



Coverdell Education Savings Account

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COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Certain Definitions:

"**Code**" means the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

"**Contributor**" means the individual that signs the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement in connection with the initial deposit to the Coverdell ESA Account, or if no Contributor is named in the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement, Contributor means the individual named as the Responsible Individual in the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement. Contributor also means any other person or entity that contributes to the Coverdell ESA Account.

"**Coverdell Agreement**" or "**Agreement**" means and includes all of the following documents:

- Coverdell Education Savings Account Adoption Agreement or "Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement";
- Coverdell Education Savings Account Custodial Agreement or "Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement";
- Coverdell Education Savings Account Summary Disclosure or "Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure";
- Coverdell Education Savings Account Application Instructions or ("Coverdell ESA Instructions"); and
- Privacy Policy of the Custodian which together constitute a binding agreement between the Contributor and the Custodian.

"**Coverdell ESA**" means a Coverdell Education Savings Account that satisfied the requirements of Code Section 530.

"**Coverdell ESA Account**" and "**Custodial Account**" each mean the Coverdell Education Savings Account established by the Contributor with the Custodian by properly completing and signing the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement.

"**Custodian**", "**we**" and "**us**" each means BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company.

"**Designated Beneficiary**" means the individual named as Designated Beneficiary on the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement, for whose benefit the Coverdell ESA Account is established.

"**Eligible Investment**" means the Investments in the Custodial Account that have been designated by the Custodian as eligible for investment.

“Fund Shares” means shares of a Mutual Fund.

“Ineligible Investments” means any investments that have not been designated as Eligible Investment in the Custodial Account by the Custodian.

“Investments” means the assets in the Custodial Account that are invested in Eligible Investments.

“IRS” means the Internal Revenue Service.

“Mutual Fund” means a managed portfolio of investments that pools money from many investors to purchase securities.

“Responsible Individual” means the individual named as the Responsible Individual on the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement, who is generally the parent or legal guardian of the Designated Beneficiary, and who generally controls all decisions regarding the ESA Account, including authorizing payments from the Coverdell ESA Account.

“Sponsor” means the entity with whom the Custodian has entered into a written agreement to offer the Custodial Account to purchasers of Eligible Investments.

General Instructions:

Complete and sign the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement. Refer to the Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure or IRS Publication 970 for eligibility requirements and contribution restrictions.

Contributions may be made to the Coverdell ESA Account for a Designated Beneficiary under the age of 18 by one or more individuals, but the total contributions made to all Coverdell ESAs for the Designated Beneficiary cannot exceed \$2,000 for any tax year. This rule does not apply to:

1. Contributions which are qualified rollover contributions as described in the Code or,
2. Contributions which are the result of a transfer of assets from the custodian or trustee of another Coverdell ESA.

Contributions to the Coverdell ESA Account may be invested solely in Investments permissible under the Code which have been designated by the Custodian as eligible for investment in the ESA Custodial Account, including one or more Mutual Funds designated by the Custodian. (See “Available Options for Your Contributions” in the ESA Summary Disclosure.) You may obtain prospectuses for the Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments by calling 1-800-228-1872.

Before investing in a Mutual Fund, please be sure to read the prospectus for that Mutual Fund carefully. All portions of the Coverdell Agreement are binding, so you should read all of the Coverdell Agreement, including in particular the section titled "Available Options for Your Contributions" in the Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure, the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, and the "Terms and Conditions" on the signature page of the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement.

Please make checks payable to Sterling Capital Funds. The minimum initial investment is \$1,000.

Special Instructions Regarding Transfers and Rollovers:

To establish a Coverdell ESA Account using assets from another Coverdell ESA, follow the general instructions for establishing a Coverdell ESA Account, and note where provided on the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement that the contribution is a transfer or rollover from another Coverdell ESA.

Investments may be transferred or rolled over to this Coverdell ESA Account from another Coverdell ESA in the name of the Designated Beneficiary, or from a Coverdell ESA held by a family member of the Designated Beneficiary (subject to certain restrictions).

1. For transfers (directly from the current trustee or custodian), please complete the "ESA Transfer of Assets Form."
2. For rollovers, please complete the "ESA Certification of Rollover Assets". Rollovers must be completed within 60 calendar days of receipt.

Mail the Completed Application to:

First Class Mail:

Sterling Capital Funds
P.O. Box 9762
Providence, RI 02940-9762

Overnight Mail:

Sterling Capital Funds
4400 Computer Drive
Westborough, MA 01581
1-800-228-1872

COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT SUMMARY DISCLOSURE

This Coverdell Education Savings Account Summary Disclosure (“Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure”) is intended to provide you with an understandable summary of the significant provisions and rules of the Coverdell Education Savings Account Custodial Agreement (“Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement”) that affect your rights and responsibilities for the Coverdell Education Savings Account (“Coverdell ESA Account”) created by the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement. In addition to this Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure, you should carefully read the following additional disclosure materials: the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, the "Terms and Conditions" on the signature page of the Coverdell Education Savings Account Adoption Agreement (“Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement”), and the prospectus applicable to each Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment in which contributions to the Coverdell ESA Account will be invested.

Custodian's Requirements That May Affect Your Account

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company (referred to in this Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure as “BNY Mellon,” “Custodian,” “we,” or “us”) provides custodial and administrative services for your Coverdell ESA Account. As a result of this role, persons who open a Coverdell ESA are considered ‘customers’ of BNY Mellon. Such persons are referred to as “you” or “your” in this Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure.

Federal law requires the Custodian, as a financial institution, to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens a Coverdell ESA. All Coverdell ESAs we open are opened on a conditional basis – conditioned on our ability to verify your identity in accordance with Federal law. When establishing a Coverdell ESA, you are required to provide your full legal name, address, government issued identification number (e.g. Social Security number), date of birth, and other information required to open your Coverdell ESA Account. We may also request a copy of your driver’s license or other identifying documents and may consult third-party databases to help verify your identity. If the Coverdell ESA Account you are opening will be registered in the name of a beneficiary, or estate, we may require additional identifying documentation.

If you fail to provide any requested identifying information or documentation when opening your Coverdell ESA Account, your new account application may be rejected. If we open your Coverdell ESA Account, and you subsequently fail to provide all identification materials we request, or if we are subsequently unable to adequately verify your identity as required by U.S. Government regulations, we reserve the right to take any one or more of the following actions:

- We may place restrictions on your Coverdell ESA Account which block all purchase transactions, and we may place additional restrictions on your

Coverdell ESA Account blocking other transactional activities if we determine such additional restrictions are appropriate under Federal law or regulation.

- We may close your Coverdell ESA Account, sell (i.e., "liquidate") the assets in your Coverdell ESA Account in the prevailing market at the time, and send you a check representing the cash proceeds of your Coverdell ESA Account. This distribution will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and may result in unfavorable consequences to you under Federal or state tax laws.

You May Incur Losses. Despite being opened as a conditional Coverdell ESA Account, your Coverdell ESA Account will be invested as you instruct and you will be subject to all market risks during the period between account opening and any liquidation necessitated by your failure to furnish requested identifying information or by an inability to adequately verify your identity. You may also be subject to additional market risks if the additional transactional restrictions discussed in the first bullet above are placed on your Coverdell ESA Account. In addition, the closing of your Coverdell ESA Account may subject you to fees and charges imposed under the terms of the Eligible Investment in which you are invested, and any sales charges you may have paid in connection with your purchases will not be refunded.

You Assume All Responsibility For These Losses. The Custodian expressly disclaims any responsibility or liability for losses you incur as a result of your failure to furnish identification materials we request, including investment losses and any other loss or damage (including but not limited to lost opportunities and adverse tax consequences). If you proceed with the Coverdell ESA Account opening process, you accept all risks of loss resulting from any failure of yours to furnish the identification materials we request or from a subsequent inability to adequately verify your identity in accordance with Federal law.

STATE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LAW DISCLOSURE

The assets in your Coverdell ESA Account are subject to state unclaimed property laws which provide that if no activity occurs in your Coverdell ESA Account within the time period specified by the particular state law, your assets must be transferred to the appropriate state. We are required by law to advise you that your assets may be transferred to an appropriate state in compliance with these state laws.

