



529 Account Information and IRS Scammers

[Did You Know That Beginning in 2018 Your 529 Can Be Used For Primary Education](#)

Beginning in 2018, your 529's can now be used for both primary and secondary education. Unlike funding for college, however, there is a maximum withdrawal of \$10,000 per student per year that can be used for school tuition only, not for books, fees and other school-related or enrichment activities.

Currently, there are 30 states that will follow the federal reform. New York State Department of taxation, however, has indicated that 529 distributions used for K-12 tuition may not qualify for a state deduction, so you may have to pay state income tax on any 529 investment gains if the distribution is used for K-12 tuition. This new legislation and its tax impact is still being evaluated by New York State. We will provide additional updates as we receive them.

Scammers Are Still on the Prowl for Your Personal Information

Scammers posing as IRS agents are still looking to obtain your personal information. If anyone says they are calling from the IRS, be sure to ask for their full name, badge number and call-back number. You should also note the caller ID number if available. Do not provide them with any of your personal information. You can then call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to determine if the caller is indeed an IRS employee with a legitimate need to contact you. If the call was a scam, you can report it to phishing@irs.gov.

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, DO NOT give out your personal information to anyone unless you know who they are and you initiated the contact. The IRS will still use US mail as their primary way to contact you.

