



# Helping South Carolinians save for college

## Program description

Direct Program, March 2024

### The State of South Carolina's College Investment Program

Individuals with questions concerning the Future Scholar 529 Plan (the "Program"), including questions regarding the procedure for opening an account or how to request an account application or other account forms, should call the Program Manager at 888.244.5674 or visit the Program's website at [futurescholar.com](https://futurescholar.com). Questions or requests for information also may be addressed in writing to:

#### Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan

P.O. Box 219812  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9812

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**Curtis Loftis**  
State Treasurer  
State of South Carolina

This Program Description should be retained for future reference as it sets forth information you should know before participating in the Direct Program, including information about fees, expenses, tax consequences and investment risks. Account Owners should rely only on the information contained in the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet (and any supplements). No one is authorized to provide information that is different from the information contained in the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet (and any supplements). The information in the Program Description is believed to be accurate as of March 2024 and is subject to change without notice. The Portfolios and Underlying Funds may change. This Program Description will be updated from time to time to reflect changes determined to be material.

Account Owners or Designated Beneficiaries are not permitted to direct or control the investments of the Portfolios or the Underlying Funds, and do not have access or rights to any assets of the Office of State Treasurer, the State of South Carolina or the Program other than Trust Fund assets credited to the Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary.

**No Individual Tax Advice.** Any statements in this Program Description concerning U.S. tax issues (i) are not offered as individual tax advice to any person, and (ii) are provided as general information in connection with the promotion or marketing of the Program. Each taxpayer should seek advice, based on the taxpayer's particular circumstances, from an independent tax advisor.

**State Tax and Other Benefits.** If you are not a South Carolina taxpayer, consider before investing whether your or the beneficiary's home state offers a Section 529 Program that provides its taxpayers with favorable state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that may only be available through investment in the home state's Section 529 Program, and which are not available through investment in the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan. Since different states have different tax provisions, this Program Description contains limited information about the state tax consequences of investing in the Program. Therefore, please consult your financial, tax, or other advisor to learn more about how state-based benefits (or any limitations) would apply to your specific circumstances. You also may wish to contact your home state's Section 529 Program(s), or any other Section 529 Program, to learn more about those plans' features, benefits and limitations. Keep in mind that state-based benefits should be one of many appropriately weighted factors to be considered when making an investment decision.

Except for the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio, Program Accounts are not bank deposits, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or any other government agency, are not debts or obligations of, or guaranteed by, any bank or other financial institution, including the Office of State Treasurer, the State of South Carolina, Truist Bank, the Program Manager or its affiliates.

FDIC insurance is provided for the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio only, which invests in one or more FDIC-insured omnibus deposit accounts ("Bank Deposit Account") held in trust by the Program at Truist Bank ("TRUIST"). Contributions to and earnings on the investments in the Bank Deposit Account are insured by the FDIC on a pass-through basis to each Account Owner up to the maximum amount set by federal law – currently \$250,000. The amount of FDIC insurance provided to an Account Owner is based on the total of: (a) the amount of an Account Owner's investment in the Savings Portfolio; and (b) the amount or amounts of all other accounts held by the Account Owner at TRUIST, as determined in accordance with TRUIST records and FDIC regulations. The Program is not responsible for determining how an Account Owner's investment in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio will be aggregated with other accounts held by the Account Owner at TRUIST for purposes of the FDIC insurance.

Investments in the Direct Program involve investment risks including possible loss of principal. None of the State of South Carolina, the Treasurer, any agency or instrumentality of South Carolina, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc., SS&C GIDS, Inc. Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., Ameriprise Financial, Inc. or any of their affiliates, any agent or representative retained in connection with the Direct Program or any other person, is an insurer of, makes any guarantee of or has any legal or moral obligation to insure the ultimate payout of any or all of the amount of any Contribution to an Account or that there will be any investment return or investment return at any particular level with respect to any Account.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Program Description or the Participation Agreement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. These securities have not been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission.

Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and furnishes investment management services and products for institutional and individual investors.

The Office of the State Treasurer of South Carolina Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. (the State Treasurer) administers the Program, and has selected Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC as Program Manager. The Program Manager and certain affiliates are responsible for providing certain administrative, recordkeeping and investment services and for the marketing of the Program. Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC is not affiliated with the State Treasurer.

**Performance, Fee and Expense Information Supplemental Booklet dated March 2025**

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- **In “THE FUTURE SCHOLAR PORTFOLIOS – Target Allocations of Age-Based and Target Allocation Portfolios” – on page 25 of the Program Description, the table is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

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- In “SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF THE CURRENT UNDERLYING FUNDS – Domestic Equity Funds” – on page 30 of the Program Description, the following is added to the end of this section:

**Columbia Research Enhanced Core ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Beta Advantage® Research Enhanced U.S. Equity Index (the “Index”).

The Fund is an exchange-traded fund (ETF) that seeks to replicate the performance of the Index. The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in the securities of the Index. The Index reflects a rules-based strategic beta approach to investing in the companies that comprise the Russell 1000® Index, designed to achieve stronger total return when compared to the Russell 1000 ® Index, which is a broad measure of the performance of U.S. large- and mid-cap growth and value companies. The Index, like the Russell 1000 ® Index, and therefore the Fund, typically holds only common stocks.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – The Fund is subject to Authorized Participant Concentration Risk, Correlation/Tracking Error Risk, Early/Late Close/Trading Halt Risk, Fund Shares Liquidity Risk, Growth Securities Risk, Index Methodology and Provider Risk, Issuer Risk, Large-Cap Stock Risk, Market Price Relative to NAV Risk, Market Risk, Mid-Cap Stock Risk, Passive Investment Risk, Quantitative Models Risk, Secondary Market Trading Risk, Sector Risk and Value Securities Risk.

- In “SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF THE CURRENT UNDERLYING FUNDS – Fixed Income Funds” – on page 35 of the Program Description, the following is added to the end of this section:

**SPDR® Portfolio Corporate Bond ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of an index that tracks the 1-3 month sector of the United States Treasury Bill market. In seeking to track the performance of the Bloomberg 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index and in securities that the Adviser determines have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to the economic characteristics of the securities that comprise the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in debt securities that are not included in the Index. The Fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments (including money market funds advised by the Adviser) for cash management purposes.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to 1 month and less than 3 months. The Index includes all publicly issued U.S. Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and at least 1 month, and are rated investment-grade. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must have a fixed rate. The Index is market capitalization weighted, with securities held in the Federal Reserve System Open Market Account (the portfolio of U.S. Treasuries, Federal Agency securities, and foreign currency investments held by the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank) deducted from the total amount outstanding. Securities in the Index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of July 31, 2024, there were approximately 18 securities in the Index.



The Index is sponsored by Bloomberg Index Services Limited (the “Index Provider”), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – The Fund is subject to Debt Securities Risk, Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Income Risk, Indexing Risk, Index Tracking Risk, Liquidity Risk, Market Risk, Securities Lending Risk, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk, U.S. Treasury Obligations Risk and Valuation Risk.

#### **Vanguard Long Term Treasury ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to track the performance of a market-weighted Treasury index with a long-term dollar-weighted average maturity.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Long Treasury Index (the “Index”). This Index includes fixed income securities issued by the U.S. Treasury (not including inflation-protected bonds, floating rate securities and certain other security types), with maturities greater than 10 years. The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund’s investments will be selected through the sampling process, and under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund’s assets will be invested in bonds included in the Index. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of August 31, 2024, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 22.5 years.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – The Fund is subject to Income Risk, Index-Related Risks, Index Sampling Risk and Interest Rate Risk.

#### **Vanguard Short Term Treasury ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to track the performance of a market-weighted Treasury index with a short-term dollar-weighted average maturity.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury 1-3 Year Index (the “Index”). This Index includes fixed income securities issued by the U.S. Treasury (not including inflation-protected securities, floating rate securities and certain other security types), all with maturities between 1 and 3 years. The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund’s investments will be selected through the sampling process, and under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund’s assets will be invested in bonds included in the Index. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of August 31, 2024, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 2 years.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – The Fund is subject to Income Risk, Index-Related Risks, Index Sampling Risk and Interest Rate Risk.

- **In “PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – Investment Risks of Underlying Funds – Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC” – on page 50 of the Program Description, the following is added to the end of this section:**

**Authorized Participant Concentration Risk.** Only an Authorized Participant (as defined below) may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that may act as Authorized Participants, none of which are or will be obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent that these institutions exit the business or are unable or unwilling to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other Authorized Participant is able or willing to step forward to create or redeem Creation Units, Fund shares may trade at a greater premium or discount between the market price and the NAV of the Fund’s shares and/or wider bid/ask spreads than those experienced by other ETFs. Additionally, the Fund could possibly face trading halts and/or delisting from the Exchange. This risk is heightened in times of market stress, including at both the Fund share level and at the Fund holdings level.

**Early/Late Close/Trading Halt Risk.** An exchange or market may close early, close late or issue trading halts on specific securities, or the ability to buy or sell certain securities may be restricted, which may result in the Fund being unable to buy or sell these securities. In these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to rebalance and reconstitute its portfolio, may be unable to accurately price its investments, may incur substantial trading losses and/or may be prevented from sufficiently tracking the performance of the Index.

**Fund Shares Liquidity Risk.** Although the Fund's shares are listed on the Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active, liquid or otherwise orderly trading market for shares will be established or maintained by market makers or Authorized Participants, particularly in times of stressed market conditions. There is no guarantee that the Fund will be able to attract market makers and Authorized Participants. There is no obligation for market makers to make a market in the Fund's shares or for Authorized Participants to submit purchase or redemption orders for creation units. Accordingly, if such parties determine not to perform their respective functions, this could, such as during times of market stress, in turn, lead to variances between the market price of the Fund's shares and the underlying value of those shares and bid/ask spreads could widen. Trading in Fund shares on the Exchange also may be disrupted or even halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in Fund shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Fund shares on the Exchange may be subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange "circuit breaker" rules. There also can be no assurance that the requirements of the Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund's shares will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

**Growth Securities Risk.** Growth securities typically trade at a higher multiple of earnings than other types of equity securities. Accordingly, the market values of growth securities may never reach their expected market value and may decline in price. In addition, growth securities, at times, may not perform as well as value securities or the stock market in general, and may be out of favor with investors for varying periods of time. Growth securities may also be sensitive to movements in interest rates.

**Index Methodology and Provider Risk.** The Fund seeks performance that corresponds to the performance of the Index. There is no guarantee or assurance that the Index will achieve high, or even positive, returns. The Index may underperform more traditional indices. In turn, the Fund could lose value while other indices or measures of market performance increase in value or performance. In addition, the Fund may be subject to the risk that the Index Provider may commit errors in Index computation, construction, reconstitution and rebalancing, despite any of the Index Provider's procedures designed to prevent such occurrences and due diligence conducted by the Investment Manager. Errors may result in a negative performance impact to the Fund and its shareholders. The Index is owned and/or was developed by the Investment Manager.

**Large-Cap Stock Risk.** Investments in larger companies may involve certain risks associated with their larger size. For instance, larger companies may be less able to respond quickly to new competitive challenges, such as changes in consumer tastes or innovation from smaller competitors. Also, larger companies are sometimes less able to achieve as high growth rates as successful smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.

**Market Price Relative to NAV Risk.** Shares of the Fund may trade at prices that vary from Fund NAV. Shares of the Fund are listed for trading on the Exchange and are bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices that may differ, in some cases significantly, from their NAV. The NAV of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of shares, however, will generally fluctuate in response to changes in NAV, as well as the relative supply of, and demand for, Fund shares on the Exchange. The Investment Manager cannot predict whether Fund shares will trade below, at or above their NAV. Price differences may result because of, among other factors, supply and demand forces in the secondary trading market for Fund shares. It is expected that these forces generally will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the Fund's holdings. In this regard, if a shareholder purchases Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the NAV or sells shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, the shareholder may sustain losses. Different investment strategies or techniques, including those intended to be defensive in nature, including, as examples, stop loss orders to sell an ETF's shares in the secondary market during negative market events or conditions, such as a "flash crash" or other market disruptions, may not work as intended and may produce significant losses to investors. Investors should consult their financial intermediary prior to using any such investment strategies or techniques, or before investing in the Fund.

**Mid-Cap Stock Risk.** Investments in mid-capitalization companies (mid-cap companies) often involve greater risks than investments in larger, more established companies (larger companies) because mid-cap companies tend to have less predictable earnings and may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths of larger companies, and may be less liquid than the securities of larger companies.

**Quantitative Models Risk.** Quantitative models used by the Index may not be effective in selecting the most favorable securities for inclusion in the Index and may cause the Fund to underperform other investment strategies. Flaws or errors in the quantitative model's assumptions, design, execution, or data inputs may adversely affect Fund performance. Quantitative models may not perform as expected and may underperform in certain market environments including in stressed or volatile market conditions. There can be no assurance that the use of quantitative models will enable the Fund to achieve its objective.

**Secondary Market Trading Risk.** Investors buying or selling Fund shares will pay brokerage commissions or other charges imposed by brokers as determined by that broker. Brokerage commissions are often a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors seeking to buy or sell relatively small amounts of Fund shares.

**Value Securities Risk.** Value securities are securities of companies that may have experienced, for example, adverse business, industry or other developments or may be subject to special risks that have caused the securities to be out of favor and, in turn, potentially undervalued. The market value of a portfolio security may not meet the perceived value assessment of that security as determined by the portfolio managers, or may decline in price, even though the securities are already believed to be undervalued by the portfolio managers. There is also a risk that it may take longer than expected for the value of these investments to rise to the perceived value as determined by the portfolio managers. In addition, value securities, at times, may not perform as well as growth securities or the stock market in general, and may be out of favor with investors for varying periods of time.

