

Life Lessons

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Consider a Smart Way to Save



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- Can change the designated beneficiary.
- The new beneficiary must be a member of the prior beneficiary's family. Gift taxes could apply if the new beneficiary is of a younger generation than that of the prior beneficiary.
- Can roll over other educational savings accounts.
- Can name a contingent account owner.

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You can contribute up to \$18,000 per year (\$36,000 per married couple) per beneficiary without paying federal gift-tax consequences

Or you may gift up to \$90,000 (\$180,000 per married couple) to each beneficiary. You will not incur federal gift taxes as long as no additional gifts are made to the beneficiary for four years after the year during which you make the one-time gift.¹

¹ Consult your tax advisor about gift taxes and reporting. Amounts in an account that were considered completed gifts by the account owner will not be included in the account owner's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, if the account owner elected to treat the gifts as having been made over a five-year period and dies before the end of the five-year period, the portion of the contribution allocable to the remaining years in the five year period are eligible for inclusion in computing the account owner's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. Gift limits current as of 1/1/24; tax rules are subject to change.



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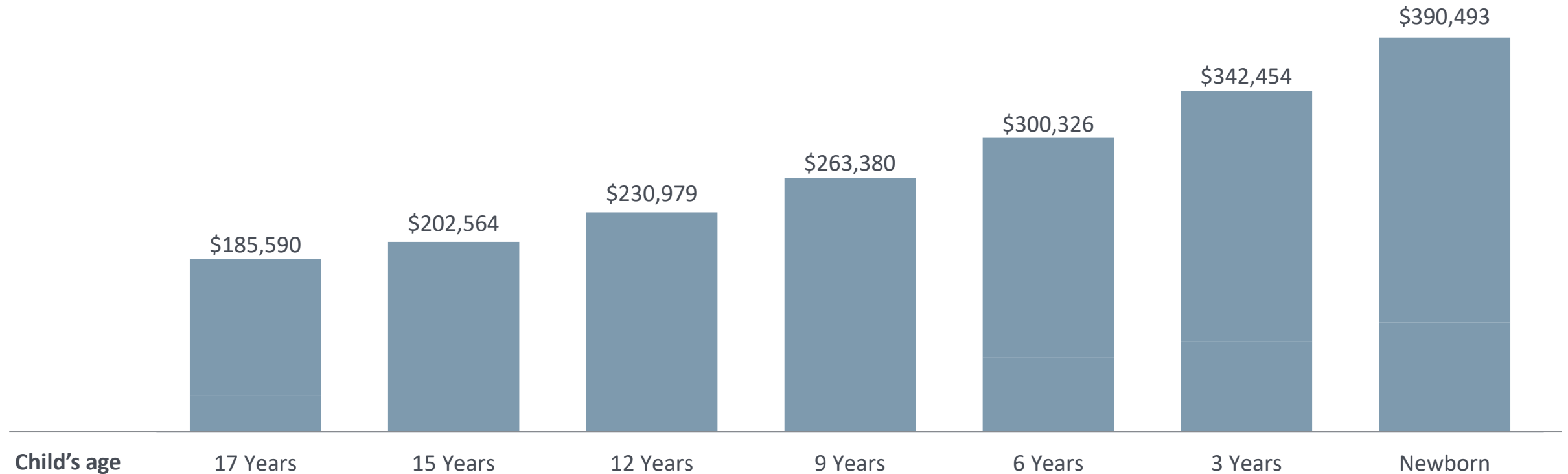
Seek to Have the Reward Outweigh
the Cost



