

#### **COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT (ESA) APPLICATION**

This application can be used to establish a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) for an eligible designated beneficiary. Please read and complete all Sections of this application carefully. All items should be printed except signatures. If you have any guestions, please call us at 1-800-645-6561.

When completed, mail this application and a check payable to The BNY Mellon Family of Funds to:

BNY Mellon Shareholder Services

P.O. Box 534434

Pittsburgh, PA 15253-4434

For registered, certified or overnight mail, please mail to:

BNY Mellon Shareholder Services

Attention: 534434

500 Ross Street, 154-0520 Pittsburgh, PA 15262

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- **1. Account Information.** Please provide all information as it is necessary to establish the Coverdell ESA.
- 2. Successor Beneficiary Information. Please complete this Section to designate a successor beneficiary to receive the proceeds of the Coverdell ESA upon the death of the Beneficiary for whom the Coverdell ESA is being established. If no successor beneficiary is named, proceeds will be paid to the estate of the Beneficiary for whom the Coverdell ESA is being established.
- **Type of Coverdell ESA Contribution/Investment Information.** Please indicate whether the Coverdell ESA contribution is a regular contribution or a rollover contribution of an amount distributed from another Coverdell ESA. Also indicate the dollar amount or percentage of the contribution and the fund in which your Coverdell ESA is to be invested.
- **4. Account Options.** The account options allow you to make purchases only between your designated bank account and your mutual fund account by telephone or online through bnymellonim.com/us.
- **5. Signatures.** The Contributor and the parent or legal guardian identified in Section 1 (if the Contributor is <u>not</u> the parent or legal guardian) must sign this application in the indicated spaces.

# Customer Identification Program Notice Important Information About Procedures for Opening a New Account

USA PATRIOT Act, Bank Secrecy Act, and Anti-Money Laundering

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each individual or entity that opens an account. What this means for you: When you open an account, we will ask for information that will allow us to identify you. Until you provide the information or documents requested, we may not be able to open an account or effect any additional transactions for you.

■ Individuals - When an individual opens an account, the following information is required: full legal name, residential address, date of birth and Social Security Number. We may also request other information that will allow us to identify the individual and we may need to obtain a driver's license, passport, or other identifying documents.

**Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act ("Act") Notice:** Transactions associated with unlawful internet gambling are prohibited. Specifically, the Act "prohibits any person engaged in the business of betting or wagering (as defined in the Act) from knowingly accepting payments in connection with the participation of another person in unlawful internet gambling." Shareholders of mutual funds must not initiate or receive wire transfers, checks, drafts or other debit/credit transactions that are restricted by the Act. For more information, please refer to: https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/files/bcreq20081112a1.pdf.

**Escheatment Notice:** Your property may be transferred to the appropriate state if no activity occurs in your fund accounts within the time period specified by state law.

If required information is missing, your application may be rejected. If an account is established pending receipt of requested information, it may be restricted to liquidating transactions only and closed if requested information is not received within specified time frames.

#### 1. Account Information

#### a. Beneficiary Information

The Beneficiary is the individual for whose benefit the Coverdell ESA is being established.

(Full Legal Name) First Name	Initial		Last Name	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	

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Phone Number			Cell Phone Numb	<u> </u>	
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Tax Residence 🚨 U	.S. 🗖 Other (ple	ase specify)		Country	
Contributor Inform	ation			,	
The Contributor is th	ne person who is the beneficiary,	the Contributor is the			the Contributor is the parent verdell ESA under the terms
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Business Name (if self-emp	loyed)				
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Employer's Name					
Employer's Address					

