18

## Senate Bill 287 could help them succeed

By ELISE PATKOTAK

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. This year, it's also the month in which Christians celebrate Easter, a time that honors the death and resurrection of a man who famously said in Mark 10:14, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

As a child growing up Catholic, I never doubted that those words were literally as well as figuratively true. Pictures hung all over our grade school of Christ sitting on a rock with little chubby boys and girls running towards his open arms with joy on their faces.

That picture brought great comfort to my childhood because it was accompanied in reality by a loving father and uncles whose arms were always open and welcoming to any child needing a hug or reassurance or just a moment feeling the warmth of their shirts, the roughness of their hands and the strength of their grip.

Not that any of my uncles would have ever admitted to this.

They would grumble and gripe and say we were making too much noise or getting in the way of their bocce ball game or running too close to the grill. But we knew that they were all welcome havens so long as we didn't



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abuse the privilege and bother them while they were eating or the Phillies were on TV. And woe betides the child who did not remember to offer a kiss to them at the start and end of a visit.

The kids I work with in state custody through either social services or juvenile probation usually don't have such positive frames of reference when it comes to family. If they came from a home in which drinking, drug abuse and domestic violence were part of the problem, there is every chance a "hug" from an uncle, older brother, father or cousin holds a much more sinister meaning.

And the mothers, aunts, sister and other female relatives who choose to drink to the point of incapacitation so that little children are left on their own



to fend off sexual predators and physical abusers are equally at fault. While I am very aware that many of these women are also victims, the bottom line in these situations is that children have no escape. If the adults do not protect them, they have no protection.

The unfortunate result of the epidemic of violence and abuse in our families in Alaska is that children by the thousands are being raised in state custody. Many of these kids will never be able to go home because their parents will not take the steps needed to provide for their safety.

The state ultimately makes a lousy parent. Not only does it rarely take its turn in hosting the family holiday dinner, but it also tends to cut the apron strings rather abruptly when the child turns 18. One day you are considered dependent and in need of protection; the next day the door is opened and the state basically says, "It's been nice knowing you. Stay in touch."

More often than not, social workers, guardians and foster parents find themselves scrambling to help these kids make the transition to independence with little in the way of services available. Which is why I think the Legislature should drop everything else it is doing right now and pass SB 287 introduced by Sen. Johnny Ellis to allow churches, community organizations, non-profits, and businesses to establish education savings accounts in the name of a foster child.

This bill requires no money from state coffers. It demands no additional revenues be raised. It just gives people with big hearts and generous souls a way to help a kid. It might be a kid they know because the foster parents belong to that church or community organization. It might be a kid that shows some special talent and just needs some help getting the education needed to foster that talent.

Whatever it is, it makes sense that we do everything we can to help these kids make it as adults after we poured so much time and energy into them as children. The state can't do what a parent does when a kid turns 18. It can't provide a home for them to fall back on if things get rough. It can't provide a safe haven if the road to adulthood gets rockier than first imagined. If they blow it as adults, the only home the state provides for them is usually jail.

But the state can allow caring and concerned people to take on that role in some little way to let these kids know that they are not forgotten. And passing this bill would certainly live up to the spirit of the man whose death and resurrection is so widely observed this season.

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Sounds like a good bill.  
Thanks, Johnny!

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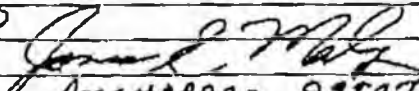
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**MISSOURI'S BELIEVE PROGRAM**



## Frequently Asked Questions about BELIEVE

### 1. What does BELIEVE stand for?

BELIEVE stands for Bringing Educational Leadership by Investing and Expecting Victory in Every Child. We believe that every child in Missouri can succeed if given the right support. Missouri has over 11,000 foster children under its care. BELIEVE is a program to identify corporations or non-profit organizations interested in sponsoring a child who is in the custody of the State of Missouri for a MOST (Missouri Savings Tuition Program) scholarship. MOST is the State of Missouri's 529 plan which allows the sponsor to set up an account to save for college tuition tax free. The sponsor also receives a tax deduction for their annual investment in the MOST plan of up to \$8,000 per person.

### 2. Who can agree to sponsor a foster child?

Any corporation, non-profit organization, person, or other entity can agree to sponsor a child and set up an account naming the child of their choice as beneficiary.