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The rising cost of college

The cost of private college¹



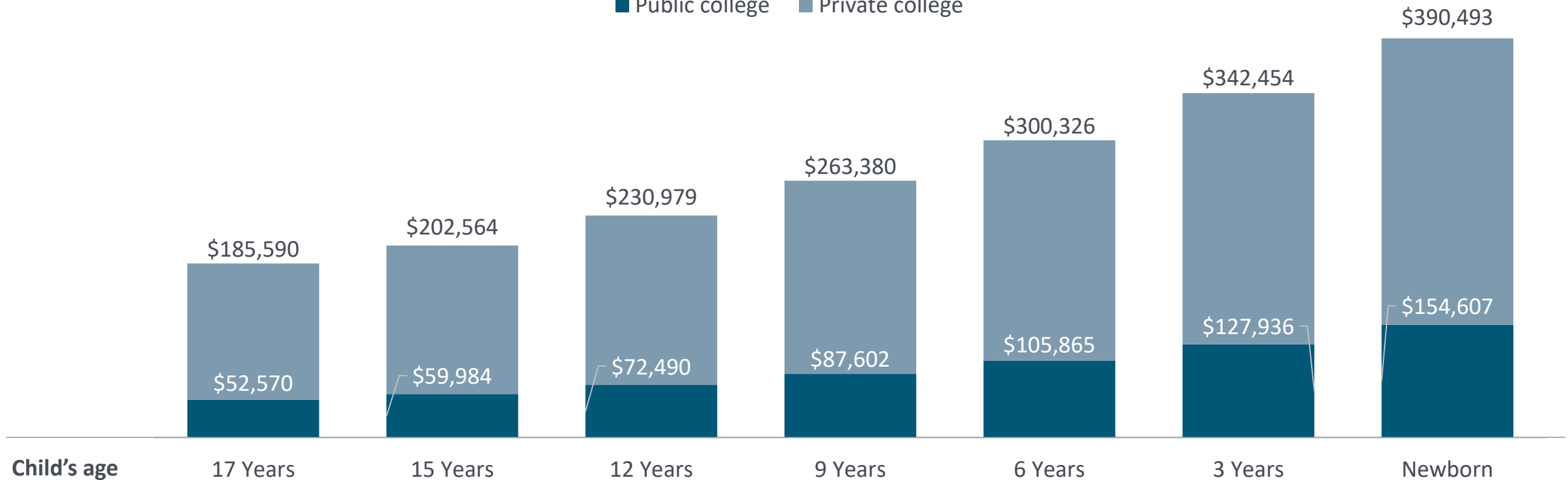
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The rising cost of college

The cost of private and public college¹

■ Public college ■ Private college



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Make it a Family Affair

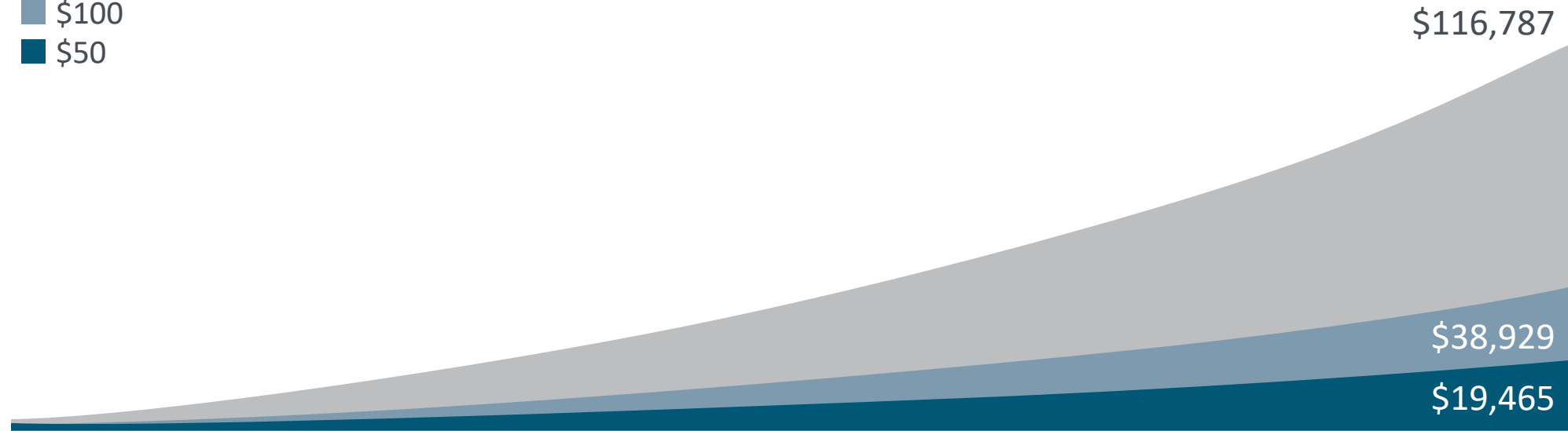


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A little goes long way

Investing a set amount of money each month can really add up over time.

- \$300
- \$100
- \$50



Growth over 18 years at 6% annual return compounded monthly

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Greater growth potential

An investment growing tax deferred has the potential to accumulate much more money over a long period of time.

- 24% tax bracket
- Tax deferred



Growth of \$10,000 over 18 years at 6% annual return compounded monthly

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Education Through
Generations



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TYRONE

1

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson make a gift to a 529 account for their grandson TYRONE on his eighth birthday.¹

2

Ten years later, TYRONE graduates from high school and attends a four-year public college, during which he uses a portion of his 529 account to pay for qualified expenses.²

3

After TYRONE graduates, the Andersons transfer ownership of the account to him with a letter of instruction.

LILY

4

Tyrone marries his high school sweetheart and their daughter LILY is born.