If retired or not employed, indi	tate source of income.			
☐ Retirement Savings	☐ Social Se	curity/Pensio	n	
☐ Spousal Support	☐ Other (pl	ease specify)		
Political/Military Officials				
Please indicate if the Contribut country or jurisdiction, or is clo (including spouse, parents, sibl	sely associated with s	such official or		
□Yes □No				
If yes, please provide name of	official, office held, an	d country		
:. Parent or Legal Guardian Info (Complete only if Contributor is If the Contributor is not the par the "Authorized Person" for pur	s <u>not</u> the parent or legerent or legerent or legal guardian o	of the Benefic	iary, the parent or lega	l guardian designated here i
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Permanent Residential Address (if different from mailing Social Security Number  Phone Number  E-Mail Address  Relationship to Beneficiary	g address)(no P.O. boxes)	City	State  Date of Birth	Zip Code
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3. Type of Coverdell ESA Contribution  Type of Coverdell ESA Contribution	on/Investment I	nformation	
Regular contribution			
60-day rollover of distribution f			
	must be made no	later than April 15 <sup>th</sup>	following the tax year to which they relate
(minimum investment \$500).			
FUND NAME		DOLLA	R AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE
If you are investing in a fund with multiple share classes	, please specify the share cla	ss you are purchasing next to	the name of the fund.
4. Account Options			
a. Automatic Asset Builder.			
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bank account (as permitted) debited.	•		
☐ Yes, I want Automatic Asset Builder			
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year contributions. Money will be trans	•		
Fund Name		_ Amount \$	
Check the investment cycle that is mos	st convenient for y	ou to have your ba	nk account debited.
☐ Bi-monthly (twice a month) ☐ Mon	thly 🚨 Quarterly	☐ Semi-annually	☐ Annually
Starting month	Date(s)		
NOTE: If a date falls on a non-business			
b. TeleTransfer.	, , ,		,
	vour designated bank a	ccount and vour mutual	fund account(s) by telephone. You may elect to make
5 1	U		nember of the Automated Clearing House (ACH).
Yes, I want the TeleTransfer priviled	ge.		
You must attach a voided check to this	application in the	area designated be	low. Money will be transferred only from
the bank account indicated on the voic		,	•
A fund will require BNY Mellon Trans	fer, Inc. (Transfer	Agent) to employ r	easonable procedures, such as requiring
a form of personal identification, to o	onfirm that instr	uctions relaved by	telephone and online are genuine and, if

it does not follow such procedures, it may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. Neither the custodian, the fund nor its Transfer Agent will be liable for following instructions reasonably believed to be genuine.

If the Contributor <b>is</b> the parent or legal guardian of the designated Beneficiary:	
A & B must be signed by the Contributor.	
c should remain unsigned.	
If the Contributor is <b>NOT</b> the parent or legal guardian of the designated Beneficiary:	
A must be signed by the Contributor.	
B should remain unsigned.	
must be signed by the parent or legal guardian designated on this application.	
By signing this application, I am establishing a Coverdell ESA on behalf of the Beneficiary de that I have received and read the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement. I accept and agree designated on this application to be bound by the terms of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agree Mellon to be the Custodian of the Coverdell ESA that I am establishing pursuant to this applications set forth in Section 1 and Section 2 of this application. If I am not the parent or lead on this application, I designate the parent or legal guardian identified in Section 1 of this Application and ESA that I am establishing under the terms of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreemegal age in my state of residence.	on behalf of myself and the Beneficiary ment, and I appoint The Bank of New Yorl dication. I hereby confirm the Beneficiary gal guardian of the Beneficiary designated dication as the "Authorized Person" of the
A Signature of Contributor:	Date:
I acknowledge that I have received and read the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement, and the on this application. I agree to be bound by the terms of the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement confirm the investment selection set forth in Section 3 of this application. I understand that its appointment as Custodian of my Coverdell ESA upon receipt of my properly completed agreent to me for the initial purchase of fund shares will confirm such acceptance. I acknowledge or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or the U.S. government, and are no insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other agency. All mutual fund shares the possible loss of principal, and there can be no guarantee that a money market fund will be a lunderstand that The Bank of New York Mellon as Custodian charges an annual maintenance account I maintain. I understand that the Custodian's fee will normally be deducted from my represented that the time I close my account. The Custodian may change its fee schedule, including annual maintenance fee had been charged, from time to time, upon notice to me as provided in I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Beneficiary designated fransfer Agent to act on telephone instructions from any person representing himself or herse fransfer Agent to be genuine.	tent and mutual fund prospectus. I hereby is The Bank of New York Mellon will accept pplication and that the transaction advices that mutual fund shares are not deposite that mutual fund shares are not deposite involve certain investment risks, including able to maintain a stable \$1.00 share price are fee of \$12.00 for each type of retirement etirement account in December each year imposing a fee for accounts for which not in the Coverdell ESA Custodial Agreement don this application. I authorize the fund's
The Fund will require the Transfer Agent to employ reasonable procedures, such as require confirm that instructions relayed by telephone are genuine, and if it does not follow such produce to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. Neither the Custodian, the Fund nor its Trainstructions reasonably believed to be genuine.	ocedures, it may be liable for any losses
B Signature of Contributor:	Data
Signature of Contributor:(if Contributor is parent or legal guardian)	Date:
C Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:	Date:
(if Contributor is not parent or legal guardian)	
The Contributor, Authorized Person and Beneficiary, and not the Custodian, are responsible and tax effect of any contribution to or distribution from the Coverdell ESA. The rules gover consult with your tax and/or legal advisor for more complete information.	
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5. Signature(s)