### 3. What is the benefit of a MOST account?

The investment in a 529 MOST account allows the investment to grow tax-free and the beneficiary can use it for their college tuition and other college costs tax-free. In other words, at no time is tax due on the principal or the earnings as long as it is used for eligible college expenses. The organization or entity contributing to the account can receive a tax deduction each year of up to \$8,000 per taxpayer.

### 4. How much is required to open an account?

To open an account you only need \$25.00. We are asking that for the BELIEVE program the initial contribution be based on the investment plan that is most suitable for the age of the child selected to help kick start

a college savings plan for a foster child. But the bottom line is that any amount is better than none at all.

5. What happens if the child does not go to college after making annual contributions?

A new beneficiary can be named at that time or when the account is initially set up a contingent beneficiary can be named. If neither of these options is suitable to the account owner, then the money can be used by the account owner but taxes would be owed if the proceeds are not used for college expenses.

6. Why should any corporation or entity be interested in sponsoring a child for the BELIEVE program?

Many foster kids never have a chance to reach their full potential because of circumstances that are out of their control. The state takes responsibility for these kids, but what happens to them after they turn 18? Many times we don't know and what is worse, many times no one cares. This program singles out a child that a group of people, organization, church, or corporation can encourage by providing the money to ensure that they have a chance to go to college. If the child knows this – knows that suddenly somebody BELIEVES in him or her to actually succeed and reach their goals then great things begin to happen. This is an opportunity to help a child reach their dream by investing and believing in their future by setting up a 529 MOST account to pay for their college expenses.

7. How do I sign up to sponsor a child in the BELIEVE program?

Organizations wishing to participate in the BELIEVE program should contact Jane Dudeck, Chief of Staff, State Treasurer's Office at (573) 751-4943 or [Jane.Dudeck@treasurer.mo.gov](mailto:Jane.Dudeck@treasurer.mo.gov).

8. How much would an organization need to contribute if it wanted to cover 100% of the costs of tuition for a child?

The answer to this depends on a number of variables, including the number of years that the organization contributes before the child goes to college, the actual college that the child goes to, the future rate of inflation for tuition costs and the return on the investments selected. Here are several examples of how much an organization would need to contribute to fund 100% of projected costs based on a tuition inflation rate of 5%, a

return on investment of 10% and four years' attendance at the University of Missouri-Columbia (where costs are currently estimated at \$8,700 per year):

- For a 13-year old child, assuming an initial \$5,000 contribution, a sponsor would need to contribute \$500 per month to cover 100% of projected costs.
- For a 5-year old child, assuming an initial \$5,000 contribution, a sponsor would need to contribute \$160 per month, or just under \$2,000 per year, to cover 100% of projected costs.

9. Can an organization "share" the sponsorship of a child or partner with another organization to sponsor a foster child?

Yes, any amount that an organization contributes to the BELIEVE program will greatly help a foster child defray the costs of higher education and is greatly appreciated. The amount of tax deduction that a sponsor can take is not affected if more than one organization helps sponsor a child. In other words, two organizations donating \$8,000 a year for the same child can each deduct up to \$8,000.

10. Who invests the money that we contribute to BELIEVE, and how do I know that our money is safe?

The MOST program offers several different investment options for sponsors, which they select. These investment options—which include a 100% Equity Option, a Guaranteed Option and a Managed Allocation Option which rebalances assets based on the age of the child—are professionally managed by TIAA-CREF, one of the largest asset managers in the nation. Like all investments that are invested primarily in the stock market, there is no guarantee for either the 100% Equity Option or Managed Allocation Option that these investments will maintain 100% of principal or provide a guaranteed return. However, over the long term, investments in these options should perform in line with broad equity returns.

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## PRESS RELEASE

Office of Missouri State Treasurer  
Sarah Steelman

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- December 22, 2005

### Steelman Launches "BELIEVE" Program to Help Get Foster Kids to College: Bass Pro is First Sponsor

SPRINGFIELD Mo. -- Christmas came a few days early for some special Missourians. State Treasurer Sarah Steelman today kicked off a statewide initiative to give crucial help to Missouri's foster children. The project, called BELIEVE, is a partnership between the Treasurer's office and the citizens and organizations of the state to provide college savings accounts for these children – all at no cost to taxpayers.