Applicable Definitions

The following definitions may be applicable to your Coverdell ESA Account:

"Agreement" or **"Coverdell Agreement"** means and includes all of the following documents: (i) Coverdell Education Savings Account Adoption Agreement or "Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement"; (ii) Coverdell Education Savings Account Custodial Agreement or "Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement"; and (iii) Coverdell Education Savings Account Summary Disclosure or "Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure"; (iv)

Coverdell Education Savings Account Application Instructions (“Coverdell ESA Instructions”); and (v) Privacy Policy of the Custodian; which together constitute a binding agreement between the Contributor and the Custodian.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

"Contributor" means the individual that makes the initial contribution and establishes the Coverdell ESA Account by executing the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement. Subsequent contributions to the Coverdell ESA Account may be made by the original Contributor or by other eligible contributors. The Contributor may also be the Designated Beneficiary and/or the Responsible Individual.

"Coverdell Education Savings Account Custodial Agreement" or **"Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement"** means the document that establishes your Coverdell ESA Account. Articles I through IX of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement are substantially the same as Articles I through IX of IRS Form 5305-EA which is the IRS model custodial account form. Certain additional terms have been added as Article X. Coverdell ESAs established using the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement will meet the requirements of the Code applicable to Coverdell ESAs.

"Coverdell ESA" means a Coverdell Education Savings Account that satisfies the requirements of Section 530 of the Code. (“Coverdell ESA” is used in the Agreement to generally refer to all Coverdell Education Savings Accounts. “Coverdell ESA Account” is used in this Agreement to refer to the specific Coverdell ESA Account created by the execution of a Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement under the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement.)

"Custodian," "we" and "us" each mean BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company.

"Designated Beneficiary" means the individual named as Designated Beneficiary on the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement, for whose benefit the Coverdell ESA Account is established. Except for "special needs Designated Beneficiaries," no contribution can be made after the Designated Beneficiary's 18th birthday. The Designated Beneficiary may also be the Contributor and/or the Responsible Individual.

"Coverdell ESA Account" or **"Custodial Account"** means a Coverdell ESA established by the Contributor by properly completing and signing the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement under the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement with the Custodian.

"Eligible Investments" means the Investments in the Custodial Account that have been designated by the Custodian as eligible for investment.

"Family Member" means the spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, parent, niece or nephew, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-

in-law, and first cousin of the Designated Beneficiary and the spouse of any of the foregoing except first cousins.

“Fund Shares” means shares of a Mutual Fund.

“Ineligible Investments” means any investments that have not been designated as Eligible Investment in the Custodial Account by the Custodian.

“Investments” means the assets in the Custodial Account that are invested in Eligible Investments.

“IRS” means the Internal Revenue Service.

“Mutual Fund” means a managed portfolio of investments that pools money from many investors to purchase securities.

“Responsible Individual” means the individual named as the Responsible Individual on the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement. The Responsible Individual generally controls all decisions relating to the Coverdell ESA Account, including authorizing payments from the Coverdell ESA Account. References to the Responsible Individual in the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement mean the individual designated as the Responsible Individual at the relevant time, whether such individual is also the Contributor, or Designated Beneficiary. There can be only one Responsible Individual at any time and generally must be a parent or legal guardian of the Designated Beneficiary. Generally, the Responsible Individual shall continue to serve as the Responsible Individual for the Coverdell ESA Account after the Designated Beneficiary attains the age of majority under state law, and until all assets have been distributed from the Coverdell ESA Account and the Account terminates. However, the Responsible Individual may, within his or her sole discretion, name the Designated Beneficiary as the Responsible Individual after the Designated Beneficiary attains the age of majority under state law.

“Sponsor” means the entity with whom the Custodian has entered into a written agreement to offer the Custodial Account in connection with the opening of the Custodial Account.

Rules and Restrictions That Apply to Your Coverdell ESA Account

A Coverdell ESA is a trust or custodial account that is created or organized in the United States exclusively for the purpose of paying the Qualified Education Expenses of the Designated Beneficiary of the Coverdell ESA. Your Coverdell ESA Account must be designated as a Coverdell ESA when you establish your Coverdell ESA Account in order for your Coverdell ESA Account to be treated as a Coverdell ESA for tax purposes.

To be an eligible Coverdell ESA, your Coverdell ESA Account must satisfy the following requirements:

Contributions

1. *Form of Contribution:* All contributions to the Coverdell ESA Account must be in the form of “cash,” but contributions to a Coverdell ESA are not deductible.
2. *Authorized Custodian:* The custodian or trustee must be a bank or other entity authorized by the IRS to act as trustee or custodian of an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA"). BNY Mellon is an authorized entity and can serve as Custodian of your Coverdell ESA Account.
3. *Who can contribute to a Coverdell ESA:*
 - Both individuals and entities can contribute to a Coverdell ESA. An individual does not have to be related to a Designated Beneficiary to contribute to a Coverdell ESA on behalf of the Designated Beneficiary.
 - Any individual may contribute to a Coverdell ESA if the individual's modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year for which the contribution is made is no more than \$95,000 (\$190,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly).
 - The maximum annual contribution per Designated Beneficiary is gradually reduced for individuals with modified adjusted gross income between \$95,000 and \$110,000 (between \$190,000 and \$220,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly).
 - Taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income above \$110,000 (\$220,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly) cannot make contributions to anyone's Coverdell ESA.
 - A Designated Beneficiary may contribute to his or her own Coverdell ESA Account.
 - An entity can make contributions to a Designated Beneficiary's Coverdell ESA without regard to such entity's adjusted gross income. For example, Century Computer Services, Inc. decides to make Coverdell ESA contributions on behalf of any child under the age of 18 of their employees in the amount of \$500. Century Computer Services, Inc. qualifies as a contributor regardless of the company's adjusted gross income, but the company cannot take a deduction for such contributions.
4. *Limits on Contributions:*

- Contributions to a Coverdell ESA are for the year received, except that contributions made between January 1 and April 15th may be designated as for the prior year.
- The maximum contribution to a Designated Beneficiary's Coverdell ESA is \$2,000 for each tax year until the Designated Beneficiary attains age 18. Assets transferred or rolled over into a Coverdell ESA are excluded from the annual contribution limit.
- For the year in which the Designated Beneficiary reaches age 18, contributions must be made on or before the Designated Beneficiary's 18th birthday, unless the Designated Beneficiary has "special needs" (as defined under IRS regulations).
- Contributions to a Coverdell ESA that was established for a "special needs" Designated Beneficiary may continue after the Designated Beneficiary's 18th birthday.
- Contributions may be made into a single Coverdell ESA or into multiple Coverdell ESAs for the benefit of any one Designated Beneficiary.

5. *Excess Contributions:*

- Aggregate contributions for the benefit of any one Designated Beneficiary in excess of the annual limit for a calendar year are treated as excess contributions.
- If the excess contributions (and any earnings attributable to them) are not withdrawn from the Coverdell ESA by May 31st of the following calendar year, the excess contribution is subject to a 6% excess tax for each year that the excess contribution remains in the Coverdell ESA.
- If the excess contributions (and any earnings) are timely withdrawn, no 6% excess tax applies. However, any earnings distributed in such a corrective distribution are taxable to the Designated Beneficiary, but no 10% additional tax applies to the earnings.

6. *Rollover and Transfer Contributions:*

- Coverdell ESAs may be rolled over to another Coverdell ESA for the same Designated Beneficiary, or to another Coverdell ESA for another Designated Beneficiary who is an eligible Family Member so long as the new Designated Beneficiary is under the age of 30.
- Trustee-to-Trustee transfers are allowed between Coverdell ESAs that are registered in the name of a single Designated Beneficiary. Trustee-to-Trustee transfers are also allowed between Coverdell ESAs of a

Designated Beneficiary and a Family Member of the Designated Beneficiary.

- The amount of any rollover or transfer must be deposited into the receiving Coverdell ESA within 60 calendar days after the amount is withdrawn from the distributing Coverdell ESA.
- Only one rollover between Coverdell ESAs is allowed during a 12-month (365 day) period.
- Rather than rolling over or transferring the assets of a Coverdell ESA to another Coverdell ESA, the Designated Beneficiary of a Coverdell ESA may be changed (or redesignated as) to another Designated Beneficiary who has not attained age 30 and who is a Family Member.

Qualified Education Expenses

1. What are Qualified Education Expenses?

- Qualified Education Expenses mean expenses for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the enrollment or attendance of the Designated Beneficiary at an Eligible Educational Institution.
- Qualified Education Expenses also include qualified elementary and secondary education expenses for tuition, fees, academic tutoring, special needs services in the case of a special needs beneficiary, books, supplies, and other equipment which are incurred in connection with the enrollment or attendance of the Designated Beneficiary as an elementary or secondary school student at a public, private or religious school.
- Qualified Education Expenses also include room and board, uniforms, transportation, and supplementary items and services (including extended day programs) which are required or provided by a public, private or religious school in connection with such enrollment or attendance, and expenses for the purchase of a Designated Beneficiary and the Designated Beneficiary's family during any of the years the Designated Beneficiary is in school.
- Qualified Education Expenses are reduced by any amount provided by scholarship, educational assistance allowance, or any other payment (other than a gift or bequest) which is excludable from gross income under any law of the United States.