### WHAT DOES BNY MELLON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Why?	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. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.		
What?	The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:  Social Security Number Assets and income Account balances and transaction history Payment history		
How?	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 Management chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.		

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does BNY Mellon Investment Management 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	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	We don't share
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	We don't share
For our affiliates to market to you	Yes	Yes
For nonaffiliates to market to you	No	We don't share

# To limit our sharing

Call 1-866-206-5660. Our menu will prompt you through the process.

When you call, you will need to provide:

- The last 4 digits of your Social Security number
- Your zip code
- The first 5 letters of your last name (Provide all letters if your last name is less than 5 letters.)

Please note: If you have previously called or submitted a written request instructing us to limit our sharing of personal information with our affiliates to market to you, your request will apply until you tell us to change your request or for 5 years from when you made the request, whichever is sooner. After that period expires but before any of our affiliates market to you, you will receive a renewal notice that will allow you to continue to limit marketing offers from our affiliates for at least another 5 years.

If you invest in any of the funds providing this notice through a non-affiliated third party, such as a bank, broker-dealer or financial adviser, you will automatically be excluded from personal information sharing with affiliates to market to you. There is no need for you to notify us.

If you are a new customer, we may begin sharing your information 30 days from the date we deliver this notice to you. When you are no longer our customer, we may continue to share your information as described in this notice. However, you can contact us at any time to limit our sharing.

#### Questions?

Call **1-800-847-3560** or visit our website via the following link:

https://im.bnymellon.com/us/en/individual/policies/online-privacy-policy.html

Page 2 Who we are	
Who is providing this notice?	This notice is provided by the BNY Mellon Family of Funds (including Dreyfus money market funds), BNY Mellon Funds Trust, BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc., BNY Mellon Securities Corporation, BNY Mellon Transfer, Inc., BNY Mellon Insurance Agency, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon as Custodian for retirement plan accounts sponsored by BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.  Any BNY Mellon Investment Management entities or businesses not listed here

may provide their own notice.

What we do	
How does BNY Mellon Investment Management 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 Management collect my personal information?	<ul> <li>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</li> <li>open an account or deposit money</li> <li>give us your income information</li> <li>tell us about your investment or retirement portfolio</li> <li>direct us to buy securities</li> </ul>
	We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.
Why can't I limit all sharing?	Federal law gives you the right to limit some but not all sharing related to:
	<ul> <li>affiliates' everyday business purposes-information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>nonaffiliates to market to you</li> </ul>
	State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing. See below for more on your rights under state law.
What happens when I limit sharing for an account I hold jointly with someone else?	Your choices will apply to everyone on your account.

Definitions	
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
	<ul> <li>Our affiliates include banks and companies whose names include "The Bank of New York," "BNY," "Mellon," "Insight," or "Newton," and other financial companies such as Pershing LLC, and Walter Scott &amp; Partners Limited.</li> </ul>
	Your opt-out will also apply to banks or other companies that may become our affiliates in the future.
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
	BNY Mellon Investment Management 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 Management doesn't jointly market.

#### Other important information

STATE LAWS: We follow state law where state law provides you with additional privacy protections.

FOR RESIDENTS OF VERMONT If our account records show that you live in Vermont, we will not disclose nonpublic personal information about you to our affiliates for the purpose of enabling them to market their products and services to you. There is no need for you to call to opt out.



# Coverdell Education Savings Custodial Account Agreement

(Under section 530 of the Internal Revenue Code)

#### ARTICLE I - GENERAL INFORMATION

**1.01 Designation Under Code Section 530.** The education savings account established hereunder shall be a Coverdell Education Savings Account within the meaning of section 530 of the Code. The Coverdell ESA is created exclusively for the purpose of paying qualified education expenses (within the meaning of section 530(b)(2) of the Code) of the Beneficiary.