Steelman, who oversees the state's tax-preferred 529 college savings plan, called MOST, said the program was a gift for all Missourians.

"There are thousands of precious children in foster care in Missouri today," Steelman said. "They are all special, they all were wondrously created and were given to us for a unique and important purposes. Today we have a new way to help them, to give them a way to fulfill their destinies, and a reason to hope."

Bass Pro Shops appeared with Steelman at the launch, and were announced as BELIEVE's first partners, having selected two foster children to sponsor, and will now work with the Treasurer's office to set up MOST accounts for them.

"We believe in this program, and in the potential it holds for these foster children," Bass Pro spokesman and Outdoor Educator Lari Whiteley said. "That's why Bass Pro Shops is proud to be the first to join this program to help these at-risk foster children."

BELIEVE is an acronym for Bringing Educational Leadership By Investing and Expecting Victory in Every Child, and Steelman says that is just what her program does.

"There is magic inside each of these kids. As a mother, I know that the key to a child's success is belief in themselves.

"For most kids, it's their parent who instills this confidence, but many foster children don't have anyone who believes in them. When they turn 18, most of them have nowhere to go. This is a wonderful way for Missourians to truly make a difference in these children's lives," said Steelman.

Steelman said the response from Missouri businesses, churches, non-profit organizations, and individuals has already been overwhelming and that additional sponsors would be announced soon. She said the initiative really is as simple as a Missouri organization or individual working with her office to select one or more of Missouri's foster children to sponsor, and then opening a MOST account for them.

Several foster children were expected to appear at the press conference as well as representatives from Boys and Girls Town of Missouri and the Missouri Baptist Children's Home who are helping spread the word about the BELIEVE program. The Missouri Department of Social Services is working with the State Treasurer's office to coordinate the selection of the children.

Since 1999, Missouri has sponsored MOST, a tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan. Under this program, individuals and organizations can contribute up to \$8,000 per year into an account for a designated child. The amount contributed up to \$8,000 is not subject to state income tax. Federal law allows earnings on these accounts to be tax exempt as well, enhancing the program's ability to help students and families for college.

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## Effort's aim: college for foster children

*State initiative will encourage contributions from businesses, churches and other groups.*

James Goodwin  
News-Leader

A state initiative unveiled Thursday encourages people to create college tuition accounts for foster children — a gift that also grants donors a state tax break and allows the money to grow tax-free.

State Treasurer Sarah Steelman highlighted the plan at Bass Pro Shops, the first business to pledge money through the program.

It's based on Missouri's existing 529 college savings program — more commonly known as Missouri Saving for Tuition, or MOST.

MOST allows people to open and contribute to a college savings account for their child or any other.

Steelman, whose office oversees MOST, is encouraging businesses, churches and other groups to invest in such plans for the nearly 1,500 children in state care whose parents have lost custodial rights.

The program's acronym is BELIEVE, for Bringing Educational Leadership By Investing and Expecting Victory in Every child.

"To understand the program, that word — BELIEVE — is all you need to know," said Steelman, a former state senator from Rolla.

Only 2 percent of foster children nationwide go on to earn at least a bachelor's degree, according to statistics provided by Anne Tucker, the area resident director for Boys & Girls Town of Missouri.

That limits their ability to earn more money and might also account for a higher homeless rate among former foster children who "aged-out" when they turned 18.

"The reality is ... their opportunities are so limited to further their education," Tucker said after Thursday's news conference.

Bass Pro Shops has pledged \$10,000 each to two foster children yet to be chosen.

"We believe in this program and in the potential it holds for these children," company spokesman Larry Whiteley said, flanked by four foster children on hand for the announcement.

One of them, identified only as Joseph P. to protect his identity, said he worries as other teens do about making it to college.

He's considering a degree in computer programming, library science or photography.

"It's just getting there that's going to be hard," the 16-year-old said.

Contributions to individual college savings plans may be deducted from state adjusted gross income, up to \$8,000 for each taxpayer a year, though there is no annual cap on giving. The minimum donation is \$25, and

all earnings on the account grow on a federal and state tax-exempt basis.

"If you know that there's somebody out there who believes in you ... you're going to stick with it, you're going to stay in school," Steelman said.

Contributors may choose any foster child to sponsor, she said. Brief biographies will be available from the Missouri Family Support Division to those who want to learn more about potential beneficiaries.