- **In “PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – Investment Risks of Underlying Funds – Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by SSGA Fund Management, Inc.” – on page 61 of the Program Description, the following is added to the end of this section:**

**Securities Lending Risk.** The Fund may engage in securities lending. Securities lending involves the risk that the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could also lose money due to a decline in the value of collateral provided for loaned securities or any investments made with cash collateral. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the Fund. To the extent the collateral provided or investments made with cash collateral differ from securities included in the Index, such collateral or investments may have a greater risk of loss than the securities included in the Index.

**U.S. Treasury Obligations Risk.** U.S. Treasury obligations may differ from other fixed income securities in their interest rates, maturities, times of issuance and other characteristics. Similar to other issuers, changes to the financial condition or credit rating of the U.S. government may cause the value of the Fund's U.S. Treasury obligations to decline.

- **In “PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – Investment Risks of Underlying Funds – Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by Vanguard Group, Inc.” – on page 64 of the Program Description, the following is added to the end of this section:**

**Index-Related Risks.** The Fund is subject to risks associated with index investing, which include passive management risk, tracking error risk, and index provider risk. Passive management risk is the chance that the Fund's use of an indexing strategy will negatively impact the Fund's performance. Because the Fund seeks to track the performance of its target index regardless of how that index is performing, the Fund's performance may be lower than it would be if the Fund were actively managed. Tracking error risk is the chance that the Fund's performance will deviate from the performance of its target index. Tracking error risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. Index provider risk is the chance that the Fund will be negatively impacted by changes or errors made by the index provider. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the Fund and, as a result, the Fund's shareholders.

- In “MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE, FEES AND EXPENSES – Underlying Fund Expenses” – on page 9 of the Supplemental Booklet, the table is revised to add the following:

Name of Underlying Fund	Ticker	Total Operating Expense of the Underlying Fund
Columbia Research Enhanced Core ETF	RECS	0.15%
SPDR® Portfolio Corporate Bond ETF	SPBO	0.03%
Vanguard Long Term Treasury ETF	VGLT	0.04%
Vanguard Short Term Treasury ETF	VGSH	0.04%



**Supplement dated December 2, 2024, to  
Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program  
Description dated March 2024  
And**

**Performance, Fee and Expense Information Supplemental Booklet dated March 2024**

This Supplement updates information contained in the Direct Program Description dated March 2024 (the “Program Description”) including the Performance, Fee and Expense Information Supplemental Booklet dated March 2024 (the “Supplemental Booklet”) of the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan (the “Program”). You may obtain an additional copy of the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet, free of charge, through the Internet at [www.futurescholar.com](http://www.futurescholar.com) or by calling 1.888.244.5674. Unless otherwise indicated, defined terms used herein have the same meaning as those in the Program Description. You should read this Supplement in conjunction with the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet, and retain it for future reference.

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**Effective December 2, 2024, the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet, is revised as follows:**

- **In “PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2024 – Contact Information – Overnight Mail” on page 6 of the Program Description, this section is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

**Overnight Mail**

Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan  
c/o SS&C GIDS, Inc.  
801 Pennsylvania Ave, STE 219812  
Kansas City, MO 64105-1307

**Supplement dated July 10, 2024 to  
Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program  
Description dated March 2024  
And**

**Performance, Fee and Expense Information Supplemental Booklet dated March 2024**

This Supplement updates information contained in the Direct Program Description dated March 2024 (the “Program Description”) including the Performance, Fee and Expense Information Supplemental Booklet dated March 2024 (the “Supplemental Booklet”) of the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan (the “Program”). You may obtain an additional copy of the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet, free of charge, through the Internet at [www.futurescholar.com](http://www.futurescholar.com) or by calling 1.888.244.5674. Unless otherwise indicated, defined terms used herein have the same meaning as those in the Program Description. You should read this Supplement in conjunction with the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet, and retain it for future reference.

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**Effective July 10, 2024, the Program Description, including the Supplemental Booklet, is revised as follows:**

- **The Maximum Contribution Limit has been increased from \$540,000 to \$575,000. All references to the \$540,000 Maximum Contribution Limit are hereby revised to refer to a \$575,000 Maximum Contribution Limit.**
- **In “PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS – Withdrawals – Withdrawals by Telephone and Online” on page 16 of the Program Description, this paragraph is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**
  - Withdrawals by Telephone - Account Owners may also direct withdrawals of up to \$100,000 per Account per day by telephone. Proceeds may be sent by check to the address of record, electronically via Automated Clearing House (ACH) to the bank account on file, or by check to an Eligible Educational Institution. Please note that distribution requests by telephone will not be permitted for 30 days following a change to the address of record (in the case of checks to the address of record) or a change to the banking information on file (in the case of ACH withdrawals to the bank on file). To make withdrawals by telephone, call 888.244.5674 and provide the Program servicing agent with the requested personally identifiable information.
  - Withdrawals Online - Account Owners may also direct withdrawals of up to \$100,000 per Account per day online. Proceeds may be sent by check to the address of record, electronically via Automated Clearing House (ACH) to a bank account on file, or by check to an Eligible Educational Institution. In addition, direct electronic payment to school is available online for certain eligible institutions. Please note that distribution requests made online will not be permitted for 30 days following a change to the address of record (in the case of checks to the address of record) or a change to the banking information on file (in the case of ACH withdrawals to the bank on file). Distribution requests for direct electronic payment to school is not subject to the 30-day waiting period following a change of address or bank account information. To make a withdrawal online please visit [www.futurescholar.com/login](http://www.futurescholar.com/login).
- **In “THE FUTURE SCHOLAR PORTFOLIOS – Target Allocations of Age-Based and Target Allocation Portfolios” on page 25 of the Program Description, the table is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

Age-Based Portfolios / Beneficiary Ages										
Aggressive Risk Track	0 - 3	4 - 5	6 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 11	12 - 13	14 - 15	16 - 17	18+	
Moderate Risk Track		0 - 3	4 - 5	6 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 11	12 - 13	14 - 15	16 - 17	18+
Conservative Risk Track			0 - 3	4 - 5	6 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 11	12 - 13	14 - 15	16+
Target Allocation Portfolios										
	Aggressive Growth	Growth	(1)	Moderate Growth	Moderate	(1)	Moderately Conservative	(1)	Conservative	College
Underlying Fund Allocations for Age-Based & Target Allocation Portfolios										
<b><u>U.S. Equities</u></b>	<b>73.5%</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>59.5%</b>	<b>51.1%</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Vanguard Russell 1000 Growth ETF	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	2.8%	2.6%	2.1%	1.6%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
Columbia Large Cap Index	48.7%	46.5%	40.2%	33.6%	29.6%	24.8%	19.4%	15.5%	10.5%	0.0%
Columbia Mid Cap Index	14.0%	12.0%	10.9%	10.0%	8.1%	6.0%	4.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
SPDR® Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF	7.6%	5.8%	5.3%	4.7%	3.8%	3.3%	2.9%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
<b><u>International Equities</u></b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Vanguard Developed Markets Index	18.0%	14.4%	12.7%	11.1%	8.4%	6.4%	4.6%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Vanguard Emerging Markets Index	1.5%	1.3%	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b><u>Total Equities</u></b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>83.1%</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>63.0%</b>	<b>53.0%</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><u>Fixed Income</u></b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>26.8%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>43.0%</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>48.3%</b>	<b>48.8%</b>	<b>49.4%</b>	<b>49.7%</b>
SPDR® Portfolio High Yield Bond ETF	1.4%	1.8%	2.7%	3.7%	4.2%	4.4%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%
Vanguard EM Government Bond ETF	0.0%	0.9%	1.4%	1.9%	2.1%	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%
Vanguard Intermediate Term Treasury ETF	0.0%	1.7%	4.6%	8.3%	11.2%	12.4%	13.7%	14.7%	15.1%	17.1%
Vanguard Inter-Term Corporate Bond ETF	0.0%	2.6%	4.7%	7.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.5%	8.4%	7.4%	6.3%
Vanguard Mortgage-Backed Sec. ETF	0.0%	2.9%	4.9%	7.4%	8.4%	8.8%	9.7%	9.3%	8.8%	7.6%
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Vanguard Total Return Bond Market II Index	5.6%	6.9%	8.5%	8.7%	9.2%	9.9%	9.4%	9.1%	10.8%	11.4%
<b><u>Cash</u></b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>50.3%</b>
Vanguard Federal Money Market	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	11.6%	19.2%	29.2%	39.1%	50.3%
	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- In “PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES” on page 29 of the Program Description, the following is added after the first paragraph of this section:

Accounts will be subject to the following service-based fees:

Transaction	Fee Amount
Automated Clearing House (ACH)/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to Eligible Educational Institution (where available)	\$10
Expedited Outgoing Check	\$15

- In “SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF THE CURRENT UNDERLYING FUNDS – Domestic Equity Funds” – on page 30 of the Program Description, the following is added to the end of this section:

#### **Vanguard Russell 1000 Growth ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of large-capitalization growth stocks in the United States.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Russell 1000® Growth Index. The Index is designed to measure the performance of large-capitalization growth stocks in the United States. The Fund attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the Index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the Index. The Fund may become nondiversified, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, solely as a result of a change in relative market capitalization or index weighting of one or more constituents of the Index.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – The Fund is subject to Index Replicating Risk, Investment Style Risk, Nondiversification Risk, Sector Risk and Stock Market Risk.

#### **Vanguard Russell 1000 Value ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of large-capitalization value stocks in the United States.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Russell 1000® Value Index. The Index is designed to measure the performance of large-capitalization value stocks in the United States. The Fund attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the Index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the Index.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – The Fund is subject to Index Replicating Risk, Investment Style Risk and Stock Market Risk.

- **In “SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF THE CURRENT UNDERLYING FUNDS – Fixed Income Funds” on page 35 of the Program Description, the following is added to the end of this section:**

#### **Vanguard Intermediate Term Treasury ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to track the performance of a market-weighted Treasury index with an intermediate-term dollar-weighted average maturity.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury 3-10 Year Index. This Index includes fixed income securities issued by the U.S. Treasury (not including inflation-protected bonds, floating rate securities and certain other security types), with maturities between 3 and 10 years.

The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund’s investments will be selected through the sampling process, and under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund’s assets will be invested in bonds included in the Index. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of August 31, 2023, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 5.6 years

*Principal Risks of Investing* – The Fund is subject to Income Risk, Index Sampling Risk and Interest Rate Risk.

- **In "PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – Investment Risks of Underlying Funds – Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by Vanguard Group, Inc.” on page 64 of the Program Description, the following is added at the end of this section:**

**Index Replicating Risk.** The chance that the Fund may be prevented from holding one or more securities in the same proportion as in its target index.

**Nondiversification Risk.** In order to closely track the composition of the Fund’s target index, the Fund’s total assets are invested in multiple issuers representing more than 5% of the Fund’s total assets. As a result, the Fund may become nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, although it continues to hold multiple stocks across a number of sectors. The Fund’s performance may be hurt disproportionately by the poor performance of relatively few stocks, or even a single stock, and the Fund’s shares may experience significant fluctuations in value.

**Sector Risk.** The chance that significant problems will affect a particular sector, or that returns from that sector will trail returns from the overall stock market. Daily fluctuations in specific market sectors are often more extreme or volatile than fluctuations in the overall market. Because a significant portion of the Fund's assets are invested in the information technology sector, the Fund's performance is impacted by the general condition of that sector. Companies in the information technology sector could be affected by, among other things, overall economic conditions, short product cycles, rapid obsolescence of products, competition, and government regulation. Sector risk is expected to be high for the Fund.

- In “MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE, FEES AND EXPENSES – Underlying Fund Expenses” – on page 9 of the Supplemental Booklet, the table is revised to add the following:

Name of Underlying Fund	Total Annual Operating Expenses of the Underlying Fund
Vanguard Russell 1000 Growth ETF	0.08%
Vanguard Russell 1000 Value ETF	0.08%
Vanguard Intermediate Term Treasury ETF	0.04%



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# FUTURE SCHOLAR 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2024

This *Program Highlights* section highlights certain key features of the Direct Program. More detailed information about the Program, including establishing a Future Scholar Account, the Portfolios, fees and expenses, investment risks, and tax consequences, are described in the pages that follow. Please read this entire Program Description, including the Performance, Fee and Expense Information Supplemental Booklet, and the Participation Agreement carefully before investing and keep them for future reference.

Certain Key Terms used in this Program Description and the Participation Agreement are defined beginning on page seven.