**1.02** Establishment of the Coverdell ESA. Any person of legal age in the person's state of residence may apply to establish an Coverdell ESA sponsored by the Custodian. By accepting such application, the Custodian accepts custodianship of the Fund. The Coverdell ESA shall be effective as of the date custodianship is accepted by the Custodian and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1.03 Identity of the Authorized Person. For purposes of this Agreement, the "Authorized Person" shall be the person who established the Coverdell ESA; provided that if such person is neither the parent nor legal guardian of the Beneficiary, the Authorized Person shall be the parent or legal guardian of the Beneficiary, as specified by the person establishing the Coverdell ESA in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian. The Authorized Person may elect in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian that the Beneficiary shall be substituted for the existing Authorized Person upon reaching the age of majority in accordance with the laws of the Beneficiary's state of residence or at any later date before the Beneficiary's attainment of age 30. If the Authorized Person becomes incapacitated or dies, the Authorized Person shall be (i) the Beneficiary, if the Beneficiary is not incapacitated and has reached the age of majority, (ii) if the incapacitated or deceased Authorized Person is the Beneficiary's parent and clause (i) does not apply, the Beneficiary's other parent, if any, or otherwise (iii) the Beneficiary's legal guardian.

1.04 Beneficiary Designations. The person who establishes the Coverdell ESA shall designate a Beneficiary in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian and may, in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian, designate a successor beneficiary to whom, if so permitted under section 530 of the Code, the Fund shall be distributed if the Beneficiary should die before attaining age 30. At any time before the Beneficiary attains age 30, the Authorized Person may designate a new Beneficiary or successor beneficiary in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian; provided that any new Beneficiary shall be a member of the family (within the meaning of section 529(e)(2) of the Code) of the Beneficiary. Notwithstanding any designation of a successor beneficiary, in the case of the death or divorce of the Beneficiary, the Authorized Person shall take any action reasonably required to effect the intent of section 530(d)(7) of the Code.

**1.05 Definitions.** For purposes of this Agreement, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context or is expressly

provided, the following words and phrases, when used in capitalized form in the Agreement, shall be defined as follows:

"Article" shall mean an article of this Agreement.

"Authorized Person" shall mean the Authorized Person described in Section 1.03.

"Beneficiary" shall mean the individual for whose benefit the Coverdell ESA is maintained, as designated pursuant to Section 1.04.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Custodian" shall mean The Bank of New York Mellon.

"Coverdell Education Savings Account, or Coverdell ESA, or ESA" shall mean the Coverdell Education Savings Account (within the meaning of section 530 of the Code).

"Fund" shall mean the assets of the Coverdell ESA held by the Custodian.

"Regular Contribution" shall mean a contribution to the Coverdell ESA pursuant to Section 2.01.

"Rollover Contribution" shall mean a contribution to the Coverdell ESA pursuant to Section 2.02.

"Section" shall mean a section of this Agreement.

"Special Needs Beneficiary" shall mean a Beneficiary with special needs determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary in accordance with the last paragraph of section 530(b)(1) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE II - CONTRIBUTIONS**

**2.01 Regular Contributions.** Subject to the limitations imposed by Article III, any person shall be permitted to make a contribution to the Coverdell ESA. A Contribution pursuant to this Section 2.01 shall be made on or before the due date (not including extensions) for the income tax return of the Beneficiary for the calendar year to which the contribution relates.

**2.02 Rollover Contributions.** Subject to the limitations imposed by section 530(d)(5) of the Code and Article III, any person may contribute to the Coverdell ESA some portion or all of any amount that was distributed from an education individual retirement account (within the meaning of section 530 of the Code) established for the Beneficiary or a member of the family (within the meaning of section 529(e)(2) of the Code) of the Beneficiary who had not attained age 30 at the time of such distribution. Such contribution, however, must be made no later than the sixtieth day after the date of such distribution.

#### ARTICLE III - LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS

**3.01** Aggregate Annual Limit. No Regular Contribution shall be made to the Coverdell ESA for any calendar year to the extent the contribution will cause the sum of all Regular Contributions to any Coverdell ESA for the Beneficiary to exceed the limit set forth in section 530(b)(1)(A)(iii) of the Code.

**3.02 Form of Contribution.** All Regular Contributions to the Coverdell ESA shall be made exclusively in cash. All Rollover Contributions shall be made in cash or in such other form as is acceptable to the Custodian.

