

JOHN HANCOCK FREEDOM 529

Bringing our multimanager expertise to every education savings portfolio

A unique partnership

Following the overall investment guidelines established by the Education Trust of Alaska, John Hancock Investments and T. Rowe Price jointly research and select asset managers for the plan's investment options, then continually monitor those managers to help keep your investments on track. This unique partnership offers a level of investment oversight that is hard to match with other 529 plans.

A better way to invest

In partnership with T. Rowe Price, we search the world to find proven portfolio management teams with specialized expertise for every fund we offer, then apply vigorous investment oversight to ensure they continue to meet our uncompromising standards.

- Over 200 professionals dedicated to investment manager research and oversight
- Over 300 meetings each year to identify proven managers
- More than 100 in-person oversight meetings with managers annually

Deeper diversification

A key benefit of our asset allocation approach comes from combining multiple investment styles and multiple managers, resulting in a deeper level of diversification backed by the oversight of two leading investment organizations.

- **Oversight**—Monitoring each portfolio team for the repeatability of its investment process and management of risk
- **Various asset classes**—Both within and beyond traditional equity and fixed income
- **Broad range of styles**—Continual exposure to a variety of strategies, as different characteristics go in and out of favor
- **Multiple managers**—A diversity of approaches from some of the world's best managers

Our 529 portfolios bring together some of the best investment teams from around the world
























A powerful way to save



TAX ADVANTAGES

- **Your account can accumulate and compound tax free¹**—You pay no federal income taxes on your earnings when you withdraw the money to pay for qualified education expenses. Since the earnings are not taxed, your savings can accumulate faster than in a taxable account.
- **Your contributions may qualify for a tax deduction²**—Seven states—Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, and Pennsylvania—allow you to deduct some or all of your contributions to John Hancock Freedom 529 plan on your state income-tax return.



FLEXIBILITY

- **Anyone can invest on behalf of your child**—Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends can all contribute to your child's account. There are no income or age limits for contributors, and each account can accept as much as \$475,000 in total contributions.³
- **You can take advantage of special gifting flexibility**—You can make five years' worth of contributions in a single year—up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for couples filing jointly) per beneficiary—without triggering federal gift taxes.⁴ Contributions directly reduce the value of the donor's taxable estate, providing potential estate planning advantages.
- **You can use it at any accredited college nationwide, as well as K through grade 12**—Unlike prepaid tuition plans, 529 plan proceeds can be used at any accredited college to pay for tuition, fees, room and board, computers, books, and other qualified expenses. Plus, you can now use your 529 plan to pay for your child's primary and secondary private school education (of up to \$10,000 per year in tuition only).
- **You can get in-state tuition in Alaska**—As a John Hancock Freedom 529 account holder or beneficiary, you may qualify for in-state tuition at the University of Alaska, regardless of the state you live in. To qualify, you need to hold your account for at least the two years immediately preceding enrollment.



CONTROL

- **You control the account**—Unlike with UGMA/UTMA accounts, you retain control over withdrawals for the life of the account. You can even change beneficiaries to another family member if you decide not to use it for your child's education or if there is money left over.
- **Creditor protection**—Alaska state law protects assets invested in the plan from claims by creditors of the account owner and beneficiaries in most cases.⁵



DIVERSIFICATION

- **You can benefit from a deeper level of diversification**—Jointly managed by John Hancock Investments and T. Rowe Price, the plan's ready-built investment options offer diversification by asset class, investment style, and manager, along with a level of investment oversight that's hard to match with other 529 plans.

Ask your advisor

Talk to your financial advisor today about the benefits of saving for education with the John Hancock Freedom 529 plan.

¹ State tax laws and treatment may vary. Earnings on nonqualified distributions will be subject to income tax and a 10% federal penalty tax. Please consult your tax advisor for more information. ² Consult your financial, tax, or other advisor to learn more about how state-based benefits (including any limitations) would apply to your specific circumstances. ³ Contributions cannot cause the account balance to exceed \$475,000 per beneficiary. ⁴ For 2018. ⁵ Each account is designed to be protected from the claims by creditors of the account holder and beneficiary, with the exception of contributions made to accounts after being in default of child support obligations for 30 days. Please refer to the Plan Disclosure Document for more information.

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