		For More Information
<b>Management and Administration</b>	The Program is an investment program administered by the Treasurer to provide a tax-advantaged method of funding higher education expenses. CMIA is the Program Manager and performs certain investment, management, and administrative functions.	See “ <b>PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.</b> ”
<b>Investment Options</b>	An Account Owner can choose from the following types of investment options: Target Allocation Portfolios (which invest in a combination of Underlying Funds), Single-Fund Portfolios (which invest in a single Underlying Fund), or Age-Based Portfolios (which invest in a series of Target Allocation Portfolios based on a Designated Beneficiary’s age and preferred risk tolerance). (Each investment alternative within an investment option is referred to as a “Portfolio.”) These investment portfolios are subject to change from time to time, and additional or different investment portfolios may be available in the future.	See “ <b>THE FUTURE SCHOLAR PORTFOLIOS.</b> ”
<b>Maximum Contribution Limit</b>	\$540,000 per Designated Beneficiary	See “ <b>PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS – Contributions – Maximum Contribution.</b> ”
<b>Minimum Contribution</b>	None	See “ <b>PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS – Contributions.</b> ”
<b>Potential Tax Advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal tax deferred growth.</li> <li>No federal income tax on Qualified Withdrawals.</li> <li>Contributions are deductible in computing the contributor’s South Carolina taxable income for South Carolina personal income tax purposes. All or a portion of Non-Qualified Withdrawals may be includible in computing an Account Owner’s South Carolina taxable income for the year in which the withdrawal is made, including such portion constituting principal as may be taxable under state recapture provisions.</li> <li>No federal gift tax on contributions up to \$90,000 (single) and \$180,000 (married couple) in 2024, if prorated over five years pursuant to election on gift tax return.</li> <li>No federal generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax on contributions up to \$90,000 (single) and \$180,000 (married couple) in 2024, if prorated over five years pursuant to election on gift tax return.</li> <li>Contributions are considered completed gifts for federal gift, estate, and GST tax purposes.</li> <li>No annual adjusted gross income (AGI) limits on Account Owners.</li> </ul>	<b>Federal tax deferred growth.</b>
<b>Applicability to Schools</b>	Account balances may be used at any eligible post-secondary school in the U.S. or abroad.	
<b>State Residency Requirement</b>	The Program is only available to eligible investors, including South Carolina residents; residents of other states but who have designated a South Carolina resident as Designated Beneficiary; and certain other categories of eligible investors.	See “ <b>INTRODUCTION – Plans Within the Program – Direct Program.</b> ”

		For More Information
<b>Qualified Withdrawals</b>	Account balances may be used to pay for the Designated Beneficiary's tuition, fees, room and board expenses (for students attending on at least a half-time basis), books, supplies and equipment required for enrollment or attendance at any eligible post-secondary school in the U.S. or abroad and for participation in registered apprenticeship programs. Account balances may also be used to pay up to \$10,000 in expenses per taxable year for expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school. Account balances may also be used to repay principal or interest on any qualified education loan of a designated beneficiary or sibling up to a lifetime limit of \$10,000 per designated beneficiary or sibling. In addition, distributions up to an aggregate lifetime limit of \$35,000 may be rolled over to a Roth IRA owned by the Designated Beneficiary tax- and penalty-free, subject to requirements and limitations.	See "PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS – Qualified Withdrawals."
<b>Designated Beneficiary Age Limits</b>	None – the Designated Beneficiary may be any age, from newborn to adult.	
<b>Control of the Account</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Account Owner retains control of how and when money is used.</li> <li>Account Owner can change the Designated Beneficiary to a "Member of the Family" of the existing Designated Beneficiary (as defined in Section 529 of the Code) without penalty at any time.</li> <li>Account Owner can take a Non-Qualified Withdrawal from the Account, subject to applicable federal and state income tax on earnings, and an additional federal tax of 10% on earnings.</li> <li>Account Owner can change the investment allocation of assets already existing in the Account twice per calendar year and upon a change in the Designated Beneficiary.</li> </ul>	See "PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS."
<b>Fees and Expenses</b>	Account Owners will indirectly bear the fees and expenses charged by the underlying investments of the Portfolios. Because the fees and expenses you will pay may vary by Portfolio, you should consider the applicable fees and expenses when you choose among the Portfolios.	See "PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES and the Supplemental Booklet – What It Costs to Invest in the Program."
<b>Risks</b>	Accounts in the Direct Program are subject to various risks, including risks of (i) investment losses, (ii) federal and state tax law changes, (iii) changes to the Direct Program (including changes in fees and other expenses), and (iv) adverse effects on eligibility of the Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary for other benefits.	See "PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – Investment Risks of the Underlying Funds."
<b>On-line Program Information</b>	Account Owners may view their Accounts on-line and may choose to order copies of account statements, transaction confirmations and other Direct Program materials. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.futurescholar.com">www.futurescholar.com</a> .	
<b>Contact Information</b>	<p><b><u>Regular Mail/Email:</u></b>  Future Scholar  P.O. Box 219812  Kansas City, MO 64121-9812  <a href="http://www.futurescholar.com">www.futurescholar.com</a></p> <p><b><u>Overnight Mail:</u></b>  Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan  c/o SS&amp;C GIDS, Inc.  430 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. STE 219812  Kansas City, MO 64105-1407</p> <p><b><u>1-888-244-5674 (toll-free)</u></b>  Automated telephone service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Service representatives are available from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.</p>	

This Program Description, which is for use by prospective investors in the Direct Program only, provides essential information to be considered in making a decision to invest under the Program. Please read this Program Description thoroughly before investing and retain this document for future reference. The Program Manager cannot provide financial advice or counseling about the Portfolios or Underlying Funds.

## DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS

Set forth below are definitions of certain key terms used in this Program Description. Other terms are defined elsewhere in this document.

<b>“Account”</b>	is an account established by an Account Owner pursuant to an Account Application and Participation Agreement for purposes of investing in the Trust Fund through the Financial Advisor Program.
<b>“Account Application”</b>	together with the Participation Agreement, constitutes the contract between the Account Owner and the Treasurer that establishes the Account and the respective obligations of the Treasurer and the Account Owner.
<b>“Account Owner”</b>	is the individual or the entity opening an Account or any successor to such individual or entity and, with respect to joint Account Owners, means the two individuals collectively.
<b>“Age-Based Portfolio”</b>	means a Portfolio the assets of which are invested in a series of Target Allocation Portfolios over time based on a Designated Beneficiary’s age and preferred risk tolerance.
<b>“CMIA”</b>	means Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC which serves as Program Manager, and provides investment services to the Direct Program and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. CMIA may be referred to as the “Program Manager.”
<b>“CMIS”</b>	means Columbia Management Investment Services Corporation, an affiliate of CMIA and CMID and a registered transfer agent, which provides certain services to the Program, including answering and responding to telephone inquiries from existing Account Owners, prospective Account Owners of the Program and broker-dealers on behalf of such Account Owners.
<b>“Contribution”</b>	is an amount contributed by an Account Owner or other person to an Account.
<b>“Designated Beneficiary”</b>	for an Account is the person specified by the Account Owner whose Qualified Higher Education Expenses are expected to be paid from the Account.
<b>“Eligible Educational Institutions”</b>	generally are accredited post-secondary educational institutions offering credit toward a bachelor’s degree, an associate’s degree, a graduate level or professional degree, or another recognized post-secondary credential. Institutions must be eligible to participate in certain federal student financial aid programs. Certain proprietary institutions, foreign institutions and post-secondary vocational institutions are included as are certain specified U.S. Military Academies. The U.S. Department of Education maintains a database of the institutions that qualify as Eligible Educational Institutions.
<b>“JP Morgan Chase Bank”</b>	means J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., the custodian of the Program.
<b>“Maximum Contribution Limit”</b>	means the maximum aggregate account balance, established by the Treasurer from time to time, which will limit the amount of Contributions that may be made to Accounts for any one Designated Beneficiary, as required by Section 529 of the Code. The balance in all accounts for the same Designated Beneficiary in South Carolina-sponsored Section 529 Programs will be aggregated for purposes of applying the Maximum Contribution Limit.
<b>“Participation Agreement”</b>	is attached as Appendix A hereto. The Participation Agreement and Account Application together constitute the contract between the Account Owner and the Treasurer that establishes the Account and the respective obligations of the Treasurer and the Account Owner.
<b>“Portfolio”</b>	means one of the Future Scholar Portfolios, which are the subaccounts established within the Trust Fund to which Contributions are allocated, and that are invested in Underlying Funds.
<b>“Pricing Alternative”</b>	means the type of Shares available for purchase by Account Owners. Each Pricing Alternative involves different charges payable to the Program Manager.
<b>“Program Description”</b>	is the then-current Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program Description including the Supplemental Booklet and any supplements.



<b>“Program Manager”</b>	is the then current entity which is administering the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan. CMIA currently serves as the Program Manager.
<b>“Qualified Higher Education Expenses”</b>	include tuition, fees, and the cost of books, supplies and equipment required for the enrollment or attendance of a Designated Beneficiary (including expenses for special needs services in the case of a special needs Designated Beneficiary) at an Eligible Educational Institution, along with room and board expenses; up to \$10,000 in expenses in any taxable year for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school; expenses for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the participation of a designated beneficiary in registered apprenticeship programs; and amounts paid as principal or interest on any qualified education loan of a designated beneficiary or sibling up to a lifetime limit of \$10,000 per designated beneficiary or sibling; as allowable under Section 529 of the Code and described in more detail below. See “PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS—Withdrawals—Qualified Higher Education Expenses.”
<b>“Section 529 Program”</b>	means a “qualified tuition program” established under and operated in accordance with Section 529 of the Code.
<b>“Shares”</b>	are interests in a Portfolio that are credited to the Account of the Account Owner when Contributions are made to an Account (or upon a subsequent investment exchange).
<b>“Single Fund Portfolio”</b>	means a Portfolio the assets of which are invested in a single Underlying Fund.
<b>SS&amp;C GIDS, Inc.</b>	Means the transfer agent registered with the SEC and performs transfer agent and shareholder servicing functions for mutual funds and Section 529 plans.
<b>“Supplement”</b>	means any then-current supplement(s) to the Program Description.
<b>“Supplemental Booklet”</b>	means the Performance, Fee and Expense Information Supplemental Booklet to the Program Description. The Supplemental Booklet contains performance information for the Future Scholar Portfolios, information about Program Expenses and information about Underlying Fund expenses. The Supplemental Booklet, which is a separate document that is updated periodically, is incorporated by reference into, and should be read in conjunction with, the Program Description.
<b>“Target Allocation Portfolio”</b>	means a Portfolio the assets of which are invested in a combination of Underlying Funds.
<b>“Treasurer”</b>	means the Office of State Treasurer of the State of South Carolina.
<b>“Trust Fund”</b>	means the South Carolina College Investment Trust Fund created by Chapter 2 of Title 59 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, to hold the assets of the Program.
<b>“Underlying Funds”</b>	are mutual funds, exchange traded funds or other investments in which assets of a Portfolio are invested.

# INTRODUCTION

## General

The Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan™ (referred to herein as the “Program”) has been established by the Treasurer to provide a tax-advantaged method to fund Qualified Higher Education Expenses of a Designated Beneficiary at Eligible Educational Institutions. See “PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS.” The Program has been designed to comply with the requirements for treatment as a “qualified tuition program” under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

## Opening a New Account

An Account Owner who meets the eligibility requirements set forth below may establish Accounts in the Direct Program by executing an Account Application and funding the Account as described in this Program Description. Account Owners and others may make cash Contributions to Accounts, subject to Maximum Contribution Limits determined from time to time by the Treasurer. Contributions will be accepted provided that the aggregate balance of all accounts in South Carolina-sponsored Section 529 Programs established for the same Designated Beneficiary (regardless of Account Owner) does not exceed the current Maximum Contribution Limit of \$540,000 at the time the Contribution is made. The Treasurer expects to adjust the Maximum Contribution Limit periodically. For more information concerning Accounts, see “PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS.”

Contributions to an Account opened by an Account Owner will be invested in one or more Portfolios. Portfolios will be invested as described under “THE FUTURE SCHOLAR PORTFOLIOS.” Account Owners are limited in their ability to direct the investments of the Portfolios. See “PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS —Changing Investment Portfolios within the Program.”

The Portfolios currently offer separate investment strategies as described under “THE FUTURE SCHOLAR PORTFOLIOS.” The investment options currently consist of Age-Based Portfolios, Target Allocation Portfolios and Single Fund Portfolios. The current target allocation to various asset classes of each Target Allocation Portfolio is also set forth below under “THE FUTURE SCHOLAR PORTFOLIOS – Portfolio Allocations.” The performance of each Portfolio depends on the weighted average performance of the Underlying Fund(s) in which it invests. Except for the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio, the value of Shares in each Portfolio varies from day to day.

## Plans within the Program

The Future Scholar Age-Based Portfolios, Target Allocation Portfolios and Single Fund Portfolios are currently offered through two programs, the Financial Advisor Program and the Direct Program, each with its own expense structure and Pricing Alternatives.

*Direct Program* – This Program Description only offers Shares to eligible investors through the Direct Program. The Direct Program is designed for self-directed investors and is offered only to Account Owners who are: (i) South Carolina residents; (ii) residents of other states but who have designated a South Carolina resident as Designated Beneficiary; (iii) employees of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and its affiliates, and employees of AMS; and (iv) employees of the State of South Carolina, and employees of a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, including school districts, regardless of residency. The Direct Program may also be offered to any other Account Owners whom the Treasurer and Program Manager deem eligible. A Program Description for the Direct Program may be obtained by calling 1-888-244-5674 or visiting [www.futurescholar.com](http://www.futurescholar.com). Expenses associated with the Direct Program are lower than those associated with the Financial Advisor Program and do not include financial advisor compensation. To invest through the Financial Advisor Program, see the information below under “Financial Advisor Program.” Neither the Program Manager nor any representative will give any advice to any Account Owner or offer any opinion regarding the suitability of any Portfolio that is offered through the Direct Program.

