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Vermont's 529 savings plan.
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What is a 529 plan?

A 529 plan is a savings plan designed to help families set aside funds for education, with tax advantages to help make saving easier. The plans are named after Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and many 529 plans are operated by state agencies. Vermont's 529 plan, the Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan (VHEIP), is administered by VSAC, the state's higher education agency.

Visit **vheip.org** for details on VHEIP, the Vermont income tax credit, and other tax benefits.

A VHEIP account is a smart choice

"As state treasurer, I see lots of good investment strategies, and VHEIP is one of the best. It provides meaningful tax advantages for you now, while enabling you to invest in your child's or grandchild's future college education. Every child deserves a chance to go to college, and VHEIP can help make that possible."

— BETH PEARCE, VERMONT STATE TREASURER

The Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan is sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, a public nonprofit established by the Vermont Legislature in 1965 to help Vermont students and families plan, save, and pay for college. Before investing, please read the Disclosure Booklet carefully (available at vheip.org) or call 800-637-5860.



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Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan



Features:

- Get a VT income tax credit on contributions for education after high school
- Money can be transferred to other beneficiaries
- Choice of investment options
- No time or age limit for using funds



Help a child in your life plan for college or training after high school. Vermont's 529 college savings plan can help you get there.

Why save for college?

A college education is one of the most important investments you can make in your child or loved one's future. Employers say that 70% of tomorrow's jobs will require a postsecondary degree or credential, and students from families who save even a small amount for education are three times more likely to attend and complete college.

The benefits of education last a lifetime: Reports show that college graduates experience higher earnings, higher job satisfaction, and healthier lifestyles than individuals without a degree.

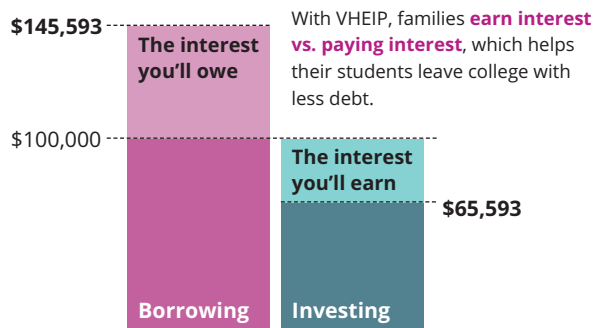
A 529 plan offers tax advantages and benefits that are designed to help families save for education.

By saving with Vermont's 529 college savings plan:

- your savings add up over time.
- you reduce the need to borrow for a college degree or training program.
- earnings and withdrawals in 529 plans aren't taxed if used for qualified expenses.
- assets in a 529 account are treated favorably for financial aid purposes.

The "cost" of a \$100,000 education (example)

Saving and investing for college instead of relying entirely on loans cuts the cost by more than half.



Assumptions: 8% interest and level payments over 10 years.

Source: collegesavings.org/why-save-for-college

Make your money go farther

Start small and contribute regularly

Saving even small amounts adds up over time.

- Open an account with as little as \$25 or make a contribution of any amount to an existing account.
- Set up automatic deposits through payroll deduction to help you stay on track.
- E-gift invitations make it easy for friends or relatives to help you save.

Get a Vermont tax credit

As Vermont's official 529 plan, VHEIP is the only 529 college savings plan that qualifies for the Vermont state income tax credit of up to \$250 per beneficiary per account (\$500 per beneficiary for couples filing jointly) on yearly contributions for higher education.

Get additional tax benefits

VHEIP earnings are free from federal and Vermont income tax when used for qualified higher education expenses. You won't pay a penny on what you earn if it's used for a qualified expense for college or training or rolled over to a member of the beneficiary's family, including yourself.

Manage your savings with flexible features

- Anyone—parent, relative, friend—can open an account and contribute to a beneficiary.
- Money can be transferred to another beneficiary or account owner at any time.
- Choice of investment options that you can change twice a year whenever you want to.
- No time or age limit for using funds.

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