



Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program NEWSLETTER

Their Dream,
Your Promise,
Our Plan.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER



"I encourage you to 'save for college, one step at a time.' Carefully consider the many options offered by the Nevada College Savings Plans as a way of providing your child with a gift that will last a lifetime—a college education."

Kate Marshall, Nevada State Treasurer

NEVADA PREPAID TUITION PROGRAM

By owning a Nevada Prepaid Tuition Contract, you know the importance of locking in tomorrow's tuition at today's rates. We appreciate your continued loyalty and commitment to prepare for your child's future educational needs. Since its inception in 1998, the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program has enrolled more than 13,525 children and has helped nearly 2,500 students attend an institution of higher education. Each year, more and more Nevada families are realizing the financial peace of mind that this Program provides.



An increasingly popular component of the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program is a gift coupon option that can be used by other family members and friends to give a gift towards your child's contract. The coupon, available on our website, can be used for birthdays, religious celebrations, graduations, or any other special occasion.

Visit NevadaTreasurer.gov or call (888) 477-2667 for more information.

Do you know...

On average, parents pay the highest share of college costs, including an average of 37% from their income and savings and 10% from personal borrowing. (Gallup and Sallie Mae, *How America Pays for College 2010*.)

Do you know...

The average cost of tuition and fees at a Nevada 4-year private college for 2010-2011 is \$24,560, up \$1,582 from last year. The average for an in-state 4-year public college is \$5,331, up \$788 from last year. (College Board, Table 6C at http://trends.collegeboard.org/college_pricing.)

NEVADA \$529 COLLEGE SAVINGS DAY CONTEST

Coming April 2011

In April 2011, the Nevada State Treasurer's Office will host its third annual Nevada \$529 College Savings Day Contest. This exciting contest is open to all students from kindergarten through fifth grade who attend a public or private school in the state of Nevada.

Winners receive \$529 toward opening or enhancing their own college savings plan and are chosen at random from schools across the state. Contest entrants have the choice of submitting a drawing of their career choice on the entry form, or submitting an essay outlining their career ambitions.

Watch NevadaTreasurer.gov for more details as the contest gets closer!



SILVER STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM¹

Helping Nevada's families save for higher education

The Silver State Matching Grant Program is ready to help qualifying Upromise College Fund 529 Plan account owners jump-start their higher education savings. If you qualify, the Program will match your annual Upromise College Fund 529 Plan contribution with a grant of up to \$300 (with a lifetime maximum of \$1,500).

Don't wait! The period for mailing an application and required materials runs from March 1 to June 30. To see if you qualify for a Silver State Matching Grant, visit upromisecollegefund.com and click on the *Nevada Residents* link.

Do you know...

In 2009, median family income for those with a bachelor's degree or more was \$99,707, compared to \$48,637 for those with a high school diploma. (The College Board, *Trends in College Pricing 2010*.)



WALK INTO MY FUTURE LAUNCHES IN NEVADA

On a crisp Saturday afternoon in November, an enthusiastic group of students and teachers at the Sue Morrow Elementary School in Henderson kicked off Nevada's first "Walk Into My Future" walkathon.



The students asked family, friends, and neighbors to make pledges to help their Upromise College Fund 529 Plan accounts grow. They walked a full 16 laps around the school field to complete 5.29k and earn their pledges for college.



Congratulations to the children of Sue Morrow Elementary School for showing their commitment to their future!

If you would like to organize a "Walk Into My Future" event for your school, organization, or community, visit walkintomyfuture.com/nevada for information.

¹Matching grants are subject to availability of funds, and there is no guarantee of the continued operation of the Silver State Matching Grant Program.

For more information about the Upromise College Fund 529 Plan call 1-800-587-7305 or visit www.upromisecollegefund.com to obtain a Plan Description and Participation Agreement. Investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other important information are included in the Plan Description; read and consider it carefully before investing. Upromise Investments, Inc., Distributor and Underwriter.

If you are not a Nevada taxpayer, consider before investing whether your or the designated beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other benefits that are only available for investments in such state's qualified tuition program.

The Upromise College Fund 529 Plan (Plan) is administered by the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plans of Nevada (Board), chaired by the Nevada State Treasurer Kate Marshall. Upromise Investments, Inc. (UII) serves as the Program Manager. UII has overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations, including marketing and distribution of the Plan. The Vanguard Group, Inc. serves as Investment Manager for the Plan except for the Savings Portfolio, which is managed by Sallie Mae Bank. The Plan's Portfolios invest in either (i) mutual funds offered or managed by Vanguard; or (ii) a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured omnibus savings account held in trust by the Board at Sallie Mae Bank. Upromise, Inc., UII and Sallie Mae Bank are affiliates. Except for the Savings Portfolio, investments in the Plan are not insured by the FDIC. Units of the Portfolios are municipal securities and the value of units will vary with market conditions.

Investment returns will vary depending upon the performance of the Portfolios you choose. Except to the extent of FDIC insurance available for the Savings Portfolio, you could lose all or a portion of your money by investing in the Plan, depending on market conditions. Account Owners assume all investment risks as well as responsibility for any federal and state tax consequences.

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