2. What are Qualified Higher Education Expenses? Qualified Higher Education Expenses also include room and board if the Designated Beneficiary is at least a half-time student at an eligible educational institution. A student will be considered to be enrolled at least half-time if the student is enrolled for at least half the full-time academic

workload for the course of study the student is pursuing as determined under the standards of the institution where the student is enrolled.

3. *What is an Eligible Education Institution?*

- For purposes of Qualified Higher Education Expenses, an Eligible Educational Institution is any college, university, vocational school, or other postsecondary educational institution that is described in Section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to participate in the student aid programs administered by the Department of Education. This category includes virtually all accredited public, nonprofit, and proprietary postsecondary institutions.
- For purposes of elementary and secondary Qualified Education Expenses, an Eligible Education Institution means any school which provides elementary education or secondary education (kindergarten through grade 12), as determined under state law.

Withdrawals and Distributions

1. *Payment of Qualified Education Expenses:* Tax-free withdrawals from a Coverdell ESA may be made to pay for Qualified Education Expenses of the Designated Beneficiary.

2. *Requests for Withdrawals.* All withdrawal requests must be submitted by the Responsible Individual in good order on a form designated by the Custodian. If the Sponsor permits withdrawal requests by telephone, the telephone conversation with the Responsible Individual will be recorded, and the Responsible Individual must specify the reason for the withdrawal request.

3. *Withdrawals upon Completion of Education:*

- Upon completion of the Designated Beneficiary's education, any amount remaining in a Coverdell ESA may be withdrawn for the Designated Beneficiary, and the Designated Beneficiary will be subject to income tax for that withdrawal. The Designated Beneficiary will also be subject to a 10% tax penalty on the amount of the withdrawal that represents earnings, unless the Designated Beneficiary has Qualified Education Expenses in the same taxable year.
- Alternatively, any balance remaining in a Designated Beneficiary's Coverdell ESA may be withdrawn and transferred to another Coverdell ESA for the benefit of a Family Member, and the transferred amount will not be taxable.

4. *At Designated Beneficiary's Age 30:*

- Any balance in a Coverdell ESA on the date the Designated Beneficiary attains age 30 must be distributed within thirty (30) days of that date, unless the Designated Beneficiary is a “special needs” Designated Beneficiary.
- If the balance of the Coverdell ESA is not distributed within that thirty (30) day period, the account balance will be deemed to have been distributed on that date.
- Any balance in a Coverdell ESA established for a “special needs” Designated Beneficiary is not required to be distributed after the Designated Beneficiary attains age 30.

5 *Death of the Designated Beneficiary:*

- You may name a Designated Death Beneficiary for a Coverdell ESA. To receive the Coverdell ESA assets, the Designated Death Beneficiary must be a Family Member, and must be under age 30 when the Designated Beneficiary dies.
- If the Designated Death Beneficiary predeceases the Designated Beneficiary, or the Designated Death Beneficiary attains age 30 before the Designated Beneficiary’s death, all assets will be paid to the estate of the Designated Beneficiary.
- Alternately, a Coverdell ESA may be transferred to (or redesignated as) a Coverdell ESA for a Family Member who is under age 30. The transfer or redesignation must be done within thirty (30) days after the Designated Beneficiary’s death.

Available Options for Your Contributions

1. No part of a Coverdell ESA may be invested in life insurance.
2. The assets of a Coverdell ESA may not be mixed with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.
3. Subject to any minimum investment requirements, contributions to the Coverdell ESA Account must be invested in one or more of the Eligible Investments made available under the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement.
4. **Mutual Fund As Eligible Investments:** An investment in a Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment involves investment risks, including possible loss of principal. In addition, growth in the value of a Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment is not guaranteed or protected. A prospectus containing detailed information about each Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment available for investment of your Coverdell

ESA Account must be furnished before investment. The method for computing and allocating annual earnings is set forth in the prospectus. The prospectus also details the costs and expenses incurred by being invested in a particular Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment. Such costs and expenses reduce the yield from the Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment.

5. In Article X, Section J of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, you authorize the Custodian to act in its discretion for your benefit when Investments in your Coverdell ESA Account are liquidated and the Custodian has not received instructions from you regarding the proceeds, or where the instructions received from you cannot reasonably be carried out. For example, a Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment may take actions which result in that Mutual Fund, or your investment in that Mutual Fund, being involuntarily liquidated. The Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment may direct that the proceeds of the liquidation be placed in an Ineligible Investment not available to your Coverdell ESA Account, or may require that any cash proceeds resulting from the liquidation be distributed directly to shareholders. If the Custodian does not receive timely instructions from you that it can reasonably carry out (for example, in-kind property distributed by the Mutual Fund that is an Ineligible Investment may not be permissible for your Coverdell ESA Account), then the Custodian is authorized to exercise its discretion on your behalf, including taking such actions as placing the proceeds in a money market Eligible Investment, an FDIC-insured bank account or money market account, distributing the proceeds to you or holding the proceeds uninvested. The Custodian expressly disclaims any liability for any action taken or omitted under the authority of Article X, Section J of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, unless otherwise required by the Code or IRS regulations.

6. **Proxy Voting:** Mutual Funds are often subject to propositions that require a proxy vote by individuals who own Fund Shares in the Mutual Funds. If the agreement between the Custodian and the Sponsor of a Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment does not require that the Custodian vote Mutual Fund proxies, then the Custodian will not vote any Fund Shares in that Mutual Fund except upon written direction from the Responsible Individual. But, if the agreement between the Custodian and the Sponsor does require that the Custodian vote Mutual Fund proxies, then the Custodian will do the following: a) the Custodian will forward the then-current prospectus, if any, applicable to the Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment, and all notices, proxies and proxy soliciting materials received by the Custodian with respect to the Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment to the Responsible Individual; b) the Custodian will vote all Fund Shares of the Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment in accordance with the proper voting instructions of the Responsible Individual; and c) absent instructions from the Responsible Individual, the Custodian will vote such Fund Shares “for,” “against” or “abstain” for any proposition in the same proportion as other Responsible Individuals with voting interests in the same Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments for which timely instructions were received, unless otherwise required by law.

Taxes

1. *Distributions for Qualified Education Expenses:* Distributions for payment of Qualified Education Expenses of the Designated Beneficiary are not taxable so long as the distributions do not exceed the Designated Beneficiary's Qualified Education Expenses during the year.

2. *Non-Qualified Distributions:* If a Designated Beneficiary withdraws an amount from a Coverdell ESA and does not have any Qualified Education Expenses during the year, the amount of the withdrawal is taxable to the Designated Beneficiary. The taxable portion of the distribution is the portion that represents earnings in the Coverdell ESA. The earnings portion of a Non-qualified Distribution is also subject to an additional 10% tax, unless an exception applies.

3. *Exceptions for Taxation of Non-Qualified:* The 10% additional tax does not apply to distributions:

- Made to a Designated Death Beneficiary (or to the estate of a Designated Beneficiary) after the death of the Designated Beneficiary;
- Attributable to the Designated Beneficiary becoming disabled within the meaning of Code Section 72(m)(7); or
- Made on account of scholarship payments or other allowances given to the Designated Beneficiary so long as the distribution does not exceed the amount of the scholarship payments or other allowances.

4. *Reporting:*

- The Custodian will issue an annual Form 5498-ESA to the IRS and to the Designated Beneficiary reporting contributions made for the tax year, and any rollover contributions or transfers received during the tax year.
- The Custodian will also issue Form 1099-Q to the IRS and to the Designated Beneficiary whenever distributions or transfers are paid from the account.
- The Designated Beneficiary is responsible for determining whether or not a distribution is taxable and to file Form 5329 with the IRS, if excess contributions have been made to the Coverdell ESA or if distributions were made that exceed the Qualified Education Expenses for the year.

Fees and Charges

The charges in connection with the Coverdell ESA Account are set forth in the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement. The Custodian may also charge a service fee in connection with any distribution from the Coverdell ESA Account.