**3.03 Age of Beneficiary.** No Regular Contributions to the Coverdell ESA shall be permitted after the date on which the Beneficiary attains age 18, except in the case of a Special Needs Beneficiary.

**3.04 Regular Contribution Phase-Out.** The annual limit on Regular Contributions set forth in Section 3.01 shall be reduced to the extent required by section 530(c) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE IV - INVESTMENTS**

**4.01 Investment Instructions.** All contributions to the Coverdell ESA shall become part of the Fund. The Custodian shall invest and reinvest all contributions to the Coverdell ESA in accordance with the Authorized Person's directions given in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian by the Authorized Person. If any investment instructions are unclear in the opinion of the Custodian, or if any contribution exceeds the amount permitted under section 530(b)(1)(A)(iii) of the Code and is not identified as a Rollover Contribution, the Custodian may hold or return all or a portion of the contribution uninvested without liability for loss of income or depreciation and without liability for interest, pending receipt of proper instructions or clarification.

**4.02 Investment of the Fund.** The Authorized Person shall have the authority to direct the Custodian to invest assets of the Fund in (a) shares of ownership in investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which are managed, advised, sub-advised or administered by any of the Custodian's affiliates and whose shareholder account records are maintained by an affiliate of the Custodian, or shares in any other investment company as from time to time the Custodian may agree to hold in the Account and (b) in such other investments as allowed by law and as from time to time the Custodian may agree to hold as part of the Fund.

The Authorized Person must provide the Custodian with specific instructions, in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian, regarding specific purchases, sales, exchanges, and other transactions involving the Fund. All such transactions shall comply with this Agreement and the current prospectus or other offering materials of the investment fund(s) involved. By giving instructions to the Custodian to invest in an investment fund, the Authorized Person shall be deemed to have acknowledged receipt of the current prospectus or other offering material for such investment fund.

In the event the Fund holds shares of a fund that are scheduled due to a fund reorganization or merger to be exchanged for shares of another fund that are not eligible for investment by the Fund under the preceding provisions of the first paragraph of this Section 4.02, or holds shares of a fund that is scheduled for liquidation, the Custodian will notify you and request that instructions be given to the Custodian to exchange the affected fund shares for shares of another eligible fund. If no instructions are given to the Custodian prior to the time designated in such notice, the Custodian shall exchange the affected fund shares for shares of a Dreyfus money market fund. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the preceding provisions of this third paragraph of Section 4.02 shall not apply to the extent arrangements are made to transition the Fund from the Custodian to a successor custodian in connection with a fund reorganization or merger where the affected fund shares are being exchanged for shares of an ineligible fund.

**4.03 Telephonic Investment Instructions.** The Custodian shall be entitled to rely and act upon telephonic instructions deemed by it to be in proper form and reasonably believed by it to be genuine directing the exchange of investments for other investments

allowed to be exchanged, provided that such investments are available for sale in the Beneficiary's state of residence, and shall not be liable for any liability, cost or expense arising out of any telephonic exchange request effected pursuant to such telephonic instructions. The Custodian will employ reasonable procedures, such as requiring a form of personal identification to confirm that telephonic instructions are genuine and, if it does not follow such procedures, it may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. The Authorized Person will be solely responsible for the consequences of any exchange including any penalty for an early withdrawal from a time deposit investment, if applicable. The Authorized Person authorizes and directs the Custodian to respond to any telephonic inquiries relating to the status of investments in the Fund. The Authorized Person agrees that the certifications, authorizations, directions and restrictions contained herein will continue until the Custodian receives written notice of any change or revocation. The Authorized Person understands that the Custodian reserves the right to refuse any telephonic instructions.

**4.04 Limitation on Investments.** No part of the Fund shall be invested in life insurance contracts or commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.

**4.05 Reinvestment of Earnings.** Dividends, interest, or any other distributions received by the Custodian with respect to the Fund shall be reinvested in accordance with the Authorized Person's instructions given to the Custodian in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian; provided that if the Authorized Person provides no such instructions, all such dividends, interest, or other distributions received by the Custodian in respect of any investment fund held under the Coverdell ESA shall be reinvested in additional shares of such investment fund.