Money in the individual accounts may pay for tuition at qualifying colleges and universities — nearly all accredited two- and four-year institutions, public and private, and many vocational schools. The money also may cover books, equipment and certain room and board costs.

If the beneficiary doesn't pursue college or drops out, the contributor may withdraw the funds, subject to state income tax. Earnings would be subject to federal taxes and possibly a 10 percent penalty.

Money also may be left in the account in case the beneficiary returns to school.

For more information about college savings plans, visit [www.missourimost.org](http://www.missourimost.org).

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- Social Security Number and date of birth of the Beneficiary (student)
- Copy of Trust or corporate documents (if applicable)

\* We will not be able to open your Account until we receive all of this required information.

Please print in CAPITAL LETTERS and use BLACK INK.

## STEP 1 Choose Your Account Type

Select one option only. Only one person, the Account Holder, can open and control an Account. If the Account Holder is a minor, please check the box marked "Custodial Account." If the Account Holder is a trust, please check the box marked "Trust Account (or Other Entity)."

- Individual Account**  
Account Holder is age 18 or older. Go to Step 2A.
- Custodial Account**  
If the Account Holder is a minor, the Account must have an adult Custodian to act on the Account Holder's behalf. Go to Step 2A.
- UGMA/UTMA Funded Account**  
Select this option if you are funding this Account from an UGMA/UTMA account. Go to Step 2A.
- Trust Account (or Other Entity)**  
Check here if the Account Holder is a trust, corporation, or other entity. Go to Step 2C.

## STEP 2 Tell Us About Yourself

Please fill in this section completely. If the Account Holder is a trust, please go to Section 2C.

### A Account Holder

- Adult Account Holder (Age 18 or Older)  
 Minor Account Holder (Custodial or UGMA/UTMA Funded Account)

If the Account is being funded from an UGMA/UTMA, include the minor's name here, include Custodian's information in Step 2B, and name the minor as the Beneficiary in Step 4.

#### Account Holder's Name

First  Middle Initial

Last

Social Security Number  Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

- U.S. Citizen  U.S. Resident Alien

You must indicate a residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses (below).

#### Residential Street Address of Account Holder

Street Number  Street Name

Apartment, Suite, Floor

City  State  ZIP Code

Daytime Phone  Ext.  Evening Phone

Indicate the mailing address if it is different from the residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses.

#### Account Mailing Address Same as Residential Street Address

Address - Line 1

Address - Line 2

City  State  ZIP Code

Pursuant to federal law, all financial institutions must obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an Account. What this means for you: On this form, we ask for the name, residential street address, date of birth, and Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number for each Account Holder and any person(s) opening an Account on behalf of an Account Holder, such as Custodians, Agents, or Trustees, etc. This will allow us to verify the identity of the person(s) opening the Account. We will not be able to open your Account until we receive all of this required information.

**STEP 2****Tell Us About Yourself (Continued)**

Please fill in this section **ONLY** if the Account Holder in Section 2A is a minor or a Power of Attorney is being used to open the Account.

**B Custodian (or Agent or Attorney-in-Fact)** Custodian Agent or Attorney-in-Fact

Complete this part of Step 2 if the Account Holder is a minor. The adult will act as Custodian on the Account Holder's behalf. If this individual is serving as Agent or Attorney-in-Fact, please provide a certified copy of the Power of Attorney agreement.

▶ **Custodian's Name**

First

Middle Initial

Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

 U.S. Citizen U.S. Resident Alien

You must indicate a residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses.

▶ **Residential Street Address of Custodian** Same as Account Holder (2A)

Street Number

Street Name

Apartment, Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

Complete phone information if different from Step 2A.

▶ **Daytime Phone**

Ext.

Evening Phone

Continued on next page. ▶

**STEP 2****Tell Us About Yourself (Continued)**Please fill out this section **ONLY** if the Account Holder is a trust, corporation or other entity.**C Trust, Corporation or Other Entity**

If the Account Holder is a trust, corporation, or other entity, please provide documentation to show who is authorized to act on its behalf.

Name of Trust, Corporation, or Other Entity


Tax Identification Number

Date of Trust (MM-DD-YYYY)

Street Address of Trust, Corporation, or Other Entity

Street Number

Street Name

Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

Daytime Phone

Ext.