*Financial Advisor Program* – The Financial Advisor Program is designed for Account Owners seeking advice and guidance from an investment professional and is available through registered broker-dealers. The Financial Advisor Program includes Pricing Alternatives A, C, E, and I, which are not described in this Program Description but are instead offered by a separate program description. Pricing Alternatives A, C, E and I have different and higher expense structures than the Direct Program. A program description for the Financial Advisor Program may be obtained by calling 1-888-244-5674, through the Internet at [www.columbiamanagement.com](http://www.columbiamanagement.com), or by contacting the Program Manager.

The Financial Advisor Program and the Direct Program may be offered through additional or different distribution channels, as determined by the Treasurer and the Program Manager, and to additional or different categories of eligible investors. One Program may offer some or all Portfolios that are not available through the other Program. The expenses associated with the Financial Advisor Program are generally higher than those associated with the Direct Program. See “PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES.”

*Prepaid Tuition Program* – The South Carolina Tuition Prepayment Program is a prepaid tuition program for South Carolina residents that is also administered by the Treasurer. Enrollment in the Tuition Prepayment Plan is closed to new participants.

## PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts may be established by Account Owners who are: (i) South Carolina residents; (ii) residents of other states but who have designated a South Carolina resident as Designated Beneficiary; (iii) employees of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and its affiliates and employees of SS&C GIDS, Inc.; and (iv) employees of the State of South Carolina, and employees of a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, including school districts, regardless of residency. The custodian of an account established under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or Uniform Transfers to Minors Act may also open an Account under certain circumstances. The Treasurer and the Program Manager may agree that other persons or entities are eligible to establish Accounts. All Accounts are subject to Maximum Contribution Limits applicable to all Accounts under the Program for each Designated Beneficiary.

In addition to Accounts opened by individuals, Accounts may be established by most types of legal entities, including trusts, where the entity's purposes and powers permit. Also, under proposed Treasury Regulations, Accounts under the Program may be established by a state or local government (or agency or instrumentality thereof) or an organization described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Code and exempt from taxation under Code Section 501(a) ("501(c) (3) organization"), as part of a scholarship program operated by the government or 501(c) (3) organization. Accounts of legal entities rather than an individual are not discussed in this Program Description, and the establishment of such Accounts and questions concerning them should be addressed to the Program Manager.

## Establishing an Account

*Account Application* – To establish an Account, an Account Owner must complete an Account Application and consent and agree to the terms and conditions of the Participation Agreement. Either the Treasurer or the Program Manager may require the completion of certain other documents for an Account to be established. There is no fee or charge for establishing an Account. **Accounts will not be established, orders will not be executed, and the Account Application and Contribution amount will be returned if the Account Application is not complete and in good order.** Signing an Account Application acknowledges receipt of this Program Description and the Participation Agreement and acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Participation Agreement. There may be only one Designated Beneficiary for each Account. Account Ownership may be held individually or jointly by spouses, in which case authorization from both spouses is required to act with respect to the Account. A Successor to an Account Owner (defined below) may be identified for an Account on the Account Application. There is no limit to the number of Accounts that an Account Owner can open.

*Joint Account Ownership* – Joint Account ownership is available for spouses only. The name and Social Security Number of the first Account Owner listed on the Account Application (primary Account Owner) will be used for IRS reporting purposes. Account statements, transaction confirmations, and Program Descriptions and supplements, as well as correspondence from the Program Manager, will be mailed to the address on file for the primary Account Owner. You can choose to have duplicate Account statements mailed to the other joint Account Owner at another address by completing the appropriate form.

*Identifying a Designated Beneficiary* – On the Account Application, Account Owners (other than state or local governments (or agencies or instrumentalities thereof) or 501(c) (3) organizations) must identify a Designated Beneficiary whose Qualified Higher Education Expenses are expected to be paid from the Account. There is no limit on the number of Accounts that can be opened for the same Designated Beneficiary by a single Account Owner or different Account Owners. The Designated Beneficiary may be the Account Owner or any other individual. There is no requirement that the Account Owner and Designated Beneficiary be related in any way. For information about changing the Designated Beneficiary of an Account, see "Change of Designated Beneficiary" below. The Designated Beneficiary of an Account does not receive any benefits from the Account until a withdrawal is made from the Account.

*Accounts Opened by Trustees, Custodians, Guardians, and Conservators* – An authorized trustee or custodian must be identified if Contributions to an Account come from an existing trust or custodial account. Trustees opening an Account on behalf of a trust must provide representations or documentation concerning the trustees' authority or such other matters as required by the Program Manager. In addition, guardians and conservators may open an Account provided copies of the applicable governing documents are acceptable to the Program Manager. An Account Owner may authorize another individual or entity to exercise his or her rights over an Account or to open an Account through a power of attorney. However, the Treasurer and the Program Manager reserve the right to take instructions from an Account Owner's agent only if the Account Owner is incompetent. A copy of the power of attorney must be presented to the Program Manager each time the agent seeks to exercise his or her rights over an Account or open an Account. If applicable, the power of attorney must be durable, and must include other language acceptable to the Program Manager, including the power to make or revoke gifts. For more information about the use of powers of attorney, Account Owners should call the Program Manager toll-free at 1-888-244-5674.

*Scholarship Accounts* – Accounts may be established by state or local governments (or agencies or instrumentalities thereof) or 501(c) (3) organizations and most types of legal entities, including trusts, whose purposes and powers so permit. As an Account Owner, a government or 501(c) (3) organization may establish an Account as part of a scholarship program operated by such

government or organization (a “Scholarship Account”). Governments and 501(c) (3) organizations may designate a Portfolio or any combination of Portfolios in which Contributions to a Scholarship Account are to be invested. Contributions to such Scholarship Accounts will be permitted even if they cause the balance of the Account to exceed the Program’s Maximum Contribution Limit. Questions regarding the establishment of Scholarship Accounts should be addressed to the Program Manager.

*Selection of Investment Portfolios* – Account Owners also must indicate on the Account Application to which Portfolio(s), and in what percentages, Contributions to an Account should be allocated. An Account Application will not be deemed complete without a designation of one or more Portfolios and allocation(s) equaling 100%. If the Account Owner is investing systematically through Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) or payroll deduction, these allocations will be used to allocate those future Contributions. For additional Contributions via check, or any other method, the Account Owner must identify the Portfolio(s) to which these proceeds should be allocated if the Account holds more than one Portfolio. See “Portfolio Selection” for information about changing existing investment allocations and/or changing the investment allocation of future Contributions.

*Personal Information* – Establishment of an Account is subject to acceptance by the Program Manager, including the verification of an Account Owner’s identity and other information in compliance with the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act and other applicable law. If an Account Owner does not provide the information as requested on the Account Application, the Program Manager may refuse to open an Account for the Account Owner. If reasonable efforts to verify this information are unsuccessful, the Program Manager may take certain actions regarding the Account without prior notice to the Account Owner, including, among others, rejecting Contributions and withdrawal and transfer requests, suspending Account services, or closing the Account. Shares redeemed as a result of closing an Account will be valued at the Shares’ Net Asset Value next calculated after the Program Manager closes the Account. The risk of market loss, tax implications, and any other expenses, as a result of the liquidation, will be solely the Account Owner’s responsibility.

## Contributions

*Initial and Subsequent Contributions by Check* – Initial Contributions by check should be made payable to the “Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan.” Initial Contributions by check should be sent to the Program Manager, along with a completed Account Application. Account Owners will receive statements confirming investments purchased and such other information as may be required by law. The Program Manager may impose a fee on any check returned unpaid by the financial institution upon which it is drawn (currently \$25 per check), which may be deducted from the Account. There is no minimum investment for initial or subsequent contributions by check.

*Automatic Contribution Plan<sup>1</sup>* – Account Owners may authorize the Program Manager to perform automated, periodic debits to contribute to their Accounts from a checking or savings account in the Account Owner’s name at their financial institution. These Contributions will be made through the Program’s Automatic Contribution Plan. To initiate this Contribution method, Account Owners must complete the electronic subsequent Contribution section of the Account Application or request a Future Scholar Account Update/Automatic Contributions Change Form from the Program Manager. There is no minimum investment for initial or subsequent contributions under the Automatic Contribution Plan. An authorization to perform automated, periodic deposits will remain in effect until the Program Manager has received notification of its termination. Account Owners or the Program Manager may terminate the enrollment in the Program’s Automatic Contribution Plan at any time. Any termination of such service initiated by an Account Owner may take up to 10 business days after receipt by the Program Manager to become effective. A complete withdrawal of all amounts in an Account will be considered a termination of enrollment in the Automatic Contribution Plan. There is no charge for enrolling in the Program’s Automatic Contribution Plan or for an electronic funds transfer to an Account. Enrollments in the service are processed within 10 business days after acceptance by the Program Manager and thereafter debits begin on the day and with the frequency specified by the Account Owner.

*Initial and Subsequent Contributions by Electronic Funds Transfer (“EFT”)* - You may contribute to your Account by authorizing the Program to withdraw money by EFT from your bank checking or savings account. To authorize an EFT, you must provide certain information about the bank account from which funds will be withdrawn (the same information required to establish an Automatic Contribution Plan). Once you have provided the required information, you may request an EFT from the designated bank account to your Account online or by phone at 1-888-244-5674.

*Direct Deposit from Payroll* – Account Owners may be eligible to make automatic, periodic Contributions to their Accounts by direct deposit ACH payroll deductions. There are no initial or subsequent minimums for contributing through payroll deduction. Contributions by payroll deduction will only be permitted from organizations able to meet the Program Manager’s operational and administrative requirements for Section 529 Program Payroll Contributions. For more information, contact Future Scholar at 1-888-244-5674.

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<sup>1</sup> A program of regular investment cannot assure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

*UGMA/UTMA Accounts* – Custodians under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (“UGMA”) and Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (“UTMA”) accounts outside the Program must execute Account Applications as UGMA/UTMA custodians and establish Accounts separate from any Accounts they may hold in their individual capacity before contributing UGMA/UTMA property. The Program Manager must be notified upon appointment of a successor UGMA/UTMA custodian. Account Owners maintaining Accounts as UGMA/UTMA custodian may not change the Designated Beneficiary for their Accounts, except as may be permitted by applicable law, and must notify the Program Manager when the custodianship terminates. All Contributions to Accounts held by the UGMA/UTMA custodian will be treated by the Program as subject to the UGMA/UTMA. Because only cash Contributions are allowed under Section 529 of the Code, investments in UGMA/UTMA accounts must be liquidated in order to invest the proceeds in an Account. Because the Designated Beneficiary of an Account under the UGMA/UTMA is the owner of the Account, any tax consequences from a withdrawal from an Account will be imposed on the Designated Beneficiary, and not the UGMA/UTMA custodian Account Owner (who is considered the owner of the Account by the Program). Account Owners who are also UGMA/UTMA custodians who wish to retain control over and ownership of non-UGMA/UTMA Account assets must establish a separate Account for such non-UGMA/UTMA assets.

*Maximum Contribution* – Currently, Contributions will be permitted if they do not cause the aggregate balance of all accounts for the same Designated Beneficiary in South Carolina-sponsored Section 529 Programs (regardless of Account Owner) to exceed \$540,000 at the time the Contribution is made. In other words, Contributions may no longer be made to an Account if the aggregate balance of all accounts with the same Designated Beneficiary in South Carolina-sponsored Section 529 Programs (regardless of Account Owner) totals \$540,000. If the aggregate balance of all such Accounts falls below \$540,000, additional Contributions may again be made until the Maximum Contribution Limit is reached. An Account may still continue to accrue earnings once the Maximum Contribution Limit has been reached. The Treasurer expects to adjust the Maximum Contribution Limit periodically. Information concerning the applicable Contribution limit in effect may be obtained from the Program Manager. While not anticipated, it is possible that federal law might impose a lower limit on maximum allowable Contributions.

*Contribution Policies* – Following receipt of Contributions by check or draft or by transfer of funds electronically, the Program reserves the right, subject to applicable law, not to allow withdrawals of those funds (or their equivalent) for up to ten business days for checks, drafts, and electronic transfers. Please ask the Program Manager about the specific time periods involved. A Contribution, rollover or transfer may be refused if the Treasurer reasonably believes that (i) the purpose is for other than funding the Qualified Higher Education Expenses of the Designated Beneficiary of an Account, (ii) there appears to be an abuse of the Program, or (iii) such transaction is unlawful. The Program may not be able to determine that a specific Contribution, rollover or transfer is for other than funding the Qualified Higher Education Expenses of a Designated Beneficiary, abusive or unlawful. The Program therefore makes no representation that all such Contributions, rollovers or transfers can or will be rejected.

*Automated Dollar Cost Averaging Program*—By selecting the Automated Dollar Cost Averaging Program, you may make a lump sum contribution to the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio and, at the time of the lump sum contribution, designate automatic monthly or quarterly allocations to other Portfolios in the Direct Plan. To enroll in this program, your total initial contribution to the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio must be at least \$1,000, and the amount of your automatic monthly or quarterly allocation to each Portfolio selected at the time you enroll must be at least \$25 per Portfolio. These automatic allocations are not considered reallocations for purposes of the twice-per-calendar-year limitation on investment reallocations generally, if specified at the time the lump-sum contribution is made. Stopping or changing the automatic allocation instructions with respect to prior contributions still remaining in the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio will constitute a reallocation for purposes of the twice-per-calendar-year limitation. See “PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS—Changing Investment Portfolios within the Program” below. The monthly or quarterly allocations will be made on the date selected by the Account Owner (or, if no date is selected, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month or quarter) or if such day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day and will continue until your investment in the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio is depleted.