4.06 Registration of Assets. The assets of the Fund shall be registered in the name of the Custodian for the benefit of the Beneficiary. The Custodian shall deliver to the Authorized Person all notices, prospectuses, financial statements, proxies, and proxy soliciting materials relating to the investment funds held under the Coverdell Education Savings Account, and shall vote the investment funds held in the Coverdell ESA in accordance with written instructions received from the Authorized Person. However, any shares of ownership in Investment Companies managed, advised, sub-advised or administered by any of the Custodian's affiliates (Fund Shares), held by the Coverdell ESA for which no voting instructions are timely received, may be voted by the Custodian in such manner as the Custodian in its discretion determines for the purpose of, to the extent possible, voting such shares in the same proportion as the Fund Shares of the same Investment Companies for which voting instructions from such Investment Company's other Coverdell ESA and IRA shareholders are timely received by the Custodian.

**4.07 Responsibility of the Custodian.** The Authorized Person acknowledges that the Custodian does not undertake to render any investment advice and that the Custodian is not responsible for any loss, depreciation or tax effect that results from the Authorized Person's exercise of (or failure to exercise) investment control of the Fund.

#### **ARTICLE V - DISTRIBUTIONS**

**5.01 Distributions.** The Authorized Person may elect in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian to have all or any part of the Fund distributed to any person or entity designated by the Authorized Person.

**5.02 Return of Excess Contributions.** Upon request of the Authorized Person in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian, the Custodian shall pay as soon as practicable any excess contribution (within the meaning of section 4973(e) of the Code) and any net

income attributable to such excess contribution, as directed by the Authorized Person.

**5.03** Responsibility of the Custodian. Except to the extent otherwise required by applicable law or this Agreement, the Custodian shall make distributions from the Coverdell ESA only at the direction of the Authorized Person. The Custodian shall have no responsibility for the tax consequences of any distribution, or the failure to elect any distribution, from the Coverdell ESA. Such responsibility shall be solely that of the Authorized Person, Beneficiary, or distributee, as the case may be.

#### **ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION**

6.01 Custodian Reports. The Custodian shall submit to the Internal Revenue Service and to the Beneficiary reports that contain information prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. Such reports shall be filed at such time and in such manner and furnished to such individuals at such time and in such manner as prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. Within sixty days after the close of each calendar year, or within ninety days after the Custodian's resignation or removal pursuant to Section 8.01, the Custodian shall send to the Authorized Person a written report reflecting the transactions made during such period and the market value of the Fund at the close of the period. If, within sixty days after receiving such report, the Authorized Person does not object in writing to any specific item in such report, the accounting in such report shall be deemed final and the Custodian shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be forever released and discharged from all liability and accountability with respect to items set forth in or omitted from such report. Any report provided to the Custodian pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall be deemed given to the Beneficiary when mailed to the Authorized Person at the address of the Beneficiary on record with the Custodian.

6.02 Duties of the Authorized Person. In addition to any other duties imposed upon the Authorized Person under this Agreement, the Authorized Person shall have sole responsibility for determining whether any contribution to or distribution from the Coverdell ESA shall be permitted, including but not limited to the responsibility to determine the allowability, amount, and tax effect of any contribution to or distribution from the Coverdell ESA, the responsibility to instruct the Custodian to make distributions pursuant to Section 5.02, and the responsibility to determine whether a distribution from the Coverdell ESA is for the purpose of paying the qualified higher education expenses (within the meaning of section 530(b)(2)(A) of the Code) of the Beneficiary. The Authorized Person also shall be responsible for ensuring that any Beneficiary designations hereunder comply with the requirements of Section 1.04. The Authorized Person agrees to provide in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian any information that may be necessary or helpful for the Custodian to fulfill its duties hereunder, including but not limited to the preparation of reports required by the Internal Revenue Service.

**6.03** Custodian Fees and Expenses. The Custodian shall be entitled to such fees for maintaining and administering the Coverdell ESA as it may establish from time to time. The Custodian may change its fees hereunder at any time upon thirty days' written notice to the Authorized Person. All such fees and all other expenses incurred in maintaining the Coverdell ESA shall be charged to the Fund unless, with the consent of the Custodian, all or part of such fees and expenses are paid by the Authorized Person.