Evening Phone

**NOTE**

For additional authorized persons, check here and include the information on a separate sheet.

Name of Person Authorized to Act for Trust, Corporation, or Other Entity

First

Middle Initial

Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

 U.S. Citizen U.S. Resident Alien

You must indicate a residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses.

Residential Street Address of Authorized Person:

Street Number

Street Name

Apartment, Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

**STEP 3****Tell Us About the Successor Account Holder (Optional)**

You may name a Successor Account Holder to take over control of the Account if the Account Holder dies or becomes legally incapacitated. A residential street address need not be provided at this time.

**Successor Account Holder's Name**

First

Middle Initial



Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)


 U.S. Citizen

 U.S. Resident Alien
**STEP 4****Tell Us About the Beneficiary (Student)**

Each Account is for the benefit of only one Beneficiary (student). You may open as many Accounts for as many different Beneficiaries as you want, but you must complete a separate account-opening form for each Beneficiary. Any U.S. citizen or resident alien, including the Account Holder, can be the Beneficiary.

**Beneficiary's Name**

First

Middle Initial



Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)


 U.S. Citizen

 U.S. Resident Alien
**Address of Beneficiary**

Street Number

Street Name



Apartment, Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

**STEP 5****Choose Your Initial Contribution Method****NOTE**

For Account Holder and Beneficiary changes, please complete this form and include a Change of Account Holder or Change of Beneficiary form.

Use Step 5 to select the funding type(s) for your initial investment. You may select more than one option. For rollovers, complete this step and the Rollovers Only form.

**Investment Options**

- Invest via Check or Money Order  
Make payable to UA College Savings Plan.  
Go to Step 6.
- Invest via Automatic Asset Builder/Payroll Deduction  
Go to Step 6, 7 and 8.
- Invest via Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend  
Check the UA College Savings Plan box on the PFD application to contribute one-half of your PFD to your new Account.  
Go to Step 6.
- Invest via Electronic Transfer  
Transfer assets from your financial institution to your Plan Account. Transfers occur on a scheduled basis for Automatic Asset Builder or only when you initiate them and are made through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network.  
Go to Steps 6, 7 and 8.

**Rollovers**

- Invest via Direct Rollover from Another College Savings Plan (529 Plan)
- Invest via Indirect Rollover from a Coverdell Education Savings Account, Qualified U.S. Savings Bonds, or from Another 529 Plan within the Last 60 Days  
You must provide an account statement from your current plan or IRS Form 1099-INT. You must also provide the earnings applicable to the rollover. Otherwise, the entire contribution will be treated as earnings for tax purposes.

Earnings

\$ 

Basis (Principal)

\$ 

Amount of Rollover Distribution

\$  0.00

529000  
100000

**STEP 6****Choose Your Portfolio(s)****NOTE**

The minimum initial contribution is \$250, unless you invest at least \$50 through regular monthly payments (Automatic Asset Builder), the Alaska PFD program or Direct Rollover.

The Plan offers three different investment approaches. Select from Portfolio options A, B, or C, or select a combination. If you do not select a Portfolio, an Enrollment-Based Portfolio will be chosen for you, based on the Beneficiary's age and expected college entry date.

- If you are making an initial contribution and investing via regular monthly payments (Automatic Asset Builder), check box, complete Steps 6, 7 and 8.
- If you are making an initial contribution and investing via a direct rollover, check box, complete Step 6 and fill out the Rollovers Only form.

Assets are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds and money market funds allocated according to when the Beneficiary is expected to enter college. As the Beneficiary approaches college enrollment, the investment will move to an increasingly conservative allocation.

**A Enrollment-Based Portfolios**

- Portfolio for College \$
- Portfolio 2006 \$
- Portfolio 2009 \$
- Portfolio 2012 \$
- Portfolio 2015 \$
- Portfolio 2018 \$
- Portfolio 2021 \$
- Portfolio 2024 \$



The allocations of these Portfolios remain fixed within a specified range.

**B Static Portfolios**

- Equity  
Primarily stock funds \$
- Fixed Income  
Primarily bond funds \$
- Balanced  
Approximately 60% stock funds and 40% fixed-income funds \$
- Money Market \$



The return on a contribution to the ACT Portfolio is guaranteed to keep pace with tuition increases at the University of Alaska under certain conditions.