IRS Approved Form

Articles I through IX of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement are substantially the same as Articles I through IX of IRS Form 5305-EA which is the IRS model custodial account form. Certain additional terms permitted by the IRS are set forth in Article X. Coverdell ESA Accounts established using the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement will meet the requirements of the Code applicable to Coverdell ESAs. However, the IRS has not endorsed the investments permitted under this Coverdell ESA Account. **The Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement cannot be used in connection with Roth, SEP, SIMPLE or Traditional IRAs.**

Coverdell Education Savings Account Custodial Agreement
(Under Section 530 of the Internal Revenue Code) (October 2016) Form 5305-EA

This Coverdell Education Savings Account Custodial Agreement (“Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement”) sets forth the terms and conditions that shall apply to the Coverdell Education Savings Account (“Coverdell ESA Account”) established under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement. The individual signing the Coverdell Education Savings Account Adoption Agreement (“Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement”) as the Contributor is establishing a Coverdell Education Savings Account (“Coverdell ESA”) under Section 530 of the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”) under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement for the benefit of the Designated Beneficiary exclusively to pay for such Designated Beneficiary’s qualified elementary, secondary, and higher education expenses, within the meaning of Section 530(b)(2) of the Code. The Coverdell ESA Account established under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement is referred to herein as the “Custodial Account”.

The Contributor and the Custodian make the following agreement:

Article I
Contributions

The Custodian may accept cash contributions to the Custodial Account provided the Designated Beneficiary has not attained the age of 18 as of the date such contributions are made. Contributions by an individual contributor may be made for the tax year of the Designated Beneficiary by the due date of the Designated Beneficiary's tax return for that year (excluding extensions). Total contributions that are not rollover contributions described in Code Section 530(d)(5) are limited to \$2,000 for the tax year. In the case of an individual contributor, the \$2,000 limitation for any year is phased out between modified adjusted gross income (“AGI”) of \$95,000 and \$110,000. For married individuals filing jointly, the phase-out occurs between modified AGI of \$190,000 and \$220,000. Modified AGI is defined in Code Section 530(c)(2).

Article II
Limits on Investment of Contributions

No part of the Custodial Account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the Investments in the Custodial Account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or a common investment fund (within the meaning of Code Section 530(b)(1)(D)).

Article III
Final Distribution of Custodial Account

Except as provided in Article X, paragraph 13:

1. Any balance to the credit of the Designated Beneficiary on the date on which he or she attains age 30 shall be distributed to him or her within 30 days of such date.

2. Any balance to the credit of the Designated Beneficiary shall be distributed within 30 days of his or her death unless the Designated Death Beneficiary is a family member of the Designated Beneficiary and is under the age of 30 on the date of death. In such case, that family member shall become the Designated Beneficiary as of the date of death.

Article IV **Power to Direct Custodian**

1. The Contributor shall have the power to direct the Custodian regarding the investment of the initial contribution (and earnings thereon).

2. The Responsible Individual shall have the power to redirect the Custodian regarding the investment of the initial contribution, and the power to direct the Custodian regarding the investment of all additional contributions (including earnings thereon) to the Custodial Account.

3. In the event that the Responsible Individual does not direct the Custodian regarding the investment of additional contributions (including earnings thereon), the initial investment direction of the Contributor also will govern all additional contributions made to the Custodial Account until such time as the Responsible Individual otherwise directs the Custodian.

4. Unless otherwise provided in this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, the Responsible Individual shall also have the power to direct the Custodian regarding the administration, management, and distribution of the Custodial Account.

Article V **Responsible Individual**

1. The Contributor shall name a Responsible Individual in the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement. The Responsible Individual with respect to the account of a minor Designated Beneficiary named by the Contributor must be a parent or guardian of the Designated Beneficiary. The Custodial Account shall have only one Responsible Individual at any time.

2. The Responsible Individual shall have, to the exclusion of the Designated Beneficiary, all of the rights, powers, and responsibilities granted to the Designated Beneficiary under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement. The Responsible Individual generally controls all decisions relating to the Coverdell ESA Account, including authorizing payments from the Coverdell ESA Account.

3. The Responsible Individual shall continue to serve as the Responsible Individual for the Custodial Account after the Designated Beneficiary attains the age of majority under state law, and until such time as all Investments have been distributed from the Custodial Account and the Custodial Account terminates; provided however, that the Responsible Individual may, within his or her sole discretion, name the Designated Beneficiary as the Responsible Individual after the Designated Beneficiary attains the age of majority under state law.

4. If the Responsible Individual becomes incapacitated or dies while the Designated Beneficiary is a minor under state law, the successor Responsible Individual shall be the person named to succeed in that capacity by the preceding Responsible Individual in a witnessed writing or, if no successor is so named, the successor Responsible Individual shall be the Designated Beneficiary's other parent or successor guardian.

5. If the Responsible Individual becomes incapacitated or dies, or otherwise fails or refuses to act after the Designated Beneficiary reaches the age of majority under state law, and no successor Responsible Individual has been appointed by the preceding Responsible Individual in a witnessed writing, the Responsible Individual shall be the Designated Beneficiary.

6. If a family member under the age of majority under state law becomes the Designated Beneficiary by reason of being a Designated Death Beneficiary, the Responsible Individual must be one of the Designated Death Beneficiary's parents or guardians.

7. References to the Responsible Individual in this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement mean the individual designated as the Responsible Individual at the relevant time, whether such individual is also the Contributor, or Designated Beneficiary.

Article VI **Change of Designated Beneficiary**

Under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, the Responsible Individual may change the Designated Beneficiary to another member of the Designated Beneficiary's family, as described in and subject to Code Section 529(e)(2), in accordance with the Custodian's procedures.

Article VII **Tax Information**

1. The Contributor agrees to provide the Custodian with all information necessary to prepare any reports required by Code Section 530(h).

2. The Custodian agrees to submit to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and to the Responsible Individual the reports prescribed by the IRS.

Article VIII **Controlling Articles**

Notwithstanding any other Article of this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through III will be controlling. Any additional Articles inconsistent with Code Section 530 and the related IRS regulations will be invalid.

Article IX **Amendments**

This Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and related IRS regulations. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the Contributor and the Custodian whose signatures appear on the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement.

Article X **Additional Provisions**

A. Certain Additional Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement are defined in the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement. In addition, the following terms have the ascribed meaning:

1. **“Account Party”** means the Contributor, the Responsible Individual, the Designated Beneficiary, any Designated Death Beneficiary, any contributor to the Custodial Account subsequent to the Contributor, and the respective successors, heirs and assigns of each, including any executor or administrator, considered collectively, whether referred to in the singular or the plural.

2. **“Family Member”** of the Designated Beneficiary includes his or her spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, parent, niece, nephew, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, first cousin and the spouse of any of the foregoing except first cousins.

3. **“Fund Shares”** means shares of a Mutual Fund.

4. **“Mutual Fund”** means a managed portfolio of investments that pools money from many investors to purchase securities.

5. **“Sponsor”** means the entity with whom the Custodian has entered into a written agreement to offer the Custodial Account to purchasers of Eligible Investments.

B. Investment Direction.

1. The Custodian shall invest the Custodial Account in accordance with the investment directions of the Contributor in connection with the opening of the Custodial Account.

2. The Custodian will comply with the investment directions given by any subsequent contributor to the Custodial Account with respect to the contribution made by that contributor.

3. At all times after the date of a contribution, the Custodian will comply with the investment directions of the Responsible Individual with respect to all of the Custodial Account.

4. Any contributions received by the Custodian under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement for which the Custodian does not contemporaneously receive investment directions may, at the sole discretion of the Custodian, be returned to the contributor, be held uninvested until investment direction is received from the contributor, in either case without such funds being deemed contributed to the Custodial Account, or be invested in accordance with the last investment directions by the Responsible Individual, or, if no such investment directions have been given and the Contributor was not the same person as the Responsible Individual, then in accordance with the investment directions given by the Contributor with respect to the initial contribution.

C. Investments.

1. The assets of the Custodial Account (including earnings) shall be invested solely in investments permissible under the Code ("Investments") which have been designated by the Custodian as eligible for investment by the Custodial Account ("Eligible Investments"). The purchase price of each Eligible Investment will be determined in accordance with the market applicable to the particular Eligible Investment.

2. The Custodian may change the Eligible Investments for the Custodial Account at any time in its reasonable discretion, including removal of investments previously designated as eligible for investment ("Ineligible Investments").

3. The Custodian, after providing reasonable notice to the Responsible Individual, is authorized to take such actions with respect to Ineligible Investment, as the Custodian determines is reasonable within the Custodian's discretion, to the extent permitted by applicable law and regulation, including without limitation: (a) investing income earned on Ineligible Investments in Eligible Investments; (b) exchanging Ineligible Investments for Eligible Investments; and, (c) liquidating Ineligible Investments and placing the cash proceeds of the liquidation in an FDIC-insured bank account, a money market mutual fund account or other appropriate account, or holding the cash uninvested pending receipt of instructions from the Responsible Individual.