**6.04** Duties of the Custodian. The parties do not intend to confer any fiduciary duties on the Custodian, and none shall be implied. The Custodian may rely conclusively upon and shall be protected in acting upon any written instruction from the Authorized

Person or any other notice, request, consent, or certificate reasonably believed by it to be genuine. The Custodian shall have no obligation to verify the allowability, amount, or tax effect of any contribution made to or distribution made from the Coverdell ESA, and the Custodian shall be entitled to rely completely on any instructions furnished to it by the Authorized Person and shall have no duty or obligation to question such instructions. The Custodian shall be under no duties whatsoever except such duties as are specifically set forth as such in this Agreement, and no implied covenant or obligation shall be read into this Agreement against the Custodian. The Authorized Person shall have the sole authority and responsibility for the enforcement of defense of the terms and conditions of this Agreement against or on behalf of any person or persons claiming any interest in the Fund. The Custodian shall be liable only for its gross negligence or willful misconduct in performing or failing to perform its duties under this Agreement and shall not be liable for any action or failure to act when such action or failure to act is in accordance with the Authorized Person's written (or telephonic, as provided herein) authorization or instructions or is due to the absence of such authorization or instructions.

**6.05 Delegation of Authority.** The Custodian may delegate to any other person or entity the authority to carry out any of the responsibilities of the Custodian hereunder, except that assets of the Fund must be registered as set forth in Section 4.06.

**6.06 Indemnification.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Authorized Person shall fully indemnify the Custodian and hold it harmless from any and all liability whatsoever that may arise in connection with this Agreement and matters that it contemplates, except those that arise due to the Custodian's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Custodian shall not be obligated or expected to commence or defend any legal action or proceeding in connection with this Agreement unless agreed upon by the Custodian and the Authorized Person and unless the Custodian is fully indemnified to the Custodian's satisfaction for so doing. This Section 6.06 shall survive the termination of the Coverdell ESA.

#### **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT**

**7.01 General.** The Custodian reserves the right to amend this Agreement at any time in any manner that will not cause the Coverdell ESA to fail to satisfy the requirements of section 530 of the Code. Any amendment by the Custodian shall be effective upon communication, in writing, to the Authorized Person, and the Authorized Person shall be deemed to have consented thereto.

**7.02 Exceptions.** From time to time, the Custodian may enter into and amend agreements with sponsors of investment funds held or to be offered under the Coverdell ESA regarding the terms under which such investment funds may be offered or chosen for investment under the Coverdell ESA. Section 7.01 shall not be construed to require the Custodian to notify the Authorized Person of the establishment or amendment of any such agreement, nor shall Section 7.01 apply to any change in fees made as provided in Section 6.03.

## ARTICLE VIII - RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF CUSTODIAN

**8.01 General.** The Custodian may resign and appoint a successor custodian at any time upon at least thirty days' prior written notice to the Authorized Person. The Authorized Person may remove the Custodian and appoint a successor custodian at any time upon thirty days' prior written notice to the Custodian. Upon such resignation or removal, and upon receipt by the Custodian of written acceptance of its appointment by the successor custodian, which must be a bank or other person qualified to serve as a custodian

under section 530(b)(1)(B) of the Code, the Custodian shall transfer the Fund and all records necessary to maintain the Coverdell ESA (or copies thereof) to such successor custodian, provided that (if so requested by the Custodian) such successor custodian agrees not to dispose of any such records without the Custodian's consent. The Custodian is authorized, however, to reserve such portion of the Fund as it may deem advisable for payment for all its fees, compensation, costs and expenses, or for payment of any other liabilities constituting a charge on or against the Fund or on or against the Custodian, with any balance of such reserve remaining after the payment of all such items to be paid over to the successor custodian. If, within thirty days after the Custodian's resignation or removal, or such longer time as the Custodian may agree to, the Authorized Person or Custodian has not appointed a successor custodian that has accepted such appointment, the Custodian shall terminate the Coverdell ESA in accordance with the provisions of Article IX.

**8.02** Responsibility of the Custodian. After the Custodian has transferred the Fund (including any reserve balance) to the successor custodian pursuant to Section 8.01, the Custodian shall be relieved of all further liability with respect to this Agreement, the Coverdell ESA, and the Fund, including but not limited to any acts or omissions of the successor custodian.

**8.03** Responsibility of Successor Custodian. No successor custodian appointed pursuant to Section 8.01 shall be liable or responsible for any act or default of any predecessor custodian, nor shall any successor custodian be required to inquire into or take any notice of the prior administration of the Coverdell ESA.