**C ACT Portfolio**

- ACT Portfolio  
Approximately 30% stock funds and 70% fixed-income funds \$

**NOTE**

Be sure to total the amounts in A, B, and C on this line.

**TOTAL INVESTMENT**  
Add up amounts in A, B, and C

\$  **TOTAL INVESTMENT**

**STEP 7****Invest Systematically through Automatic Asset Builder (optional)****NOTE**

- To invest monthly through payroll deductions, check here. The UA College Savings Plan will mail you instructions.

The Automatic Asset Builder service makes contributing to your Plan even more convenient. With Automatic Asset Builder, you can invest in your Account systematically via monthly or semi-monthly payments from your bank account. Complete Step 7 as well as the electronic funds transfer information in Step 8 to activate Automatic Asset Builder.

Refer to this list of available portfolios to complete the information in this step.

Enrollment-Based Portfolios	Static Portfolios	ACT Portfolio
Portfolio for College	Equity	ACT Portfolio
Portfolio 2006	Fixed Income	
Portfolio 2009	Balanced	
Portfolio 2012	Money Market	
Portfolio 2015		
Portfolio 2018		
Portfolio 2021		
Portfolio 2024		

**A Portfolio 1 – Monthly Investment**

Print the name of any Portfolios you selected from Step 6.

Portfolio Name (e.g., Portfolio for College)

Amount of Regular Investment (\$50 minimum)

\$

Day(s) of Month You Would Like to Invest

and  of every month

This service allows you to automatically invest in your Plan Account (minimum \$50). You must also complete the electronic funds transfer information in Step 8.

**B Portfolio 2 – Monthly Investment**

Portfolio Name

Amount of Regular Investment (\$50 minimum)

\$

Day(s) of Month You Would Like to Invest

and  of every month

**C Portfolio 3 – Monthly Investment**

Portfolio Name

Amount of Regular Investment (\$50 minimum)

\$

Day(s) of Month You Would Like to Invest

and  of every month

**STEP 8** Electronic Funds Transfer (Optional Service)

Check this box to transfer assets from your bank to your Plan Account.

Complete Step 8 to allow for the transfer of funds from an account at your financial institution to your Plan Account. Transfers may occur on a scheduled basis as selected in Step 7 or only when indicated by you.

The check or deposit slip must be preprinted with your name and address. We cannot accept starter checks.

J.A. Customer  
123 Main Street  
Any where, USA 12345

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1563

PAY TO THE ORDER OF \_\_\_\_\_

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

VOID

**Tape Your Preprinted  
Voided Check or Deposit  
Slip Here.**

We cannot establish these options without it.  
(Please do not use staples.)

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Indicate the account type.

in  Checking  Savings

If the Account Holder or Custodian is not listed on the attached check, the bank account owner must sign below.

By selecting the electronic transfer service, I, the contributor, hereby authorize T. Rowe Price to initiate debit entries to the account at the financial institution indicated (on the attached voided check) and for the financial institution to debit such account through the ACH network, subject to the rules of the financial institution, ACH, and T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price may correct any transaction errors with a debit or credit to my financial institution account and/or Plan Account. This authorization, including any credit or debit entries initiated thereunder, is in full force and effect until I notify T. Rowe Price of its revocation by telephone or in writing and T. Rowe Price has had sufficient time to act on it.

Sign here ONLY if the Account Holder's name is not on this check.

\_\_\_\_\_  
X

Bank Account Owner's Signature

Today's Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

**STEP 9****Activate Your Account**

Please read this information and sign this form on page 11 to activate your Account.