D. Proxy Voting of Fund Shares in Mutual Funds That Are Eligible Investments.

The Custodian will process proxy voting of Fund Shares in Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments in accordance with the Custodian's written agreement with each Sponsor.

1. If the Sponsor has not caused the Custodian to process proxy voting of Fund Shares in Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments, the Designated Beneficiary shall be the beneficial owner of such Fund Shares held in the Custodial Account, and the Custodian shall not vote any such Fund Shares except upon written direction of the Responsible Individual.

2. If the Sponsor has caused the Custodian to process proxy voting of Fund Shares of Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments:

(a) The Custodian will forward the then-current prospectus, if any, applicable to each Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment held in the Custodial Account, and all notices, proxies and proxy soliciting materials received by the Custodian with respect to such Eligible Investments held in the Custodial Account;

(b) All Fund Shares of Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments held in the Custodial Account shall be voted by, or in accordance with the proper voting instructions of, the Responsible Individual; and

(c) Absent such instructions from the Responsible Individual, the Custodian is hereby directed and authorized to, and shall vote such Fund Shares of Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments held in the Custodial Account "for," "against" or "abstain," as appropriate, for any proposition in the same proportion as other Responsible Individuals with voting interests in the same Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investments for which timely instructions have been received, unless otherwise required by law.

E. Annual Accounting.

The Custodian shall, at least annually, provide the Responsible Individual with an accounting of the Custodial Account. Such accounting shall be deemed to be accepted by the Responsible Individual if the Responsible Individual does not object in writing within 60 days after the mailing of such accounting.

F. Rollovers.

The Custodian is authorized to accept rollover contributions. The Custodian reserves the right to refuse any such rollover contribution which is not (i) in the form of cash, or (ii) accompanied by all records and other documentation the Custodian reasonably determines appropriate to establish that the contribution is a permissible rollover contribution to the Custodial Account.

G. Withdrawal Requests.

1. The Custodian may act in accordance with requests for withdrawal, distribution, or payment from the Custodial Account ("Withdrawal Request") if:

(a) The Withdrawal Request is submitted in good order on a form designated by the Custodian; or

(b) Provided that the Sponsor permits Withdrawal Requests made via telephone, the Withdrawal Request is made by means of recorded telephone conversation with the Responsible Individual specifying the reason for the Withdrawal Request; and

(c) The Custodian is furnished with all documents it determines to be appropriate (including proof of any legal representative's authority) in good order.

2. The Custodian will comply with the method and form of payment designated to the extent reasonable and practicable, but may in its sole discretion effect all payments in cash (by check or other cash transfer method).

H. Custodian's Fees and Expenses.

1. The Custodian shall be entitled to receive any and all reasonable fees specified in the Custodian's current published fee schedule for establishing and maintaining the Custodial Account, including, but not limited to, any fees for distributions from, transfers from, and terminations of the Custodial Account. The Custodian may change its fee schedule at any time by giving the Responsible Individual 30 days' prior written notice.

2. The Custodian shall be entitled to reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred by the Custodian in the performance of its duties in connection with the Custodial Account, including without limitation administrative expenses, such as legal and accounting fees, expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding described in Section H.4. below, and any taxes of any kind whatsoever that may be levied or assessed with respect to the Custodial Account.

3. The Custodian may deduct from the Custodial Account and any contributions to and distributions from the Custodial Account, and transfer to its own account, amounts equal to the fees and reimbursable expenses it is entitled to receive if such amounts are not paid by the Contributor, Responsible Individual or Designated Beneficiary. The Responsible Individual shall remain responsible for any fees and reimbursable expenses the Custodian is not able to recover from such sources.

4. In the event that, for any reason, the Custodian is not certain as to who is entitled to receive all or part of the proceeds of the Custodial Account, the Custodian

reserves the right to withhold any payment from the Custodial Account, and to request a court ruling to determine the disposition of such proceeds.

I. Custodian's Liabilities and Responsibilities.

1. The Custodian shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for:
 - (i) Any incomplete or inaccurate information provided by, or at the direction of, any Account Party;
 - (ii) Any tax consequences arising from contributions to or withdrawals from the Custodial Account, from any failures to make contributions to or withdrawals from the Custodial Account, or from any activity or conduct engaged in by the Custodian, regardless of whether effected pursuant to instructions received from an Account Party, or pursuant to authority granted by the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement;
 - (iii) Acting in accordance with or reliance on any instruction, statement or communication, including without limitation in connection with a Withdrawal Request, which appears on its face to be genuine and given by the Responsible Individual, or for declining to act pursuant to any such instruction, statement or communication not appearing on its face to be genuine, or given by a party authorized to give the instruction, statement or communication;
 - (iv) Conducting any inquiry to the genuineness or lack thereof of any instruction or communication received from an Account Party;
 - (v) Compliance with contribution limits imposed by the Code or IRS regulations;
 - (vi) Acting with respect to a matter in reliance on the most recent relevant information furnished by an Account Party as reflected in the records or files of the Custodian;
 - (vii) Any losses, damages, penalties, fines, costs, expenses or other consequences of whatsoever nature, whether or not foreseeable, incurred by an Account Party in connection with the Custodial Account, or any course of conduct by the Custodian;
 - (viii) Reasonably acting on oral instructions, statements or communications from an Account Party;
 - (ix) The collection or propriety of any contribution, rollover or transfer to the Custodial Account;

(x) The Investments in the Custodial Account, including any assets held uninvested; or

(xi) The suitability of any investment selected by an Account Party for the Custodial Account.

2 The Custodian expressly disclaims any and all fiduciary responsibilities and duties and any duty or obligation to furnish tax, legal or investment advice, counseling or directions, and none of the foregoing shall be implied. The Contributor and the Responsible Individual acknowledge that Custodian has not given any tax, legal or investment advice, counseling or directions.

3 Any course of conduct engaged in by the Custodian with third parties pursuant to the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement or the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement is engaged in as agent.

J. Fund Liquidation and Other Events Permitting Custodian's Exercise of Administrative Discretion.

1. In the event that any asset held in the Custodial Account is redeemed or liquidated, matures, or is otherwise converted to cash for any reason and the Custodian does not receive timely instructions, or the instructions received cannot reasonably be carried out, or are ambiguous, the Responsible Individual expressly directs and authorizes the Custodian to take "Any Reasonable Course of Conduct" with respect to such proceeds.

2 "Any Reasonable Course of Conduct" is hereby defined to mean a course of conduct that the Custodian determines to be reasonable under the circumstances -- which may include, but is not limited to any of the following:

(a) depositing the proceeds in an FDIC-insured bank account, or purchasing shares of a money market mutual fund or any similar asset,

(b) distributing the proceeds to persons the Custodian reasonably determines to be lawfully entitled to distributions from the Custodial Account,

(c) holding the proceeds uninvested in a general account of the Custodian or other depository; and

(d) resigning as Custodian and engaging in a course of conduct, including any described in clauses (a) through (c), outright and free of trust, if the Responsible Individual does not appoint a Custodian which immediately accepts transfer of all proceeds, although nothing in this clause (d) shall be interpreted to obligate the Custodian to resign before taking any course of conduct, including any described in clauses (a) through (c).

3. The Custodian is authorized to pay or recover any costs and expenses associated with taking Any Reasonable Course of Conduct from the proceeds, or by retaining a portion of such in a reserve and subsequently distributing any unused portion of the reserve. To offset any administrative costs or expenses not otherwise recovered by the Custodian, the Custodian shall be entitled to retain for its own account any incidental benefits earned in connection with taking Any Reasonable Course of Action, including “float,” bank service credits or overnight investment earnings.

4. The Custodian shall not be liable for any action taken in reliance on this Section J., unless such liability is required by the Code or IRS regulations, and the Responsible Individual expressly waives and releases the Custodian from all such liability.

5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event the Custodian makes a distribution from the Custodial Account to the persons it reasonably determines to be entitled to Account distributions, the Responsible Individual and such persons shall bear sole responsibility for any taxes, assessments penalties, levies, or other liabilities of any nature arising or resulting from the distribution, and for taking any actions following the distribution to avoid or mitigate any such liabilities or consequences.

6. This Section J. shall not be interpreted to impose any duty of any nature on the Custodian if any one or more of the events described in this Section J. occurs, whether a duty to take or omit to take any act. For purposes of clarification, it is the intention of this Section J. to provide the Custodian with the broadest possible discretion permitted by law, including the discretion to hold any proceeds uninvested.