A program of regular investment cannot assure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

Since the dollar cost averaging method involves monthly or quarterly transfers from the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio regardless of fluctuating price levels of a Portfolio’s Underlying Fund(s) (and resulting fluctuations of the Portfolio’s Net Asset Value), the Account Owner should consider his or her financial ability to continue to invest the lump sum contribution in Shares of other Portfolios through periods of declining price levels.

## **Rollover Contributions**

*Rollovers from Another State’s Section 529 Program* – Rollover Contributions directly from another Section 529 Program to an established Account may be initiated by executing an “Incoming Rollover Form” and providing a statement issued by the distributing Section 529 Program that shows the principal and earnings portions of the Contribution.



Rollover Contributions from another Section 529 Program sent directly to an Account Owner must be accompanied by an Incoming Rollover Form and a statement issued by the distributing Section 529 Program that shows the principal and earnings portions of the Contribution.

Rollover Contributions to an Account from another Section 529 Program are federal income tax free only if the rollover is into:

- an Account for the same Designated Beneficiary, and there have been no other Section 529 Program rollovers within the immediately preceding 12 months for the same Designated Beneficiary, or
- an Account for a Designated Beneficiary who is a “Member of the Family” (defined below) of the Designated Beneficiary of the account from which the rollover Contribution was made (see “Change of Designated Beneficiary – General” for a discussion of possible gift or GST tax consequences).

*Rollovers from Coverdell Education Savings Accounts* – Coverdell Education Savings Account (“Coverdell ESA”) assets can be rolled over to an Account. In order to take advantage of a tax-free rollover from a Coverdell ESA, the rollover Contribution must be accompanied by an Incoming Rollover Form. An account statement issued by the financial institution that acted as trustee or custodian of the Coverdell ESA that shows the principal and earnings portions of the rollover Contribution must also be provided to the Program Manager.

*Rollovers from Qualified U.S. Savings Bonds* – Assets invested in certain U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 can be rolled over to an Account. In order to take advantage of a tax-free rollover in connection with the liquidation of Series EE or Series I bonds, the rollover Contribution must be accompanied by an Incoming Rollover Form. In addition, an account statement or IRS Form 1099-INT issued by the financial institution that redeemed the bonds showing the interest portion of the redemption proceeds must also be provided to the Program Manager. See IRS Publication 970 or consult your tax advisor to determine your eligibility for a tax-free rollover.

*Transfer to Another Account within the South Carolina Program* – Please note that, for federal tax purposes, a transfer of assets for the same Designated Beneficiary from one Section 529 Program sponsored by the State of South Carolina to another Section 529 Program also sponsored by the State of South Carolina is considered an investment reallocation (subject to the twice-per-calendar year limitation) and not a rollover Contribution.

*General Considerations* – Rollovers require the liquidation of assets and the contribution of cash to an Account. Rollover Contributions to an Account must be made within 60 days of the liquidation and withdrawal of such assets from another account. If the Account Owner affects a qualifying rollover, the withdrawal from the originating Section 529 Program account will not be subject to federal income tax or the additional 10% tax on earnings.

*Tax Considerations* – Until a statement issued by the distributing Section 529 Program, trustee or custodian of the Coverdell ESA or financial institution that redeemed the U.S. savings bonds showing the principal and earnings portion of the Contribution is received by the Program Manager, the Program will treat the entire amount of the rollover Contribution as earnings in the receiving Account for tax purposes. An Account Owner may be required to provide certain documentation to the distributing Section 529 Program.

Rollovers and other transfers between accounts in college savings programs can have substantial federal and state income tax and transfer tax consequences, and Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries are advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor prior to any such rollover or other transfer.

## **Ownership of Contributions**

Pursuant to the Act, the Account Owner retains ownership of all Contributions made to an Account and all earnings allocated to an Account up to the date of withdrawal. Special rules apply to Accounts established by UGMA/UTMA custodian Account Owners. An Eligible Educational Institution obtains ownership of the amounts disbursed from an Account to such Eligible Educational Institution with respect to the Qualified Higher Education Expenses paid to the Eligible Educational Institution at the time each disbursement is made to the Eligible Educational Institution, subject to any applicable refund policy or other policies of the Institution. Any individual or entity may make Contributions to an Account. Only the Account Owner will receive confirmation of Account transactions. Individuals or entities other than the Account Owner that contribute funds to an Account will have no subsequent control over those Contributions. Only the Account Owner may direct transfers, rollovers, investment changes (as permitted under federal law), withdrawals and changes in the Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary.

## Changing Investment Portfolios within the Program

Account Owners may move assets already held in an Account to a different mix of Portfolios (an “Investment Exchange”) no more than two times per calendar year without changing the Designated Beneficiary online, by phone or by submitting the appropriate form. An Account Owner may also make an Investment Exchange at any time he or she changes the Designated Beneficiary, whether or not the Account Owner has previously directed an Investment Exchange within the calendar year. The Investment Exchanges described in the immediately preceding two sentences will not be subject to federal or state income tax or to the additional federal tax of 10% on earnings. For purposes of the twice-per-calendar year limitation, accounts in all Section 529 Programs sponsored by the State of South Carolina, such as the Program, with the same Account Owner and the same Designated Beneficiary are treated as a single Account. Accordingly, if an Account Owner decides to reallocate the assets in an Account, any desired reallocations to all Accounts in all such Section 529 Programs sponsored by the State of South Carolina with the same Designated Beneficiary will be subject to the same twice per-calendar year limitation. Any such Investment Exchange for the same Designated Beneficiary must be done directly between the programs, without a distribution of money from the initial program to the Account Owner or any other person.

The limitations above apply only to assets already existing in an Account, and do not apply to new subsequent Contributions. More specifically, Account Owners may choose to invest new Contributions in any mix of Portfolio choices and may change these choices at any time in connection with future Contributions. Please also note that the automatic reallocations under the Age-Based Portfolio options do not themselves constitute reallocations for purposes of the limitations above.

*Investment Exchanges from the Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio to Other Investment Portfolios* -- Because the Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio is rate sensitive, issuers of the Investment Contracts held by this Portfolio require that Account Owners must undergo a 90-day equity wash before assets can be transferred to a Competing Portfolio (as defined herein). This means Account Owners must first make an Investment Exchange of assets from this Portfolio to a non-Competing Portfolio and wait a minimum of 90 days before such assets can be exchanged to a Competing Portfolio. Examples of a “Competing Portfolio” include a money market portfolio, another book value type of portfolio (such as an insurance or bank investment contract portfolio), a fixed-income portfolio of whose portfolio duration is three years or less, or a balanced portfolio that has greater than 70% of its assets in fixed-income securities with less than a three-year duration. As of the date of this Program Description, issuers of the Investment Contracts have not identified any Competing Portfolios, but they reserve the right to review any Investment Portfolio added in the future to determine if it is a Competing Portfolio. The Program Manager will notify Account Holders of any changes to the definition of Competing Portfolio.

**If in the future any Investment Portfolios are considered to be Competing Portfolios by an issuer of the Investment Contracts, any Investment Exchange between the Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio to any Portfolio that is a Competing Portfolio will require the use of the two Investment Exchanges that are allowed to an Account Owner per calendar year, in accordance with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

## Successor Account Owners

*Death or Incapacity* – An Account Owner (other than a joint Account Owner) may designate a successor Account Owner (to the extent permissible in accordance with applicable law). The Successor Account Owner shall assume all of the current Account Owner’s rights, title and interests in an Account (including the right to withdraw assets from the Account and to change the Designated Beneficiary) upon the death or incapacity of the current Account Owner. Such designation must be in writing and is not effective until accepted by the Program Manager. Special rules apply to UGMA/UTMA accounts. The successor Account Owner will be required to provide the Program Manager with a certified copy of a death certificate in the case of the death of an Account Owner or an acceptable medical authorization or court order in the case of the incapacity of an Account Owner and such other information as the Program Manager requires prior to taking any action regarding the Account. A designation of a successor Account Owner that is executed by an Account Owner prior to his or her death or incapacity and is accepted following the Account Owner’s death or incapacity will govern all directions with respect to the Account following (but not prior to) the Program Manager’s acceptance of the designation. A successor Account Owner may be named on the Account Application Form. In the event no successor Account Owner is named on the Account Application or on another form accepted by the Program Manager, or the named successor Account Owner predeceases the Account Owner or does not accept ownership of the Account, the surviving spouse of the Account Owner, provided he or she is the natural or adoptive parent of the Designated Beneficiary, will become the Account Owner for the Account. In the event there is no surviving spouse who is a parent of the Designated Beneficiary and the Designated Beneficiary is not a minor, the Designated Beneficiary will become the Account Owner for the Account. If the Designated Beneficiary is a minor, the Designated Beneficiary’s custodial guardian will become the Account Owner for the Account. If the Designated Beneficiary has more than one custodial guardian, the oldest custodial guardian will become the Account Owner for the Account. If the Designated Beneficiary predeceases the Account Owner or dies in a manner that it cannot be determined who died first, the estate of the Designated Beneficiary will become the Account Owner for the Account. Account Owners may name a contingent successor Account Owner(s), in case a designated successor Account Owner is deceased or incapacitated, or establish other rules for successor Account Owners, in each case subject to review and acceptance by the Program Manager. Successor Account Owners shall not be designated in the case of joint Account

ownership. In the event of the death or incapacity of a joint Account Owner, the remaining Account Owner shall become the sole Account Owner and may at that time designate a Successor Account Owner.

*Lifetime Transfers* – Account Owners may transfer ownership of an Account, without penalty, to another individual or entity to be the Account Owner in the Program. A transfer of ownership of an Account does not require a change in the Designated Beneficiary. A transfer of ownership of an Account will only be effective if it is irrevocable and transfers all rights, title, interests and powers over the Account. A transfer of ownership of an Account may have income or gift tax consequences; please contact your tax advisor before transferring ownership of an Account. To transfer ownership of an Account, please contact the Program Manager.

## **Investment and Account Balances**

*Investment of Contributions* – The Program Manager will generally credit Contributions to an Account as of the business day received by the Program Manager. The Program Manager will separately maintain each Account, but Contributions to an Account will be commingled with Contributions of other Accounts for purposes of investment.

*Investment of Contributions – Payroll Deduction* – For payroll deduction, the Program Manager will process transactions on the date Contributions are received by the Program Manager from the employer. There may be a delay between the date an employee's pay is deducted and the date on which the employer forwards such Contributions to the Program Manager. Account Owners using payroll deduction should contact their employers for more details.

*Net Asset Value* – The Program Manager calculates a Net Asset Value ("NAV") for each Pricing Alternative of a particular Portfolio, at the end of each "Business Day", as defined below. "Net Asset Value" is computed by dividing the value of the shares of each Underlying Fund held in a Portfolio, plus any receivables and less any liabilities of such Portfolio, by the number of outstanding Shares of the Portfolio. Each Pricing Alternative of a particular Portfolio may have a different Net Asset Value ("NAV"). The NAV for purposes of calculating the investment or reinvestment of Contributions to an Account will be the NAV calculated for the Business Day on which Contributions are invested or reinvested as described in this Program Description.

Note: the computation of NAV for Underlying Funds that are exchange traded funds will differ. Individual shares of an exchange traded fund may only be purchased and sold on a national securities exchange through a broker-dealer. The price of exchange traded fund shares is based on market price, and because exchange traded fund shares trade at market prices rather than NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (a premium) or less than NAV (a discount). The Columbia Bank Deposit 529 Portfolio invests in the FDIC-insured Bank Deposit Account held in trust by the Program at TRUIST. The amount of each Account Owner's deposit in the Bank Deposit Account will be shown on the Program's periodic statements of the Account Owner's Account.

A "Business Day" is any day that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. A Business Day typically ends at the close of regular trading on the NYSE, usually at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. If the NYSE is scheduled to close early, the business day will be considered to end as of the time of the NYSE's scheduled close. The Program will not treat an intraday unscheduled disruption in NYSE trading or an intraday unscheduled closing as a close of regular trading on the NYSE for these purposes and will price Portfolio Shares as of the regularly scheduled closing time for that day (typically, 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). On holidays and other days when the NYSE is closed, each Portfolio's NAV is not calculated and each Portfolio does not accept buy or sell orders. However, the value of each Portfolio's assets may still be affected on such days to the extent that the Portfolio holds foreign securities that trade on days that foreign securities markets are open.

*Statements and Reports* – The Program Manager will keep accurate and detailed records of all transactions concerning Accounts and will provide each Account Owner with periodic statements of each Account showing: (i) Contributions made during the preceding period; (ii) the value of the Account at the end of the period; (iii) withdrawals made during the period; and (iv) such other information as may be required by law. The Program Manager will provide annual and other reports to Account Owners, the IRS and such other regulatory authorities as required by law.

If an Account Owner does not write to the Program Manager to object to a statement or report within 60 days after it has been sent to such Account Owner, the Account Owner will be considered to have approved it and to have released the Treasurer, the Program Manager and all service providers to the Program from all responsibility for matters covered by the statement or report. Each Account Owner agrees to provide all information that the Treasurer or the Program Manager may need to comply with any legal reporting requirements. Each Account Owner is responsible for filing his or her federal tax return, including paying any taxes or penalties thereon, and filing any other reports required by applicable law.

## **Prohibition on Pledges, Assignments and Loans**

An Account may not be assigned, transferred or pledged as security for a loan or debt by the Account Owner or the Designated Beneficiary, or anyone else, and any attempted assignment, transfer, or pledge of an Account will be void. Neither an Account Owner nor a Designated Beneficiary may receive a loan secured by amounts in the Account.