**ACCOUNT AGREEMENT**

- By signing this Agreement, I understand and I hereby certify that:
- I am applying for an Account under the Plan and consent and agree to all the terms and conditions of the Plan Disclosure Document, the Education Trust of Alaska ("Trust"), Declaration of Trust ("Declaration"), and the UA College Savings Plan, which are all expressly incorporated by reference herein. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings specified in the Declaration. I acknowledge and agree that this Agreement will govern all aspects of my participation in the Plan. I understand that I may obtain a copy of the Declaration or the Plan Disclosure Document by calling a Customer Service Representative. I further acknowledge that this Agreement shall be construed, governed, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Alaska.
  - The information in this Agreement is accurate, and I agree to hold harmless the Trust, T. Rowe Price, the Trustee, and the University for any losses arising out of any misrepresentations made by me or breach of acknowledgements contained in this Agreement as described in Section 6.15 of the Declaration.
  - The Alaska College Savings Act requires that the name, address, and other information identifying a person as an Account Holder or Beneficiary in the Trust be confidential. The Declaration provides that this information must not be disclosed by the Trust or T. Rowe Price to other persons except as specified in the Declaration, such as in connection with servicing or maintaining your Account, as may be permitted or required by law or in accordance with your written consent. I hereby authorize the Trust and T. Rowe Price to disclose such information in accordance with the Privacy Policy of the Trust, as may be amended from time to time, including disclosure to regulatory agencies and authorized auditors and compliance personnel for regulatory, audit, or compliance purposes and to third parties for performance of administrative and marketing services relating to the Plan. The Trust and T. Rowe Price and its affiliates may in the future alert me to other savings or investment programs. I understand that I may contact a T. Rowe Price Customer Service Representative if I do not wish to receive such information.
  - If I am executing this Agreement on behalf of a minor Account Holder, I certify that I am of legal age in my state of residence and am legally authorized to act on behalf of such minor.
  - If I am funding this Account with proceeds from the sale of assets held in a custodial account established under an UGMA/UTMA, the Beneficiary and Account Holder identified in this Agreement is the same as the minor on the prior UGMA/UTMA account. I certify that if I am funding this Account from a prior 529 distribution for the same Beneficiary, that there have been no other rollovers for the same Beneficiary in the previous 12 months. I certify that any contributions that are rollovers from a Coverdell Education Savings Account, qualified U.S. Savings Bonds, or a prior 529 plan distribution will be disclosed as such and the applicable earnings and basis information provided.
  - By completing this Account Agreement I waive any present or future right to request a 90-day refund of any contribution made through the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. (The Account Holder may request distributions of PFD contributions in accordance with the Plan distribution procedures.)
  - I authorize T. Rowe Price, its agents and their affiliates, and the Trust to act on instructions believed to be genuine and from me for any service authorized in this Agreement, including telephone/computer services. T. Rowe Price and the Trust use procedures designed to verify the authenticity of the Account Holder or Custodian. If these procedures are followed, T. Rowe Price and the Trust will not be liable for any loss that may result from acting on unauthorized instructions. I understand that anyone who can properly identify my Account(s) can make telephone/computer transactions on my behalf.
  - By selecting the electronic transfer service in Step 8, I hereby authorize T. Rowe Price to initiate debit entries to the account at the financial institution indicated (on the attached voided check) and for the financial institution to debit such account through the ACH network, subject to the rules of the financial institution, ACH, and T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price may correct any transaction errors with a debit or credit to my financial institution account and/or Plan Account. This authorization, including any credit or debit entries initiated thereunder, is in full force and effect until I notify T. Rowe Price of its revocation by telephone or in writing and T. Rowe Price has had sufficient time to act on it.

**STEP 9** Activate Your Account *(Continued)*

By having the Plan accept delivery of this Account Agreement, executed by me and in good order, the Trust acknowledges acceptance of this Agreement, binding the Trust and me, in accordance with its terms.

If you have additional questions, please call us at (800) 478-0003.

PLEASE SIGN HERE

**YOU MUST SIGN HERE** ►  
to activate your Account.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Account Holder, Custodian (if Account Holder is a minor) or Trustee (if applicable)

Today's Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Printed Name of Signer

**TIP ► Did you remember to include:**

Mail this form to:

UA College Savings Plan  
P.O. Box 17300  
Baltimore, MD 21298-8670

- Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number of the Account Holder\*
- Residential address for the Account Holder and Custodian (if necessary)\*
- Date of birth (or effective date of Trust) for the Account Holder\*
- A check or money order for your initial investment (if applicable)
- Name and Social Security Number of the Successor Account Holder (if applicable)
- A voided check or deposit slip for the electronic funds transfer service (if applicable)
- Social Security Number and date of birth of the Beneficiary (student)
- Copy of Trust or corporate documents (if applicable)

\* We will not be able to open your Account until we receive all of this required information.

Registered, certified, and express mail items only:

UA College Savings Plan  
Attn: T. Rowe Price Account Services  
Mail Code: 17300  
4515 Painters Mill Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117-4903

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