## ARTICLE IX - TERMINATION OF THE Coverdell ESA

**9.01 Time of Termination.** The Authorized Person may terminate the Coverdell ESA at any time upon prior written notice to the Custodian. The Custodian shall terminate the Coverdell ESA if, within the time specified in Section 8.01 after the Custodian's resignation or removal, neither the Authorized Person nor the Custodian has appointed a successor custodian that accepted such appointment. Unless earlier terminated in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Section 9.01, the Coverdell ESA shall terminate on the earliest of (a) the date all assets of the Fund have been distributed, (b) the date the Beneficiary attains age 30 except in the case of a Special Needs Beneficiary or (c) the date of the Beneficiary's death.

**9.02 Manner of Termination at Death.** If the Coverdell ESA is terminated on account of the death of the Beneficiary, termination shall be effected by distributing the Fund in a lump sum, within thirty days after the date of death, to the successor beneficiary, if any, named as provided in Section 1.04, to the extent such a distribution shall be permitted pursuant to section 530 of the Code or, if not so permitted and/or if no such successor is named, to the estate of the Beneficiary. For purposes of Section 9.01 and this Section 9.02, the Custodian shall presume that the Beneficiary is still living until the Authorized Person, in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian, notifies the Custodian of the Beneficiary's death and instructs the Custodian to terminate the Coverdell ESA and distribute its assets in accordance with this Section 9.02.

**9.03 Other Terminations.** If the Coverdell ESA is terminated on account of any reason other than the death of the Beneficiary (including but not limited to on account of the Beneficiary's attaining age 30), termination shall be effected by distributing the Fund upon the Authorized Person's instruction. Such instruction shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Custodian. If no such instruction is given in a case where no successor custodian has been appointed (or where no successor custodian has accepted appointment) in accordance with Section 8.01, termination shall be effected by distributing the Fund to the Authorized Person for the benefit of

the Beneficiary. Any distribution pursuant to Section 9.02 or this Section 9.03 shall be subject to the Custodian's right to reserve funds as provided in Section 8.01.

**9.04 Responsibility of the Custodian.** Upon termination of the Coverdell ESA, this Agreement shall terminate and, except for the continued applicability of Section 6.06, shall have no further force and effect, and the Custodian shall be relieved from all further liability with respect to this Agreement, the Coverdell ESA, and the Fund.

#### ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS

**10.01 Construction.** Unless the contrary is plainly required by the context, wherever any words are used herein in the singular form, they shall be construed as though they were also used in the plural form, and vice versa; and wherever the words "herein," "hereof," "hereunder," and words of similar import are used, they shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not only to the portion of the Agreement in which they appear.

10.02 Notices. Any notice, report, accounting, or other communication that the Custodian may give the Authorized Person shall be deemed given when mailed to the Authorized Person at the address of the Beneficiary on record with the Custodian, and any notice given to the Authorized Person shall be deemed given to the Beneficiary as well. All notices that the Authorized Person is required pursuant to this Agreement to give to the Custodian shall be deemed given when received by the Custodian at its principal office.

**10.03 Prohibition Against Assignment.** Except as provided in Sections 5.02, 6.03, 8.01, and 9.02, no interest, right, or claim in or to any portion of the Fund or any payment therefrom shall be assignable, transferable, or subject to sale, mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, commutation, anticipation, garnishment, attachment, execution, or levy of any kind. The Custodian shall not recognize any attempt to do any of the foregoing, except to the extent required by law.

**10.04** Titles and Headings Not to Control. The titles to Articles and the headings of Sections in this Agreement are placed herein for convenience of reference only, and in the event of any conflict, the text of the Agreement, rather than such titles or headings, shall control.

10.05 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement should be held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Agreement, and the Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had never been inserted herein.

**10.06 Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed, administered and enforced according to federal law and, to the extent applicable, according to the law of the State of New York, determined without regard to its choice of law rules.

**10.07 No Other Rights Against Custodian.** Neither the establishment of the Coverdell ESA or of the Fund pursuant to this Agreement, nor the payment of any benefits, shall be construed as giving the Beneficiary or any other person any legal or equitable right against the Custodian except as herein provided.

10.08 Beneficiary and Authorized Person to Look only to Assets of Fund. It is a condition of this Agreement, and the Beneficiary and Authorized Person expressly agree, that the Beneficiary and Authorized Person shall look solely to the assets of the Fund for the payment of any benefit to which the Beneficiary is entitled under this Agreement.