## **Creditor Claims**

Contributions to an Account made on behalf of a Beneficiary who was a child, stepchild, grandchild, or step-grandchild of the debtor in the tax year in which the contribution was made may be protected from creditors under federal bankruptcy law, subject to certain limits. All contributions within the Maximum Contribution Limit that are made more than 720 days (approximately two years) prior to the filing of the bankruptcy petition are protected. Contributions up to \$6,425 (as periodically adjusted for inflation) that are made at least 365 days (one year), but not more than 720 days, before the filing of the bankruptcy petition are protected. Contributions made less than 365 days (one year) before the filing of the bankruptcy petition are not protected under federal bankruptcy law.

In addition, under South Carolina law (pursuant to the Act), all assets in, or credited to, an Account are not subject to levy, execution, judgment or other operation of law, garnishment or other judicial enforcement. Other states might also provide for protection of assets held in Section 529 Programs from creditor claims in those states.

Account Owners, however, should consult an attorney regarding the potential treatment of an Account in a specific situation under federal bankruptcy law and relevant South Carolina or other applicable state law.

## **Application of Community Property Laws**

Account Owners who are current or a former resident of any state that has community property laws and who are concerned about the application of those laws to Contributions, withdrawals and ownership of Accounts should consult a legal advisor. Community property issues such as limitations on gifts of community property and ownership of community property upon death or dissolution of marriage are beyond the scope of this Program Description.

## **Withdrawals**

*General* – Account Owners may direct withdrawals from their Account at any time by notifying the Program Manager. See “PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES” below. Following the acceptance and processing of a properly completed withdrawal request by the Program Manager, the proceeds delivered to the payee will be calculated at the NAV next determined for a Share of a particular Portfolio applicable to a withdrawal calculated for such Share of such Portfolio.

Please note that the Program reserves the right to (i) refuse, change, discontinue or temporarily suspend account services, including accepting contributions and processing withdrawal requests, for any reason the Treasurer or Program Manager deems necessary or advisable, (ii) delay sending out the proceeds of a withdrawal request for up to ten (10) days (which would generally only apply to very large withdrawals without adequate prior notice or during unusual market conditions), (iii) refuse, following receipt of any Contributions, withdrawal requests for up to thirteen days, and (iv) suspend the processing of withdrawal requests or postpone sending out the proceeds of a withdrawal request when the NYSE is closed for any reason other than its usual weekend or holiday closings, when trading is restricted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), or under any emergency circumstances.

**Procedures for Withdrawals** – Only the Account Owner of an Account may direct withdrawals from the Account. To make a withdrawal from an Account, the Account Owner may submit a withdrawal request by phone, online or by submitting a completed Withdrawal Request Form. In some cases, additional information or documentation may be required (such as a signature guarantee) by the Program Manager. The Program Manager generally will process the withdrawal from the Account within three (3) business days of receipt of the request. During periods of market volatility and at year end, withdrawal requests may take up to five (5) business days to process.

To access online services, the Account Owner must establish an online account at [futurescholar.com/login](https://futurescholar.com/login). You will be required to accept the terms of the Program, create a username, password and establish a secure method for a multi-factor authentication code that will allow access to your online account.

- **Withdrawals by Telephone and Online**—Account Owners may also direct withdrawals of up to \$100,000 per Account per day by telephone or online. Proceeds may only be sent to the address of record or an Eligible Educational Institution for which the Account Owner’s written mailing instructions are on file. To place withdrawal orders by telephone, call 888.244.5674 and provide the Program servicing agent with the requested personally identifiable information.

The Program will take reasonable steps to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone or online are genuine. For example, we require proof of the Account Owner’s identification before we will act on instructions received online or by telephone



and may record telephone conversations. However, the Program and its agents will not be responsible for any losses, costs or expenses resulting from an unauthorized instruction when reasonable steps have been taken to confirm that online and telephone instructions are genuine. Telephone orders may be difficult to complete during periods of significant economic or market change or business interruption. In the case of joint Account Owners, either Account Owner may initiate withdrawals by telephone individually.

The frequency of withdrawals in a single month may be limited. A minimum withdrawal amount may also be established. Withdrawals may be subject to federal and/or state tax withholding. For more information about the procedures for withdrawals, Account Owners should call the Program Manager toll-free at 1-888-244-5674.

*Recordkeeping* – For purposes of determining whether a withdrawal is taxable and/or subject to the additional 10% tax, the Account Owner and/or the Designated Beneficiary must determine whether the withdrawal is made in connection with the payment of Qualified Higher Education Expenses. Neither the Program nor any of its service providers is responsible for ascertaining whether a withdrawal is a Qualified Withdrawal or not. **It is the responsibility of the Account Owner and the Designated Beneficiary to maintain adequate records and receipts to substantiate all Qualified Higher Education Expenses that are paid from an Account.**

*Cancelling a Withdrawal Request*—Requests for withdrawals which have been submitted in good order cannot be cancelled after the close of trading on the NYSE on the day the withdrawal is requested.

## Qualified Withdrawals

In general, a “Qualified Withdrawal” is any withdrawal that is used to pay for the Qualified Higher Education Expenses (as defined in Section 529 of the Code) of a Designated Beneficiary. In the case of a Designated Beneficiary who receives a refund of any Qualified Higher Education Expenses from an Eligible Educational Institution (for example, if a withdrawal is used to pay tuition expenses and some of that tuition is refunded by the school), such refund shall not be taxable in the year in which it was distributed if it is recontributed to a qualified tuition program of which such individual is a beneficiary, but only to the extent such recontribution is made not later than 60 days after the date of such refund and does not exceed the refunded amount. (A special transition rule provides that refunds received after December 31, 2014 and before December 18, 2015 may be recontributed not later than 60 days after December 18, 2015.) If any refund of all or part of a Qualified Withdrawal is not recontributed as described in the preceding sentence or subsequently used to pay for other Qualified Higher Education Expenses of the Designated Beneficiary, the refunded amount will be considered a Non-Qualified Withdrawal, subject to all applicable federal and state taxes, including the additional 10% tax on earnings. The application of a withdrawal to Qualified Higher Education Expenses should be completed within a reasonable time and within the same taxable year as the withdrawal, in order to assure qualification for treatment as payment of Qualified Higher Education Expenses. The IRS and Treasury Department have proposed the adoption of a rule that, in order for earnings to be excluded from income, any withdrawal during a calendar year must be used to pay Qualified Higher Education Expenses during the same calendar year or by March 31 of the following year.

*Qualified Higher Education Expenses*— “Qualified Higher Education Expenses” currently include:

- tuition, fees and the costs of books, supplies and equipment required for the enrollment or attendance of a Designated Beneficiary at an Eligible Educational Institution;
- the actual costs of room and board of a Designated Beneficiary living in campus owned or operated housing or an amount equal to the allowance for room and board included in the cost of attendance of the Eligible Educational Institution incurred while attending on at least a half-time basis; and
- expenses for special needs services in the case of a special needs Designated Beneficiary which are incurred in connection with enrollment or attendance at an Eligible Educational Institution.

For 2015 and later tax years, Qualified Higher Education Expenses also include the purchase of a computer or peripheral equipment (such as a printer), computer software, and Internet access and related services if the equipment, software, or services are to be used primarily by the Designated Beneficiary during any of the years the Designated Beneficiary is enrolled at an Eligible Educational Institution.

A Designated Beneficiary will be considered to be enrolled at least half-time if the Designated Beneficiary is enrolled for at least half the full-time academic workload for the course of study being pursued, as determined under the standards of the Eligible Educational Institution where they are enrolled. The Institution’s standard for a full-time workload must equal or exceed a standard established by the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended through June 7, 2001. A Designated Beneficiary need not be enrolled at least half-time to use a Qualified Withdrawal to pay for expenses relating to tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, or, in the case of a special needs Designated Beneficiary, expenses for special needs services.

*Attendance at an Elementary or Secondary Public, Private, or Religious School*

Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2017, the definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) is expanded to include expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment



or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school. The amount of cash distributions from all qualified tuition programs with respect to a beneficiary during any taxable year shall, in the aggregate, include not more than \$10,000 in expenses for tuition incurred during the taxable year. Account Owners are responsible for monitoring, and complying with, the \$10,000 aggregate limit for such expenses. As of the date of this Program Description, the IRS has not provided guidance as to which expenses qualify as “expenses for tuition” or how elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school would be defined under “Eligible Educational Institution.”

#### *Participation in Registered Apprenticeship Programs*

Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2018, the definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses under the Code is expanded to include expenses for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the participation of a designated beneficiary in an apprenticeship program registered and certified with the Secretary of Labor under section 1 of the National Apprenticeship Act (29 U.S.C. 50).

#### *Distributions for Qualified Education Loan Repayments*

Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2018, the definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses under the Code is expanded to include amounts paid as principal or interest on any qualified education loan [(as defined in Section 221(d) of the Code)] of a designated beneficiary or sibling (defined as brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister) up to a lifetime limit of \$10,000 per designated beneficiary or sibling. A qualified education loan is indebtedness incurred by the taxpayer solely to pay for qualified higher education expenses (generally tuition, room and board, books, and other related expenses) at an eligible post-secondary educational institution.

Proceeds from distributions for qualified education loan repayments will only be made payable and sent to the Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary, who shall be responsible for remitting payment to the lending institution. If an Account Owner wishes to use the proceeds to repay a qualified education loan of a Designated Beneficiary’s sibling and have the distribution be reportable on Form 1099-Q in the name of the sibling, the Account Owner must designate the sibling as the Designated Beneficiary for the Account and have the distribution proceeds made payable to the new Designated Beneficiary. Please contact the Program Manager for more information.

The federal income tax deduction for interest paid on student loans is reduced by the pro-rata earnings portion of the 529 plan distribution that was used to pay the student loan principal and interest.

#### *Rollovers to Roth IRAs*

Effective January 1, 2024, certain distributions from a qualified tuition program may be rolled over to a Roth IRA owned by the Designated Beneficiary tax- and penalty-free. See “TAX TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS—Rollovers and Transfers.”

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You should consult with your tax advisor about the state tax treatment of withdrawals for these purposes under the laws of your state. See “TAX TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS—Taxation by the State of South Carolina, or Taxation by Other States.”

## **Non-Qualified Withdrawals and the Additional Tax**

*General* – A “Non-Qualified Withdrawal” is any withdrawal from an Account other than a Qualified Withdrawal or a rollover. The earnings portion of a Non-Qualified Withdrawal is subject to applicable federal and state income tax and an additional 10% federal tax on earnings. There is an exception to the additional 10% tax imposed for withdrawals on account of:

- the death of the Designated Beneficiary of the Account if paid to the Designated Beneficiary’s estate;
- the disability of the Designated Beneficiary of the Account within the meaning of Section 72(m)(7) of the Code;
- the receipt of a scholarship by the Designated Beneficiary to the extent the amount withdrawn does not exceed the amount of such scholarship;
- the use of American Opportunity, Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning tax credits (together, “Education Tax Credits”) as allowed under federal income tax law; or
- the attendance of the Designated Beneficiary at a U.S. Military Academy (as defined below).

**Although the Program Manager will report the earnings portion of all withdrawals, it is solely the responsibility of the person to whom earnings are reportable under federal and state laws to calculate and report any resulting tax liability.**

*Death of Designated Beneficiary* – In the event of the death of the Designated Beneficiary, the Account Owner may exercise one or more of the following options:

- the Account Owner may request payment of the Account balance to the Designated Beneficiary's estate in which case the earnings portion will be subject to federal income tax and possibly state income tax on the earnings portion of the withdrawal, without imposition of the additional 10% tax on earnings;
- the Account Owner may request the return of the Account balance, the earnings portion of which will be subject to federal income tax and may be subject to an additional 10% tax; or
- the Account Owner may initiate a change of Designated Beneficiary, as described in "Change of Designated Beneficiary."

Special rules apply to Accounts established by UGMA/UTMA custodians. Special rules also apply to Accounts established by the attendance of the Designated Beneficiary at a U.S. Military Academy (as defined below).

*Disability of Designated Beneficiary* – If the Designated Beneficiary becomes disabled within the meaning of Section 72(m)(7) of the Code, the Account Owner may exercise one or more of the following options:

- the Account Owner may request the return of all or a portion of the Account balance, in which case the earnings portion will be subject to federal income tax and possibly state income tax on the earnings portion of the withdrawal, without imposition of the additional 10% tax; or
- alternatively, the Account Owner may initiate a change of Designated Beneficiary, as described in "Change of Designated Beneficiary."

Special rules apply to Accounts established by UGMA/UTMA custodians.

*Receipt of Scholarship* – If the Designated Beneficiary receives a qualified scholarship, Account assets up to the amount of the qualified scholarship may be withdrawn by the Account Owner or paid to the Designated Beneficiary without imposition of the additional 10% tax on the earnings portion of the withdrawal. However, the earnings portion will be subject to any applicable federal and state income tax. Special rules apply to Accounts established by UGMA/UTMA custodians. A qualified scholarship generally means any scholarship or fellowship grant (or portion thereof) that is exempt from federal income tax. This may include a scholarship received under a state-sponsored scholarship program administered by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education or the South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission, if and to the extent such scholarship is exempt from federal income tax. In addition, a qualified scholarship includes certain educational assistance allowances under federal law, as well as certain payments for education expenses that are exempt from federal income tax. You should consult a qualified educational or tax advisor to determine whether a particular payment or benefit constitutes a qualified scholarship.

