



## Using a 529 Plan to fund your child's K-12 education.

### **What is a 529 plan?**

A 529 plan is a tax-advantage savings plan, authorized by the IRS, designed to help pay for education. It's available to any citizen or taxpayer, and just about anyone can help contribute to the plan, including grandparents, other family members and friends.

### **How can a 529 plan benefit me?**

A 529 savings plan can help you save more of your education-earmarked money over time. Any earnings grow free from federal tax, and many states offer a state income tax deduction or tax credit for contributions. In the State of Georgia, contributions are deductible up to \$8,000 per year per beneficiary for joint filers, and \$4,000 per year per beneficiary for all others. Qualified withdrawals are not subject to Georgia income tax. Nonqualified withdrawals may be subject income tax. You should consult a qualified advisor about how withdrawals may affect your circumstances.

### **Can funds from a 529 plan be used for my child's tuition and fees at FPD?**

Yes. Up to \$10,000 annually can be used toward K-12 school tuition per student from all 529 plans.

### **Is setting up a 529 plan for my child right for me?**

Only you can figure that out. 529 plans are not for everyone. Setting up a 529 plan is an investment decision, which means both the benefits and drawbacks must be considered, along with alternative ways of accomplishing the same thing. There are many independent sources of information on 529 plans. Also, you may want to consider consulting a trusted tax professional or financial planner. For more information, go to [www.path2college529.com](http://www.path2college529.com).

### **What is the process I can use for paying FPD tuition and fees with 529 funds?**

Contact your 529 plan sponsor to procure a withdrawal form that you will complete and return to them. Your sponsor may ask you to have FPD complete a separate form, attesting of your child's enrollment.

For more information about...

- Q&A about a 529 plan, go to <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/529-plans-questions-and-answers>.
- 529 plans in Georgia, go to [www.path2college529.com](http://www.path2college529.com)

*The information herein should not be interpreted as tax advice or counsel, as laws are subject to change and everyone's tax situation is different. Please confer with your tax accountant or attorney in any tax planning, including use of a 529 plan.*