5

Tyrone and his wife change the beneficiary on the 529 account to LILY^{1,3}

6

At age 18, LILY attends a four-year public college, paying for her education with a portion of the funds in her 529 account.²

A plan to pass it on

Consider this example of how the 529 gifting feature can be used to help multiple family members and generations attend college.

^{1,2,3} See slide 17.

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Education through generations (continued)

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¹ A single person can contribute up to \$90,000 in one year per beneficiary; a married couple can contribute up to \$180,000 in one year per beneficiary with no gift tax consequences. Such a contribution will be considered a five-year accelerated annual exclusion gift, so no additional gifts can be made for that beneficiary for the next four years without incurring gift tax implications unless the annual gift exclusion increases. The gift amount and subsequent appreciation, however, are removed from your taxable estate. (A portion of the contribution amount may be included in the donor's taxable-estate calculation if the donor should die within the five-year period.) Consult your tax advisor about your gift tax situation, tax consequences and reporting.

² Earnings are tax deferred and, if used for qualified education expenses (such as tuition, room and board, required computers, books and supplies), are not subject to federal income tax. For funds withdrawn for enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private or religious school, only \$10,000 per year per beneficiary will be free from federal tax. Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2019, qualified education expenses now include expenses of certain Dept. of Labor registered apprenticeships and the repayment of student loans (up to \$10,000).

³ Consult your tax advisor regarding gift tax consequences of changing the beneficiary of a 529 account to a member of a younger generation. State taxation of distributions may not follow federal rules. Withdrawals not used for qualified education expenses are subject to both income taxes and a 10% federal tax penalty on earnings. State taxes may also apply.

There are no guarantees that 529 plans will be in existence 40 years from now. The rules governing 529 accounts are subject to change. Report gifts on your federal tax return. The illustration does not consider any state taxes that may apply.



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Ask a Professional



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Comparison shop

| | MFS[®] 529 Savings Plan | UGMA/UTMA |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Income tax treatment | Withdrawals are federal tax free if used for qualified education expenses ¹ | Earnings taxed at beneficiary's rate |
| Contribution limits | Up to \$400,000 account balance per beneficiary | None |
| Income limits | No limits | No limits |
| Control of assets | Account owner | Custodian until child reaches majority; then the child |
| Investment flexibility | You can move assets among investment options twice each calendar year or when you change beneficiaries | You can move assets as often as you want, but each transfer usually is a taxable event. |

¹ For funds withdrawn for tuition for enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private or religious school, only \$10,000 per year per beneficiary will be free from federal tax. State income taxes may differ.

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Comparison shop (continued)

| | MFS® 529 Savings Plan | UGMA/UTMA |
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| Estate planning features | Assets are transferred out of the owner’s estate; owner retains control | Assets are transferred out of the estate. |
| Uses | Can be used for almost any accredited post-secondary school, elementary or secondary public, private or religious school ^{1, 2} | No restrictions |
| Ability to change beneficiaries | Can be transferred to another member of the same family without penalty ³ | Not permitted |
| Penalties on nonqualified withdrawals | Ordinary income taxes and a 10% IRS penalty on earnings | None |
| State tax credit | Yes, for Oregon taxpayers* | No |
| Annual fee | \$25 annual fee, waived for residents of Oregon and to the extent approved by the Board, sub-accounts of Omnibus Accounts* | Differs, depending on funding vehicle |

Other waivers may apply, check with your financial advisor or investment professional.

¹ For funds withdrawn for tuition for enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private or religious school, only \$10,000 per year per beneficiary will be free from federal tax.

² Some states may not recognize elementary or secondary public private or religious school (K-12) withdrawals as qualified withdrawals, and as a result may recapture tax deductions received from the original state or apply non-qualified withdrawals.

³ Gift taxes could apply if the new beneficiary is of a younger generation than that of the prior beneficiary.

* Oregon taxpayers may receive a state tax credit for contributions to accounts in the Network of up to \$180 (\$360 if filing jointly). The amount the taxpayer must contribute to get the full credit increases based on the taxpayer's income. The Oregon Department of Revenue will periodically adjust the amount of the credit for inflation. For additional state and local tax considerations, please refer to the Participant Agreement and Disclosure Statement.