7. The Responsible Individual authorizes the Custodian to escheat or otherwise remit to appropriate jurisdictions in accordance with applicable abandoned property or other laws any Investments in the Custodial Account, or any proceeds thereof, and to the extent any Investments of the Custodial Account consist of anything other than cash, the Custodian may escheat or remit the non-cash asset.

8. The Responsible Individual acknowledges and accepts the risks described in this Section J., including the investment risks and tax consequences of the Custodian taking Any Reasonable Course of Conduct.

K. Indemnification by Account Parties.

1. Each Account Party, and their respective successors, heirs and assigns, including any executor or administrator of a beneficiary, shall, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold the Custodian and Sponsor, and their successors and assigns, harmless from any and all claims, actions or liabilities arising in connection with activities and duties contemplated by the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, except those arising from the negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of, as applicable, the Custodian or Sponsor.

L. Change of Designated Beneficiary.

1. At any time prior to the date that the Designated Beneficiary attains the age of 30, the Responsible Individual may change the Designated Beneficiary for the Custodial Account to any Family Member of the original Designated Beneficiary under the age of 30, or direct the Custodian to roll over or transfer the funds in the Custodial Account to a Coverdell ESA of a Family Member of the original Designated Beneficiary under the age of 30.

2. Any change of Designated Beneficiary complying with Section L.1 above shall not be treated as a distribution if the new Designated Beneficiary is a Family Member and such new Designated Beneficiary has not attained the age of 30, as of the date of such change.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, a new Designated Beneficiary may be named within 30 days after the Designated Beneficiary attains the age of 30.

M. Designated Death Beneficiary.

1. At any time after the opening of the Custodial Account, and notwithstanding the designation of one or more Designated Death Beneficiaries by the Contributor, the Responsible Individual shall be entitled to designate the Designated Death Beneficiaries of the Custodial Account on a form acceptable to the Custodian; provided, however, only Family Members of the original Designated Beneficiary who are under 30 years of age at the time of designation may be designated as Designated Death Beneficiaries.

2. In the event of the Designated Beneficiary's death:

(a) If a Designated Death Beneficiary is under 30 years of age at the time of such death, such individual becomes the Designated Beneficiary, and the Custodial Account shall become an ESA Account for such individual;

(b) If no Designated Death Beneficiary designation is in effect at the time of death or if none of the Designated Death Beneficiaries survive the Designated Beneficiary, the balance of the Custodial Account will be paid to the estate of the Designated Beneficiary. Special rules apply if a Designated Death Beneficiary is a "special needs" beneficiary.

N. Nominee Registration.

The Custodian may hold all Eligible Investments in accounts registered to the Custodian or its nominee as record owner. Such record ownership shall not abridge or alter the beneficial ownership in the Custodial Account of the Designated Beneficiary.

O. Amendment.

Notwithstanding Article IX, the Responsible Individual hereby irrevocably delegates to the Custodian the right and power, and hereby irrevocably authorizes the Custodian, to amend the terms and provisions of this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement at any time, and hereby consents to any such amendments, provided the amendment does not violate any applicable provision of the Code or IRS regulations. Each such amendment shall be effective when the notice of such amendment is mailed to the address of the Responsible Individual indicated in the Custodian's records, or such other date as may be indicated in the notice, including any retroactive amendment required by law. In the event that the Responsible Individual object to any such amendment, the Responsible Individual's sole remedy is to terminate the Custodial Account, and request a complete distribution of the Investments in the Custodial Account.

P. Resignation and Removal of Custodian.

1. The Custodian may resign at any time by giving at least 30 days' written notice to the Responsible Individual. The Custodian may resign and appoint a successor custodian or trustee to serve under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement or under another governing instrument selected by the successor custodian or trustee by giving the Responsible Individual written notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such resignation and appointment, which notice shall also include a copy of such other governing instrument, if applicable. The Responsible Individual shall then have 30 days from the date of such notice to either request a complete distribution of the Custodial Account or designate a different successor custodian or trustee. If the Responsible Individual does not request distribution of the Custodial Account or designate a different successor within such 30 days, the Responsible Individual shall be deemed to have consented to the appointment of the successor custodian or trustee and the terms of any new governing instrument. No executed written instrument of any Account Party shall be required to effect such transfer. The successor custodian may rely on any information, including death beneficiary designations, previously provided to the Custodian.

2. The Responsible Individual may at any time, at the sole cost and expense of the Custodial Account, remove the Custodian and replace the Custodian with a successor custodian or trustee of the Responsible Individual's choice by giving 30 days' written notice to the Custodian. In such event, the Custodian shall liquidate all Investments in the Custodial Account and transfer the cash liquidation proceeds to the successor custodian in accordance with standard industry practices, including the receipt of all appropriate signed documentation, and otherwise as reasonably directed by the Responsible Individual. However, the Custodian may retain a portion of the Investments in the Custodial Account as a reserve for payment of any anticipated remaining fees and expenses, and shall pay over any remainder of this reserve to the successor custodian or trustee upon satisfaction of such fees and expenses. The

Custodian may decline to act under this Section P. if any course of conduct requested of the Custodian by the Responsible Individual could reasonably be interpreted to be a violation of any law or regulation.

3. Any successor trustee or custodian shall be a bank (as defined in Code Section 408(n)) or such other person found qualified to act as a trustee or custodian under a Coverdell ESA by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury or his delegate. The appointment of a successor trustee or custodian shall be effective upon receipt by the Custodian of such successor's written acceptance. Within 30 days of the effective date of such successor's appointment, the Custodian shall transfer and deliver to the successor applicable Custodial Account records and Investments in the Custodial Account (reduced by any unpaid amounts as provided in Section P.2. The successor custodian shall be subject to the provisions of this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement (or any successor thereto) on the effective date of its appointment.

Q. Termination.

The Custodial Account and the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement shall terminate at such time as the Custodian distributes all Investments in the Custodial Account, except that terms necessary for the enforcement of rights that survive termination shall remain in effect for purposes of such enforcement.

R. Agents.

The Custodian is authorized to hire agents to perform its duties under this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement.

S. Income Taxes.

The Custodian shall be responsible solely for the performance of those duties expressly assigned to it in this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement and by operation of law. In determining the taxable amount of a distribution, the Responsible Individual shall rely only on the federal tax records of the Designated Beneficiary.

T. Applicable Law.

Except to the extent preempted by federal law, this Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement shall be governed by, and construed, administered and enforced according to, the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to any conflict of laws provisions, and all contributions shall be deemed made in Delaware.

**COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT
ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL* (Parent or legal guardian of the Designated Beneficiary. Only one Responsible Individual is allowed on the Coverdell ESA Account at any given time.)

Name: _____

Street Address (required): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address (If different from street address):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY*

Name: _____

Street Address (required): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

CONTRIBUTOR (Individual establishing the Coverdell ESA Account if different than Responsible Individual.)

Name: _____

Street Address (required): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Under the terms of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, the Responsible Individual remains the Responsible Individual when the Designated Beneficiary attains the age of majority (see Article V of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement), and the Responsible Individual may designate an eligible Family Member of the original Designated Beneficiary as the new Designated Beneficiary (see Article VI and Article X, Section L. of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement).

INVESTMENT OPTIONS (Please check the type of contribution and indicate how to invest)

- Contribution for tax year: _____ (The contribution must be for a Designated Beneficiary who is under age 18, or for a special needs Designated Beneficiary regardless of age.)

Investment Name: \$ _____ or _____%

Investment Name: \$ _____ or _____%

- ROLLOVER - This contribution is a rollover from another Coverdell ESA. This rollover has been completed within 60 days of the receipt of funds from the other Coverdell ESA. These funds are from a Coverdell ESA established for the benefit of either the Designated Beneficiary named above, or a Family Member of the Designated Beneficiary, as described in Internal Revenue Code Section 529(e)(2), who is under age 30. A completed "Certification of Rollover Assets" form must be attached.

Investment Name: \$ _____ or _____%

Investment Name: \$ _____ or _____%

- TRANSFER OF ASSETS - The initial contribution to this Coverdell ESA Account is a Transfer of Assets from a Coverdell ESA established for the benefit of the Designated Beneficiary named above, or a Family Member of the Designated Beneficiary for which you are listed as the Responsible Individual authorized to act on the Coverdell ESA account. A completed "Transfer of Assets Form" providing your investment allocations must be attached.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTION PRIVILEGES (Please note that not all Investments permit telephone redemptions. If your selected Investment permits telephone redemptions, and if you elect the ability to redeem Investments by telephone, you may do so subject to other restrictions.)