*Attendance at Certain Specified U.S. Military Academies* – If the Designated Beneficiary attends certain educational institutions such as the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy (each, a "U.S. Military Academy"), Account funds may be withdrawn, subject to federal income tax and possibly state income tax on the earnings portion of the withdrawal, without imposition of the additional 10% tax on earnings to the extent the withdrawal does not exceed the costs of qualifying expenses attributable to such attendance.

*Use of Education Tax Credits* – The Education Tax Credits provide a tax credit, subject to various limitations, for amounts expended for tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse or a dependent of a taxpayer at an Eligible Educational Institution. Taxpayers paying Qualified Higher Education Expenses from an Account will not be able to claim Education Tax Credits for the same expenses. Furthermore, expenses used in determining the allowed Education Tax Credits will reduce the amount of a Designated Beneficiary's Qualified Higher Education Expenses to be paid from an Account and may result in taxable withdrawals. Such withdrawals may be subject to federal income tax and possibly state income tax on the earnings portion of the withdrawal but will not be subject to the additional 10% tax on earnings. See "TAX TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS."

## **Qualifying Rollovers to Other Section 529 Programs**

*Rollover Withdrawals* – An Account Owner may make a penalty-free and federal income tax-free rollover from an Account in the Program to an account in another state's Section 529 Program without changing the Designated Beneficiary, if no rollover to

any account under any Section 529 Program has occurred within the preceding 12 months with respect to the same Designated Beneficiary. In addition, Account Owners may make more frequent rollovers without penalty or federal income taxes and regardless of whether the rollover is to: (i) an account in another state's Section 529 Program; (ii) an Account in the Program; or (iii) an account in another college savings program sponsored by the State of South Carolina, provided that the rollover is into an account for a different Designated Beneficiary who is a "Member of the Family" of the existing Designated Beneficiary (see "Member of the Family"). A rollover must be made within 60 days of the distribution from the originating account.

If a rollover does not meet the criteria outlined above, it will be considered a Non-Qualified Withdrawal that is subject to federal income tax and the additional 10% tax on earnings, as well as any applicable state income taxes, and it might give rise to various gift, estate, and GST tax consequences. See "TAX TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS." Please note that, for federal tax purposes, a transfer of assets for the same Designated Beneficiary from one college savings program sponsored by the State of South Carolina to another college savings program also sponsored by the State of South Carolina is considered an investment reallocation (subject to the twice-per-calendar-year limitation) and not a rollover. See "Changing Investment Portfolios within the Program."

Rollovers and other transfers between accounts in Section 529 Programs can have substantial federal and state income and transfer tax consequences, and Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries are advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor prior to requesting any such rollover or transfer.

## **Residual Account Balances**

If the Designated Beneficiary graduates from an Eligible Educational Institution or chooses not to pursue higher education, and funds remain in the Account, the Account Owner can choose from one of four options. First, if the Account Owner requests, the remaining funds (including earnings, which generally will be subject to federal and possibly state income tax and an additional 10% tax) will be returned to the Account Owner, less any contingent deferred sales charge. Second, the Account Owner may authorize a change of the Designated Beneficiary for the remaining funds in the Account. See "Change of Designated Beneficiary." Special rules apply to Accounts established by UGMA/UTMA custodians. Third, the Account Owner may keep the funds in the Account to pay future Qualified Higher Education Expenses (such as graduate or professional school expenses) of the Designated Beneficiary. Fourth, the Account Owner may withdraw funds to repay certain student loans up to a lifetime limit of \$10,000. See "PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS—Qualified Withdrawals-- *Distributions for Qualified Education Loan Repayments*."

## **Termination**

Account Owners may at any time close the Account by providing a Withdrawal Request Form to the Program Manager requesting a withdrawal of the full Account balance. Such withdrawal amount will be less any applicable fees and expenses. Unless used for Qualified Higher Education Expenses or fitting within certain exceptions (see "Non-Qualified Withdrawals and the Additional Tax"), such withdrawal may be considered to be a Non-Qualified Withdrawal. The Treasurer may terminate an Account at any time and for any reason, including if it determines that: (i) the Designated Beneficiary of an Account does not attend an Eligible Educational Institution; (ii) an Account Owner has changed Designated Beneficiaries of an Account primarily to avoid or significantly defer federal or state income tax; or (iii) the assets in an Account are too small to be economically administered. Upon termination of an Account by the Treasurer, the Program Manager shall liquidate the investments in the Account and distribute the balance to the Account Owner, less any applicable fees and expenses. This withdrawal may be treated as a Non-Qualified Withdrawal (subject to federal and any applicable state income tax and the additional 10% tax on earnings).

## **Change of Designated Beneficiary**

*General* – Section 529 of the Code and the proposed regulations thereunder generally allow for changes of Designated Beneficiary without federal income tax consequences, so long as the new Designated Beneficiary is a "Member of the Family" of the current Designated Beneficiary. In addition, no federal gift tax or any GST will result as long as the new Designated Beneficiary is a "Member of the Family" of the current Designated Beneficiary and is assigned to the same generation as the current Designated Beneficiary (or a higher generation). If the new Designated Beneficiary is of a younger generation than the current Designated Beneficiary, the change of Designated Beneficiary will be deemed a gift from the current Designated Beneficiary and may be subject to federal gift tax and perhaps GST tax (payable by the Account Owner, under Section 529 of the Code and the advance notice of proposed rulemaking issued thereunder), even if the new Designated Beneficiary is a Member of the Family of the current Designated Beneficiary. Any change of the Designated Beneficiary to a person who is not a "Member of the Family" of the current Designated Beneficiary should be treated as a Non-Qualified Withdrawal that is subject to federal income tax and an additional 10% federal tax on earnings and may be treated as a new contribution to the new Designated Beneficiary for transfer tax purposes. See "TAX TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS—Federal Gift, Estate and GST Taxes."

To initiate a change of Designated Beneficiary, the Account Owner must provide a Change of Beneficiary Form (and any additional required documentation) to the Program Manager. An Account Owner will be asked to certify that the relationship between the new Designated Beneficiary and the prior Designated Beneficiary meets the “Member of the Family” requirement. An Account Owner changing the Designated Beneficiary may select different investment options at the time the change is made which take into account the circumstances of the new Designated Beneficiary. See “Changing Investment Portfolios Within the Program.” The change will be made upon the Program Manager’s acceptance and processing of a properly completed form. There is currently no fee or charge for changing a Designated Beneficiary. If the Account Owner’s Account is currently invested in a Portfolio in the Age-Based Portfolio option, the Program Manager will reinvest such amounts in a new Portfolio in the Age-Based Portfolio option based on the age of the new Designated Beneficiary, unless otherwise instructed by the Account Owner. If an Account Owner changes Designated Beneficiaries excessively, the Program Manager in its discretion may reject any future requests by the Account Owner to change the Designated Beneficiary on the Account.

Changes of Designated Beneficiaries can have substantial federal and state income tax and transfer tax consequences, and Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries are advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor prior to any such change of Designated Beneficiary.

*Member of the Family* – A “Member of the Family” is the Designated Beneficiary’s:

- Father or mother, or an ancestor of either;
- Son or daughter, or a descendant of either;
- Stepfather or stepmother;
- Stepson or stepdaughter;
- Brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister;
- Brother or sister of the father or mother;
- Brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law or mother-in-law;
- Son or daughter of a brother or sister;
- Spouse of the Designated Beneficiary or any of the foregoing individuals; or
- First cousin.

A legally adopted child or a foster child of an individual is to be treated as the child of such individual by blood, and a half-brother or half-sister is treated as a brother or sister. A foster child is considered to be a Member of the Family of his/her current foster family. If a foster child is placed with a subsequent foster family, the foster child is considered to be a Member of the Family of his/her successor foster family, and not a Member of the Family of his/her previous foster family(ies).

## THE FUTURE SCHOLAR PORTFOLIOS

Contributions made to an Account on behalf of a Designated Beneficiary are invested in Shares of one or more Portfolios based on an election on the Account Application (or any change to such election) made by the Account Owner. Assets of Single Fund Portfolios are invested in a single Underlying Fund; assets of Target Allocation Portfolios are invested in a combination of Underlying Funds; and Age-Based Portfolios are invested in a series of Target Allocation Portfolios over time based upon a Designated Beneficiary’s age.

The Underlying Funds are recommended by the Program Manager and approved by the Treasurer in accordance with the investment strategies of the respective Portfolios. Currently, the Underlying Funds consist of the mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) described below under “SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF THE CURRENT UNDERLYING FUNDS”, book value investment contracts described below under “Columbia Legacy Capital Preservation 529 Portfolio” and the interest-bearing Bank Deposit Account described below under “Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio.” In general, ETFs are funds whose shares are listed on a national securities exchange and trade in the secondary market, like other publicly traded securities, at market prices that change throughout the day. Transactions in an ETF’s shares may occur at prices that are more or less than the NAV of the ETF, unlike transactions in mutual fund shares which occur at the fund’s NAV. Although some ETFs are actively managed, most ETFs seek to track an index by investing either in all of the securities in the index or in a representative sample of the securities in the index. ETF shares are equity securities that represent a holder’s proportional ownership in the investments in the ETF’s portfolio. A Portfolio typically will bear brokerage costs on its transactions in ETF shares but does not incur transaction costs on purchases or sales of mutual fund shares.

The Direct Program offers three Age-Based Portfolio options (Aggressive risk track, Moderate risk track and Conservative risk track), and seventeen Portfolios, including seven Target Allocation Portfolios and ten Single Fund Portfolios, any one or more of which may be selected as an investment by an Account Owner. The Age-Based Portfolio option allows Account Owners to elect to have Contributions automatically allocated among the seven Target Allocation Portfolios. The Target Allocation Portfolios each invest



in a mix of Underlying Funds in the approximate percentages set forth below under “Portfolio Allocations.” The Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio is a Single Fund Portfolio that invests primarily in book value investment contracts backed by one or more portfolios of short- and intermediate-term investment grade bonds and Class Institutional shares of Columbia Government Money Market Fund. The Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio is a Single Fund Portfolio that invests all of its assets in the interest-bearing Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST.

The assets of each Portfolio invested in Underlying Funds are done so in accordance with the sector allocation targets and Underlying Fund determinations recommended by the Program Manager and approved by the Treasurer. The Program Manager may adjust the ongoing Underlying Fund allocations within the approved target asset allocation percentage ranges, which are described below.

Within the equity securities segment of a Portfolio, if any, investments will generally be allocated among Underlying Funds investing in domestic equity and international equity investments. Within the fixed income segment of a Portfolio, if any, investments will generally be allocated among Underlying Funds investing in investment grade debt, non-investment grade debt and/or money market investments.

There is no assurance that any Portfolio’s strategy will be successful. Participation in the Direct Program is not considered to be part of an investment advisory service.

## **Portfolio Selection**

Account Owners may invest Contributions in one or more Target Allocation Portfolios or Single Fund Portfolios, or an Age-Based Portfolio Option, and may maintain that investment selection for the entire term of their Accounts. The current target asset allocation of each Target Allocation Portfolio is set forth below.

An Account Owner may allocate Contributions to any one or more of the Portfolios or the Age-Based Portfolio option. Although an Account Owner may select from among Portfolios for Contributions made to his/her Account, and may vary the Portfolios selected in connection with each Contribution, under federal law neither Account Owners nor Designated Beneficiaries may exercise any investment discretion, directly or indirectly, over Contributions to an Account or over any earnings on Contributions except as otherwise explicitly permitted by Section 529 of the Code and the regulations or other guidance thereunder. Accordingly, once made, Contributions and any earnings thereon may be transferred to another Portfolio only in limited circumstances (generally, twice per calendar year, or in connection with a change of Designated Beneficiary or, automatically, in connection with the Age-Based Portfolio option). Portfolios may merge, terminate, reorganize or cease accepting new Contributions. See “PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS—Limits on Control by Account Owners.” The Treasurer may elect to substitute another Underlying Fund for a specified Underlying Fund provided that substitution complies with the Investment Plan. Account Owners shall receive notice of any such substitution by receiving a new Program Description, a Supplement, or other written communication from the Program.

Account Owners who intend to use Account assets to pay expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school are responsible for selecting an Investment Portfolio that is appropriate for the shorter time period prior during which the assets will be invested, as compared to the time period for investing for enrollment or attendance at an Eligible Educational Institution (i.e., college or other post-secondary educational institution). Without limiting the foregoing, Account Owners should note that the Age-Based Portfolio Options may not be appropriate for this purpose because they are specifically designed for the time period remaining before a typical Designated Beneficiary is expected to attend an Eligible Educational Institution.

## **Age-Based Portfolio Option**

*General* – The Age-Based Portfolio Option seeks to balance the expected returns and risks of the Underlying Funds with the time period remaining before a typical Designated Beneficiary is expected to attend an Eligible Educational Institution. Generally, the Age-Based Portfolio Option allocates investments among the Target Allocation Portfolios so that an Account is more heavily invested in Underlying Funds that invest in equity securities when the Designated Beneficiary is younger, and is more heavily invested in Underlying Funds that invest in fixed income securities and money market instruments when the Designated Beneficiary is older. If an Account Owner selects the Age-Based Portfolio Option on the Account Application, the Program Manager will direct Contributions to the Target Allocation Portfolios based on the date of birth of the Designated Beneficiary.