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Flexibility



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| High contribution limit | \$400,000 |
| Low initial minimum contribution | \$250 |
| Additional contributions | No minimum |
| Reallocate among investment options | Up to twice per year |

You have choices



**Enrollment Year investment
option**



Risk-Based approach

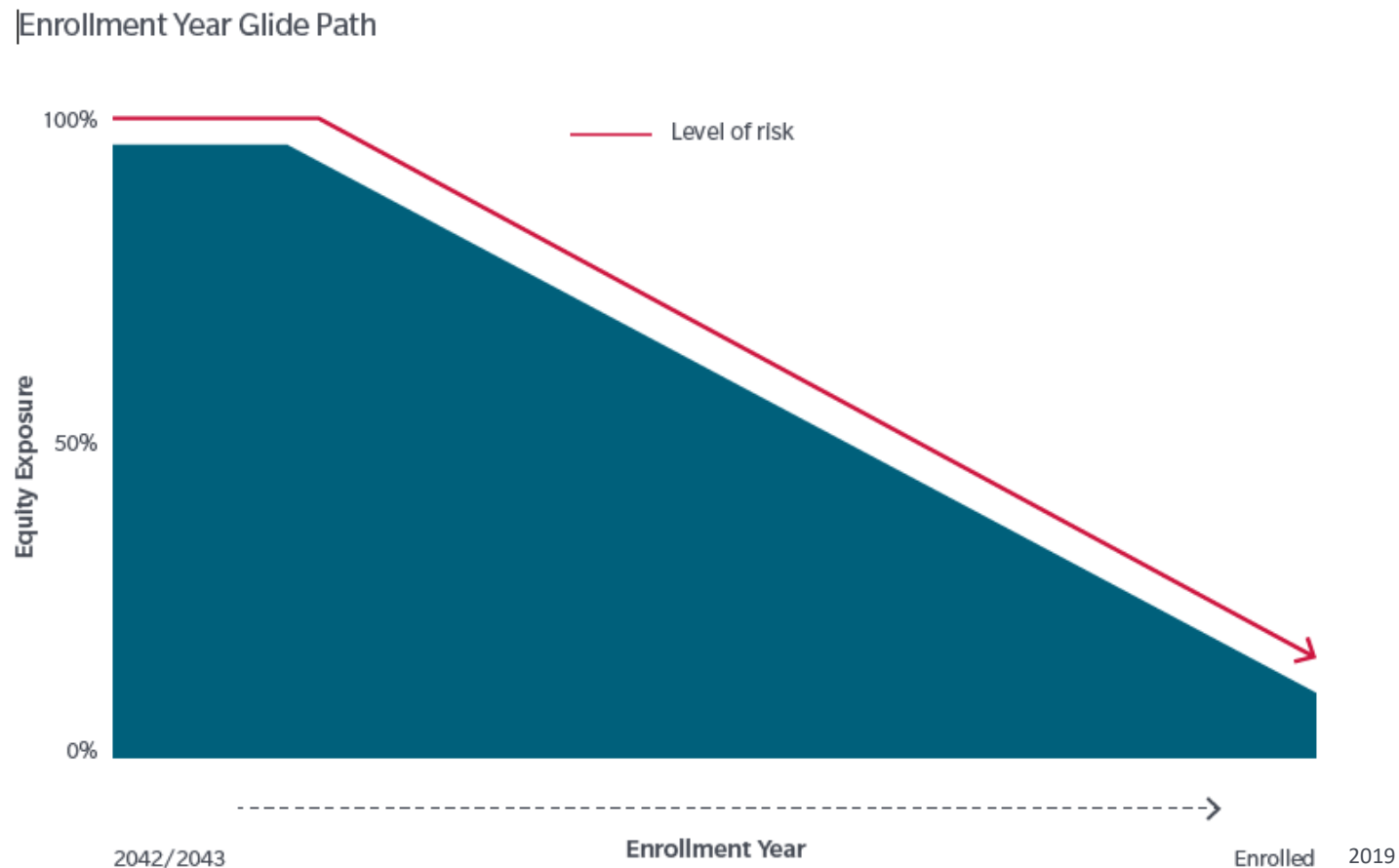


Enrollment Year Investment Options

- A “set it and forget it” approach
- Target year options
- Glide path
- MFS 529 Enrollment Year 2019 through MFS 529 Enrollment Year 2043