I do not want the ability to **redeem** Investments by telephone on this Coverdell ESA Account.

I want the ability to **redeem** Investments by telephone on this Coverdell ESA Account.

DESIGNATED DEATH BENEFICIARY

I, the Contributor, designate the following Family Member of the Designated Beneficiary (must be under age 30 on the day the Designated Beneficiary dies) to receive any benefits to which the Designated Death Beneficiary may be entitled in the event of the death of the Designated Beneficiary. If the Designated Death Beneficiary predeceases the Designated Beneficiary or the Designated Death Beneficiary attains age 30 before the Designated Beneficiary's death, all assets will be paid to the estate of the Designated Beneficiary.

Name: _____ Relationship:* _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Relationship to Designated Beneficiary

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I hereby establish this Coverdell ESA Account for the benefit of the named Designated Beneficiary under the terms and conditions contained in this Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement and the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement (which constitutes a binding agreement). I agree that the Coverdell ESA Account becomes effective only upon written acceptance by the Custodian and that such written acceptance will consist of a confirmation of transaction statement.

I agree that the Custodian may amend (add to, delete from or revise) any term of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement at any time by notice to me and that my sole remedy if I disagree with the amendment is to transfer funds in the Coverdell ESA Account to another custodian.

Each contribution to the Coverdell ESA Account will be invested in accordance with the written instructions provided with respect to that contribution. In the event that this is a rollover contribution, the undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to treat the contribution as a rollover contribution.

I acknowledge receiving and reading the following: (1) the Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement; the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement; (iii) the Coverdell ESA Summary Disclosure; and (iv) the Privacy Policy of the Custodian. I also acknowledge receiving and reading the current prospectus for each Mutual Fund that is an Eligible Investment that I have designated for investment.

Custodial Fee: \$15 annual maintenance fee per account.

The Custodial Fee may be paid by the Contributor or Responsible Individual at account opening or subsequently with respect to any calendar year. If the Custodial Fee is not paid at account opening or if it is not paid by the date in a given calendar year that the Custodian sets for collection of the Custodial Fee, the Custodian is authorized to deduct the Custodial Fee from the Coverdell ESA Account when it is due, or, if earlier in a given calendar year, the date the Coverdell ESA Account is closed.

The Custodian reserves the right to change the Custodial Fee, but will give at least 30 days written notice to the Responsible Individual. The Custodian will keep records, identify and file returns and provide other information concerning the Coverdell ESA Account as required of custodians by any applicable provisions of the Code and IRS regulations.

Telephone Redemptions

If I elected to have the ability to redeem Investments via telephone, I understand that the telephone redemption privilege will apply to my Custodial ESA Account. If I have telephone redemption privileges, I agree that neither the Custodian, the Sponsor, nor their transfer agent, their agents, officers, trustees, directors or employees will be liable for any loss, liability or expense for acting, or refusing to act on instructions given under the telephone redemption privileges that are reasonably believed to be genuine and I accept the risk of loss.

Involuntary Liquidations and Distributions

I have read Article X, Section J. of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement. I acknowledge that certain circumstances beyond the control of the Custodian may occur, which result in a liquidation of Mutual Funds that are Eligible Investment in which the Coverdell ESA Account is invested, or which result in the liquidation of Investments of the Coverdell ESA Account. I acknowledge that at Article X, Section J. of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, I have authorized the Custodian, following such occurrences, to act in its discretion with regard to the disposition of the liquidation proceeds if it does not receive clear instructions regarding the placement of the liquidation proceeds that it can practicably carry out, including distributing the liquidation proceeds to the Designated Beneficiary.

Certification If Designated Death Beneficiary Has Been Named

If I have named a Designated Death Beneficiary, the information I furnished in connection with that designation, including in particular but without limitation the Social Security Number, the date of birth and the relationship of the individual to the Designated Beneficiary, is true, correct and complete.

TIN Certification By Contributor and Responsible Individual

I certify under penalties of perjury that the Designated Beneficiary is a U.S. person (including a US resident alien) and that the Social Security Numbers filled in on this Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement for myself, the Responsible Individual and the Designated Beneficiary are true, correct and complete and that these numbers are the Taxpayer Identification Numbers of the respective individuals. *(Foreign persons must use the appropriate Form W-8.)*

Custodian's Customer Identification Program Statement

To help the U.S. government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions (such as the Custodian) to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies persons opening accounts. To comply, the Custodian requires the name, address, date of birth and government-issued identification number (generally, a Social Security Number) of the Contributor and the Responsible Individual and other information that may help the Custodian to identify the Contributor and the Responsible Individual. The Custodian may ask for copies of related documentation and the Custodian may consult third-party databases to help verify the identity of the Contributor and the Responsible Individual.

Contributor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Responsible Individual's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Custodian: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company, 4400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581.

Mail to the following:

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P.O. Box 9762
Providence, RI 02940-9762

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Westborough, MA 01581

STERLING CAPITAL FUNDS COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT (COVERDELL ESA) TRANSFER OF ASSETS FORM

Use this form to request a Coverdell ESA transfer of assets from an existing Coverdell ESA to a Coverdell ESA at Sterling Capital Funds. Based on your instructions, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company will initiate the transfer for you. Incomplete information will result in delays in processing your request. If you need assistance completing this form, please contact Shareholder Services at 1-800-228-1872.

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL (The parent or guardian of the Designated Beneficiary)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

COMPLETE IF TRANSFERRING FROM AN ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER'S COVERDELL ESA ACCOUNT (This option is only available if you are the Responsible Individual listed on the eligible Family Member's Coverdell ESA Account.)

Family Member's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

INVESTMENT INSTRUCTIONS (Complete items A and B)

A. I am opening a new Coverdell ESA Account and have attached the required Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement.

Deposit the proceeds into an existing Coverdell ESA Account. Account Number: _____

B. Invest as follows:

Product Name	Select a Share Class (required)		\$ _____	or _____	%
	A	C			
Behavioral Large Cap Value Equity Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (010)	<input type="checkbox"/> (210)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Mid Value Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (012)	<input type="checkbox"/> (212)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Behavioral Small Cap Value Equity Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (015)	<input type="checkbox"/> (215)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Special Opportunities Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (021)	<input type="checkbox"/> (221)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Equity Income Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (022)	<input type="checkbox"/> (222)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Behavioral International Equity Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (025)	<input type="checkbox"/> (225)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Mid Cap Relative Value Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (026)	<input type="checkbox"/> (226)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Real Estate Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (027)	<input type="checkbox"/> (227)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Small Cap Value Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (028)	<input type="checkbox"/> (228)	_____	or _____	_____ %
SMID Opportunities Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (064)	<input type="checkbox"/> (264)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Ultra Short Bond Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (039)		_____	or _____	_____ %
Short Duration Bond Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (040)	<input type="checkbox"/> (240)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Intermediate U.S. Government Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (041)	<input type="checkbox"/> (241)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Total Return Bond Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (042)	<input type="checkbox"/> (242)	_____	or _____	_____ %
North Carolina Intermediate Tax Free Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (045)	<input type="checkbox"/> (245)	_____	or _____	_____ %
South Carolina Intermediate Tax Free Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (046)	<input type="checkbox"/> (246)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Virginia Intermediate Tax Free Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (047)	<input type="checkbox"/> (247)	_____	or _____	_____ %
West Virginia Intermediate Tax Free Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (048)	<input type="checkbox"/> (248)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Long Duration Corporate Bond Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (080)	<input type="checkbox"/> (280)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Quality Income Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> (081)	<input type="checkbox"/> (281)	_____	or _____	_____ %
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	or _____	_____ %
Total			\$ _____	Must equal 100%	

TRANSFER AND AUTHORIZATION INSTRUCTIONS TO CURRENT CUSTODIAN

Please attach a copy of a recent statement, if possible. Note: The current custodian may require a Medallion Signature Guarantee to process the transfer request (Please see the Authorization section for an explanation of the Medallion Signature Guarantee).

Name of current custodian:

Address

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Contact name:

Telephone number: ()

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1) Investment to transfer:

Account number: _____ Share class: _____

Liquidate Entire Account Partial Dollar Amount \$ _____ or # of Shares _____ Transfer In-Kind

For Certificate of Deposits: Immediately* At Maturity Date _____

2) Investment to transfer:

Account number: _____ Share class: _____

Liquidate Entire Account Partial Dollar Amount \$ _____ or # of Shares _____ Transfer In-Kind

For Certificate of Deposits: Immediately* At Maturity Date _____

***Note:** if you wish to have certificates of deposit transferred immediately and they have not matured, you may incur a redemption penalty. We cannot accept requests to convert certificates of deposit more than 60 days before their maturity.

AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the transfer of assets as noted above to a Sterling Capital Funds Coverdell ESA Account and authorize the current custodian, Sterling Capital Funds, and BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company to process this request on my behalf. I understand as the Responsible Individual, it is my responsibility to insure the prompt transfer of assets by the current custodian. I have read and understand all information on this form and hereby provide applicable authorization.

Signature of Responsible Individual: _____ **Date:** _____

Medallion Signature Guarantee Stamp and Signature (If required by your current custodian or transfer agent): An eligible guarantor is a domestic bank or trust company, securities broker/dealer, clearing agency or savings association that participates in a medallion program recognized by the Securities Transfer Agents Association. The three recognized medallion programs are the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (known as STAMP), Stock Exchanges Medallion Program (SEMP), and the Medallion Signature Program (MSP). A notarization from a notary public is NOT an acceptable substitute for a signature guarantee.

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STERLING CAPITAL FUNDS COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT (ESA) CERTIFICATION OF ROLLOVER ASSETS

Use this form to certify the eligibility of a rollover contribution. Rules regarding rollovers and their tax implications are complex. Please refer to IRS Publication 970 or a professional tax advisor for more information.

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL (The parent or guardian of the Designated Beneficiary)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Account Number: _____

ROLLOVER INVESTMENT

- 60 Day Rollover – (Coverdell ESA in the same Designated Beneficiary's name)** This is a distribution of all or part of the account balance from another Coverdell ESA that was registered to the same Designated Beneficiary and is being rolled over within 60 days of receipt.
- 60 Day Rollover – (Eligible Family Member's Coverdell ESA)** This is a distribution of all or part of the account balance from a Coverdell ESA that was held in another family member's name and is being rolled over within 60 days of receipt.

CERTIFICATION

I, as the Responsible Individual for the above referenced account, certify the following statements are true and correct:

The investment is an eligible Coverdell ESA rollover contribution that is being rolled over

- 1) Within the required timeframe, and
- 2) Includes only Coverdell ESA eligible assets, and
- 3) Is from another Coverdell ESA account in which the above-named Designated Beneficiary was either the original Designated Beneficiary or was an eligible family member of the Designated Beneficiary.

The property received from the distributing Coverdell ESA is the same property that is being rolled over into this Coverdell ESA.

I understand that this rollover contribution is irrevocable. I agree that I, as the Responsible Individual, am solely responsible for all tax consequences of this rollover contribution. I also agree that neither the Custodian nor Sterling Capital Funds shall have responsibility for any such tax consequences or any consequences resulting from this amount being ineligible for rollover.

I have read, understand, and agree to be legally bound by the terms of this form. I also understand that the Custodian will rely on this form when accepting this rollover contribution.

Responsible Individual's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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STERLING CAPITAL FUNDS COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT (COVERDELL ESA ACCOUNT) WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Note: For trustee to trustee transfers, please complete the appropriate receiving custodian's trustee to trustee transfer form. All required documentation must be received in good order before the withdrawal request can be honored. All legal documents must be certified and a Medallion Signature Guarantee may be required. Please see the Signature section for an explanation of the Medallion Signature Guarantee.

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Account Number: _____

DISTRIBUTION REASON

Qualified Distribution Is Being Used for Qualified Education Expenses:

- The distribution from this Coverdell ESA Account is being used for qualified education expenses of the Designated Beneficiary.

Non-Qualified Distribution Is Not Being Used for Education Expenses:

1. This distribution is not being used for qualified education expenses and none of the other reasons listed below apply.
2. Permanent disability of the Designated Beneficiary (within the meaning of section 72(m)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code).
3. Removal of excess contribution plus earnings before the tax-filing deadline. In which tax year was the contribution made? _____
Is the contribution plus earnings being removed in the same year? Yes No
4. Liquidation of the Coverdell ESA Account because the Designated Beneficiary has attained age 30.
5. Transfer incident to divorce or legal separation - attach a Medallion Signature Guarantee letter of instruction indicating how the proceeds are to be distributed.
6. The Coverdell ESA Account is being rolled over to a Coverdell ESA for another eligible Family Member. Attached is either 1) a Medallion Signature Guarantee letter of instruction indicating how the proceeds are to be delivered, or 2) a new Sterling Capital Funds Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement.
7. Death - the Responsible Individual or representative of the Designated Beneficiary's estate must furnish a certified copy of the death certificate and select from the following options (**A, B, or C**) below.
- A. Distribute assets payable to the estate of the Designated Beneficiary following the mailing instructions on page 2.
Estate's Tax Identification Number: _____
- B. Distribute assets in cash payable to the named Designated Death Beneficiary following the mailing instructions on page 2.
Beneficiary's Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____
- C. The Coverdell ESA Account is being rolled over to a Coverdell ESA for an eligible Family Member who is under the age of 30.
Coverdell ESA Recipient's Name: _____
- Attached is a new Sterling Capital Funds Coverdell ESA Adoption Agreement indicating a rollover contribution investment.
- Deposit as a rollover into an existing Coverdell ESA Account at Sterling Capital Funds. Account Number: _____
- Issue proceeds to a Coverdell ESA in the recipient's name at another institution following the mailing instructions below.

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DISTRIBUTION METHOD (Complete A, B and C)

A. Choose one: Total Liquidation **(or)** Partial Distribution - Amount: \$ _____ (or) _____ Shares

B. Distribute from:

Investment: _____ Dollar Amount \$ _____ or _____ %
Investment: _____ Dollar Amount \$ _____ or _____ %

C. Mailing Instructions:

Mail to the Designated Beneficiary's address of record – Check will be made payable to the Designated Beneficiary (or to their estate in case of death distribution).

Mail to the following address - (Medallion Signature Guarantee required if address is not already on file.)

Attention: _____ For the Benefit of: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Transfer funds electronically via ACH*: (voided check required) (or) **Mail check to*:**

Name of Institution: _____
For the Benefit of: _____
Address: _____
Routing and Account Number: _____

*Medallion Signature Guarantee is required and may be obtained at your local bank or trust company, securities broker/dealer, clearing agency or savings association.
*The receiving bank account must include your, or the Designated Beneficiary's, name in the account registration.

SIGNATURE

I certify that I am authorized to make these elections and that all information provided is true and accurate. I further certify that the Custodian, the Sterling Capital Funds, or any agent of either of them has given no tax or legal advice to me, and that all decisions regarding the elections made on this form are my own. The Custodian is hereby authorized and directed to distribute funds from the account in the manner requested. The Custodian may conclusively rely on this certification and authorization without further investigation or inquiry. I expressly assume responsibility for any adverse consequences which may arise from the election(s) and agree that the Custodian, Sterling Capital Funds, and their agents shall in no way be responsible, and shall be indemnified and held harmless, for any tax, legal or other consequences of the election(s) made on this form.

Signature of Responsible Individual: _____ **Date:** _____

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Medallion Signature Guarantee Stamp

FACTS	WHAT DOES BNY MELLON INVESTMENT SERVICING TRUST COMPANY DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?
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Why?	<p>Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information.</p> <p>Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.</p>
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What?	<p>The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security number • Account balances • Transaction history • Account transactions • Retirement assets <p>When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.</p>
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How?	<p>All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.</p>
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Reasons we can share your personal information	Does BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes—such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes—to offer our products and services to you	No	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your transactions and experiences	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness	No	No
For our affiliates to market to you	No	No
For nonaffiliates to market to you	No	No

Questions?	Call 855-649-0623
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Who we are

Who is providing this notice?

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company, custodian for self-directed savings and retirement accounts, such as Individual Retirement Accounts, Qualified Plans and 403(b)(7) Plans, and for mutual fund Wrap Product and Global Cash Portal accounts

What we do

How does **BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company** protect my personal information?

To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.

How does **BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company** collect my personal information?

We collect your personal information, for example, when you

- Open an account or deposit funds
- Make deposits or withdrawals from your account
- Provide account information
- Give us your contact information
- Show your government-issued ID

We also collect your personal information from affiliates or other companies.

Why can't I limit all sharing?

Federal law gives you the right to limit only

- Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness
- Affiliates from using your information to market to you
- Sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you

State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

Definitions

Affiliates

Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

Nonaffiliates

Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- **BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company** does not share information with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.

Joint marketing

A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.

- **BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company** doesn't jointly market.

Other important information

This notice applies to individual consumers who are customers or former customers. This notice replaces all previous notices of our consumer privacy policy, and may be amended at any time. We will keep you informed of changes or amendments as required by law.