

West Virginia College Prepaid Tuition and Savings Program

A Program of the State of West Virginia - Administered by the Office of the West Virginia State Treasurer

Quarterly Status Report Period Ending June 30, 2021

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Per W. Va. Code §18-30-10, the West Virginia College Prepaid Tuition and Savings Program submits the quarterly report on the status of the program:

Savings Plan Trust Fund

During the quarter, the SMART529 Savings Plan added 1,874 accounts ending the period with 116,283 active nationwide accounts. The assets are valued at \$3,201,903,661. Of the nationwide accounts, 36,873 are West Virginia resident accounts with a total value of \$756,541,033.

Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund

The 2021 West Virginia Legislature terminated the Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund as continued operation was infeasible due to the rising administrative costs. On or about September 30, 2021, a lump sum final payment will be issued for any units, or fractional units, in the remaining accounts at the rate of \$4,808 per unit. This amount was calculated based on the 2019-2020 highest tuition rate of all eligible West Virginia public higher education institutions, which was adjusted with an annual 3.5% inflation rate based on actuarial analysis.

The West Virginia Prepaid Tuition Plan ended this period with 584 active accounts with assets valued at \$3,249,846. During the quarter, there were \$19,332 in qualified tuition benefit distributions. Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund investments earned \$459 during the quarter.

Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund Escrow Account

In March 2003, the West Virginia Legislature created the Prepaid Tuition Trust Escrow Account, to guarantee payment of Prepaid Tuition Plan contracts, and suspended further enrollments in the Plan.

	Last Quarter	This Quarter	FY to Date
Market Value	\$27,857,432	\$27,862,711	\$27,862,711
Change from previous quarter/year	\$69,859	\$5,279	\$1,440,464

Administrative Account

The Administrative Account established in the State Treasurer's Office is used for the purpose of implementing, operating, and maintaining the Trust Funds and the Program. It may receive funds from a variety of sources including fees, charges, and penalties collected by the Board.

Beginning balance	\$ 3,234,558
Receipts from Savings Plan Trust (WV Administrative Charge)	\$ 439,403
Expense Disbursements	<u>\$ (314,651)</u>
Ending Balance	\$3,359,310

Community Outreach

- SMART529 sponsored the Gazette-Mail Regional Spelling Bee in March. After a spell-off, Vinu Chandrasekar of Dunbar, WV was declared the winner and will represent the Gazette-Mail at the Scripps National Spelling Bee this summer.
- A SMART529 preschool newsletter was distributed to 15 daycare/preschool facilities, encouraging parents with children starting kindergarten to contribute some or all their daycare savings into a SMART529 account.
- Treasurer Moore announced the 15 regional winners and teacher winner of the *When I Grow Up* essay contest on Facebook Live in May. Each regional winner will receive a \$500 SMART529 gift card. An awards banquet is scheduled for September to determine the grand prize winner.
- SMART529 sponsored the West Virginia Miners baseball team in Beckley, WV.