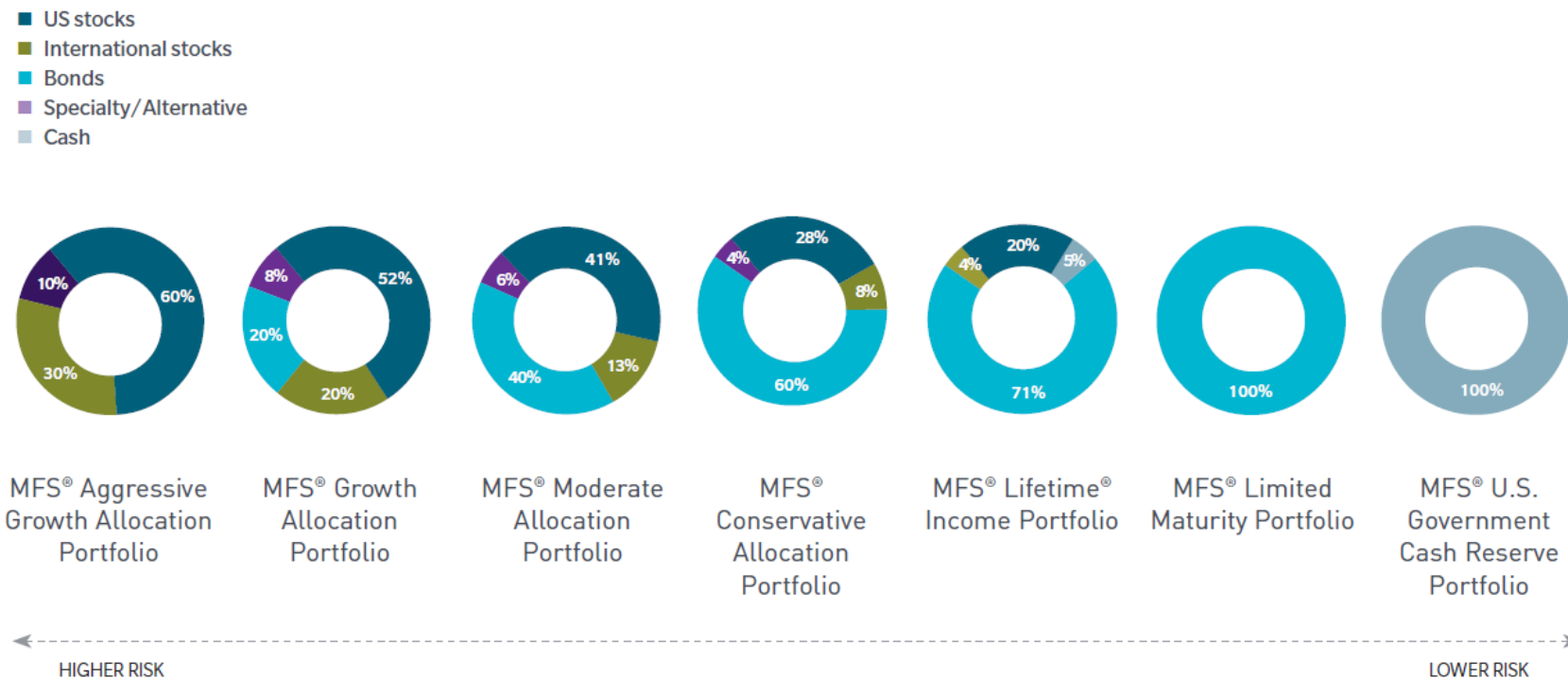
Enrollment year approach

Similar to target date funds used by retirement plans, enrollment year portfolios provide investors with the option to choose a fund based on the beneficiary’s expected college enrollment year or the date when money will be needed for tuition and other qualified education expenses. Employing a quarterly reallocation process, each enrollment year fund’s investment focus gradually shifts from seeking asset growth to capital preservation as the beneficiary moves closer to college age.



Risk-Based approach

Risk-based portfolios generally have different allocations to stocks and bonds as well as specialty/alternative and cash options that align with a variety of investor goals and risk tolerances. These portfolios are invested in a diversified mix of MFS funds and are rebalanced periodically to maintain alignment with their objective and risk profile. Depending on the option selected, investments include US stocks, non-US stocks, bonds, and specialty/ alternatives such as commodities, real estate investment trusts (REITs), derivatives and cash.



Keep in mind that no investment strategy, including allocate, diversify and rebalance, can guarantee a profit or protect against a loss. Also, all investments, including mutual funds, carry a certain amount of risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. The principal value of the portfolio options are not guaranteed at any time. Each 529 portfolio invests in MFS mutual fund(s). Performance of the MFS 529 Savings Plan's Enrollment Year and Risk-Based portfolios depends on their underlying MFS funds. These funds may be subject to the volatility of global financial markets (domestic and international) and additional risks associated with investing in high-yield, small-cap, and foreign securities, as well as different fees and expense levels associated with investing in these funds. Asset allocation, diversification and rebalancing do not guarantee a profit or protect against loss

Simple to Start

Discuss these three steps with your financial advisor or investment professional:

1. Determine which MFS investment option fits your needs.
2. Review the Participant Agreement and Disclosure Statement which also includes an Expense Overview.
3. Complete the MFS 529 Savings Plan Account Application.

Thank You