*Three Separate Risk Tracks* – Account Owners may establish the Age-Based Portfolio Option based on their preferred risk tolerance: Conservative, Moderate or Aggressive. Each risk track reflects the relative weighting of investments in equity securities, fixed income securities and cash equivalent securities. Equity securities offer the potential for greater investment returns but also bear increased risk that you could lose money. Fixed income securities typically offer a reduced risk of loss of principal but also decrease the potential for investment gains. Cash and cash equivalent securities generally offer the lowest risk in terms of loss of principal but

also produce the lowest investment returns. You should take into account, among other factors, your investment goals and objectives, investment time horizon and your tolerance for market volatility and investment risk. The respective Target Allocation Portfolios for each risk track are shown in the schedule below.

For Accounts selecting the Age-Based Portfolio Option, Contributions will initially be allocated to the specified Portfolio based on the age of the Designated Beneficiary at the time the Contribution is made. Once Contributions have been allocated to a particular Target Allocation Portfolio, Shares of that Portfolio will continue to be held in the Account until the Designated Beneficiary reaches the age for the exchange into the next Target Allocation Portfolio as set forth in the schedule below. If the specified age has been reached on or before August 31, Shares will be exchanged on or about August 31 for Shares of the Target Allocation Portfolio for the next age group (an “Automatic Allocation Exchange”). Automatic Allocation Exchanges will continue until Shares are exchanged for an equal dollar value of Shares of the College Portfolio, in the case of the Conservative and Moderate Risk Tracks, and the Conservative Portfolio, in the case of the Aggressive Risk Track. Account assets will remain invested the College Portfolio or Conservative Portfolio or, as applicable, until withdrawn or reinvested.

For example, for Contributions in the Aggressive Risk Track made on behalf of a Designated Beneficiary who reaches age 4 on July 1 of a given year, Shares of the Aggressive Risk Track Portfolio for beneficiaries aged 0-3 years will be exchanged for an equal dollar value of Shares of the Aggressive Risk Track Portfolio for beneficiaries aged 4-5 years on or about August 31 of that year. For Contributions made on behalf of a Designated Beneficiary who reaches age 4 on December 1 of a given year, Shares of the Aggressive Risk Track Portfolio for beneficiaries aged 0-3 years will be exchanged for an equal dollar value of Shares of Aggressive Risk Track Portfolio for beneficiaries aged 4-5 years on or about August 31 of the following year.

#### Age Based Portfolio Option: Available Risk Tracks and Target Allocations

Beneficiary Age	Conservative Risk Track Portfolios*	Moderate Risk Track Portfolios*	Aggressive Risk Track Portfolios*
<b>0 – 3 Years</b>	56% Domestic Equities 14% International Equities 30% Fixed Income <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>	64% Domestic Equities 16% International Equities 20% Fixed Income	70% Domestic Equities 20% International Equities 10% Fixed Income
<b>4 – 5 Years</b>	48% Domestic Equities 12% International Equities 40% Fixed Income	56% Domestic Equities 14% International Equities 30% Fixed Income <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>	64% Domestic Equities 16% International Equities 20% Fixed Income
<b>6 – 7 Years</b>	41% Domestic Equities 9% International Equities 45% Fixed Income 5% Cash	48% Domestic Equities 12% International Equities 40% Fixed Income	56% Domestic Equities 14% International Equities 30% Fixed Income <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>
<b>8 – 9 Years</b>	33% Domestic Equities 7% International Equities 47.5% Fixed Income 12.5% Cash <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>	41% Domestic Equities 9% International Equities 45% Fixed Income 5% Cash	48% Domestic Equities 12% International Equities 40% Fixed Income
<b>10 – 11 Years</b>	25% Domestic Equities 5% International Equities 50% Fixed Income 20% Cash	33% Domestic Equities 7% International Equities 47.5% Fixed Income 12.5% Cash <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>	41% Domestic Equities 9% International Equities 45% Fixed Income 5% Cash
<b>12 – 13 Years</b>	17.5% Domestic Equities 2.5% International Equities 50% Fixed Income 30% Cash <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>	25% Domestic Equities 5% International Equities 50% Fixed Income 20% Cash	33% Domestic Equities 7% International Equities 47.5% Fixed Income 12.5% Cash <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>
<b>14 – 15 Years</b>	10% Domestic Equities 50% Fixed Income 40% Cash	17.5% Domestic Equities 2.5% International Equities 50% Fixed Income 30% Cash <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>	25% Domestic Equities 5% International Equities 50% Fixed Income 20% Cash
<b>16 – 17 Years</b>	50% Fixed Income 50% Cash	10% Domestic Equities 50% Fixed Income 40% Cash	17.5% Domestic Equities 2.5% International Equities 50% Fixed Income 30% Cash <i>[Age-Based Portfolio Only]</i>
<b>18 Years and over</b>	50% Fixed Income 50% Cash	50% Fixed Income 50% Cash	10% Domestic Equities 50% Fixed Income 40% Cash



\*Each risk track portfolio corresponds to one of the Target Allocation Portfolios. See the table “Target Allocations of Age-Based and Target Allocation Portfolios” below for the corresponding Portfolio. The portfolios highlighted in the above chart are only available through the Age-Based Portfolio Option and are not offered as Target Allocation Portfolio options.

The Treasurer reserves the right to alter the method of assigning Contributions to Target Allocation Portfolios, to increase or decrease the number of Allocation Portfolios and, subject to receipt of satisfactory assurance that such reassignment would not disqualify the affected Accounts or the Program from treatment, for federal tax purposes, as a Section 529 Program, to reassign existing Contributions to other Portfolios.

The percentage of assets held within each Age-Based Portfolio in different investment categories currently depends on the ages of the Designated Beneficiaries assigned to that Portfolio. For example, the Portfolio for Aggressive Risk Track Ages 4-5 will typically invest 80% of its assets in equity Underlying Funds and 20% in fixed income, cash and other Underlying Funds. By contrast, Portfolio for Conservative Risk Track Ages 14-15 has a relatively conservative target asset allocation, investing 10% of its assets in equity Underlying Funds and 90% of its assets in fixed income, cash and other Underlying Funds.

*Use of Age-Based Portfolios Based on Years to Enrollment* – The Program formerly offered a “Years to Enrollment” option based on the number of years before the Designated Beneficiary’s expected matriculation at an Eligible Educational Institution. **This option is available only to Account Owners who selected it on the Account Application prior to October 1, 2012 and is supported only for the Aggressive risk track.** Under this option, Contributions are initially allocated to the specified Portfolio based on the number of years remaining before expected matriculation as specified by the Account Owner on the Account Application. Once Contributions are allocated to a particular Target Allocation Portfolio, the years to matriculation is reduced by one as of each January 1st following the date on which the Account was opened, and Shares are exchanged for the next Target Allocation Portfolio when the years to matriculation range for that Portfolio reaches the corresponding age of beneficiary set forth in the following list. The exchange takes place annually on or about August 31.

<u>Age of Beneficiary</u>	<u>Years to Matriculation</u>
0 – 3 Years of Age	15 or more years to matriculation
4 – 5 Years of Age	13 -14 more years to matriculation
6 – 7 Years of Age	11- 12 more years to matriculation
8 – 9 Years of Age	9 - 10 more years to matriculation
10 – 11 Years of Age	7 - 8 more years to matriculation
12 – 13 Years of Age	5 - 6 more years to matriculation
14 – 15 Years of Age	3 - 4 more years to matriculation
16 – 17 Years of Age	1 - 2 more years to matriculation
18 + Years of Age	attendance has begun

## Target Allocation Portfolios

The Target Allocation Portfolios typically invest in a combination of Underlying Funds that are invested primarily in equity, fixed income and cash equivalent securities. Each Target Allocation Portfolio has a distinct investment objective and a different target allocation among Underlying Funds. Unlike the Age-Based Portfolio Options, each Target Allocation Portfolio is static and does not change asset allocations as the Beneficiary ages.

The Target Allocation Portfolios available to Account Owners are:

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Equities</b>	<b>Fixed Income / Cash</b>
Future Scholar Aggressive Growth Portfolio	90%	10%
Future Scholar Growth Portfolio	80%	20%
Future Scholar Moderate Growth Portfolio	60%	40%
Future Scholar Moderate Portfolio	50%	50%
Future Scholar Moderately Conservative Portfolio	30%	70%
Future Scholar Conservative Portfolio	15%	85%
Future Scholar College Portfolio	0%	100%

## Target Allocations of Age-Based and Target Allocation Portfolios

The table below provides the target asset class allocations as of December 31, 2023 applicable to the Age-Based Portfolios and the seven Target Allocation Portfolios, as well as the Underlying Funds currently selected for investments to underlie each Age-Based and Target Allocation Portfolio. The table also identifies the portions of each Portfolio invested in “equity funds, bond funds” and in “cash/money market funds.” (Please note that total allocations may reflect rounding.) Target asset allocations may change from time to time, and actual asset allocations will change with fluctuations in the value of each Underlying Fund’s investments and certain other factors.

Age-Based Portfolios / Beneficiary Ages										
Aggressive Risk Track	0 - 3	4 - 5	6 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 11	12 - 13	14 - 15	16 - 17	18+	
Moderate Risk Track		0 - 3	4 - 5	6 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 11	12 - 13	14 - 15	16 - 17	18+
Conservative Risk Track			0 - 3	4 - 5	6 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 11	12 - 13	14 - 15	16+
Target Allocation Portfolios										
	Aggressive Growth	Growth	(1)	Moderate Growth	Moderate	(1)	Moderately Conservative	(1)	Conservative	College
Underlying Fund Allocations for Age-Based & Target Allocation Portfolios										
<b><u>U.S. Equities</u></b>	<b>71.3%</b>	<b>65.2%</b>	<b>56.8%</b>	<b>49.0%</b>	<b>42.1%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Columbia Large Cap Index	49.8%	47.5%	40.9%	34.2%	30.3%	24.9%	19.6%	15.1%	9.9%	0.0%
Columbia Mid Cap Index	14.3%	12.5%	11.2%	10.3%	8.4%	6.4%	4.3%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
SPDR® Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF	7.2%	5.2%	4.7%	4.4%	3.4%	2.9%	2.4%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%
<b><u>International Equities</u></b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Vanguard Developed Markets Index	19.1%	15.2%	13.3%	11.3%	8.2%	6.3%	4.3%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%
<b><u>Total Equities</u></b>	<b>90.4%</b>	<b>80.3%</b>	<b>70.1%</b>	<b>60.3%</b>	<b>50.3%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>30.7%</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><u>Fixed Income</u></b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>51.6%</b>	<b>51.7%</b>	<b>53.9%</b>	<b>52.0%</b>
SPDR® Bloomberg Convertible Secs ETF	0.7%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
SPDR® Portfolio High Yield Bond ETF	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.9%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	1.7%	1.3%	0.7%
Vanguard EM Government Bond ETF	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.1%	1.3%	1.2%	0.9%	0.9%	0.7%
Vanguard Total Return Bond Market II Index	3.0%	11.7%	21.7%	30.2%	34.5%	37.3%	39.5%	40.2%	41.1%	42.0%
Vanguard Mortgage-Backed Sec. ETF	5.8%	6.7%	6.8%	7.2%	7.9%	8.1%	8.9%	8.8%	10.6%	8.6%
<b><u>Cash</u></b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>48.0%</b>
Vanguard Federal Money Market	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	11.0%	17.8%	27.8%	36.2%	48.0%
	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(1) Portfolio not available as a Target Allocation Portfolio Option.

CMIA will adjust the weightings of the Underlying Funds in these Portfolios within the percentage limits set forth below under “Future Scholar Portfolio Allocation Ranges” and “Target Allocations of Target Allocation Portfolios.” New Underlying Funds may be added to and existing Underlying Funds may be removed from the Target Allocation Portfolios at the discretion of the Treasurer and the Program Manager without prior notice to Account Owners, but Account Owners will be informed of any such change by receiving either a new Program Description, a Supplement, or other written communication from the Program. Account Owners will generally receive notice of the addition or removal of an Underlying Fund with their next regularly scheduled Account Statement after such addition or removal.

## Portfolio Allocations

In accordance with the Act, the Treasurer is responsible for the investment of assets held in the Trust Fund. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, CMIA provides recommendations as to the Portfolios to be offered and the specific Underlying Funds for each Portfolio. For this purpose, the Underlying Funds must generally invest in the types of investments permitted by the Investment Plan, which currently allows investments of the following types: short-term marketable debt securities, U.S. fixed income securities,

non-U.S. fixed income securities, U.S. equity securities, non-U.S. equity securities, bank certificates of deposit and deposit accounts, stable value investments, commodities, convertibles and REITs.

Under the Management Agreement, the Treasurer may: (i) approve any proposed combination of Underlying Funds and Portfolios as recommended by CMIA; or (ii) request that CMIA consider alternative proposed Underlying Funds and Portfolios. CMIA may from time to time recommend changes to the Portfolios offered. The Treasurer and CMIA will mutually agree on the composition of the Underlying Funds and the Portfolios. It is anticipated that Target Allocation Portfolios will be rebalanced periodically to reflect their target allocations. For information regarding the target allocations to particular Underlying Funds for each Allocation Portfolio, please refer to the Portfolio Construction, which is available at [www.futurescholar.com](http://www.futurescholar.com) or from the Program Manager.

The following chart illustrates the investment objective and permitted target asset allocation percentage range of each Target Allocation Portfolio as of the date of this Program Description.

#### PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND TARGET ALLOCATION PORTFOLIO RANGES

Columbia Portfolio	Int'l Equities (%)	U.S. Equities (%)	Total Equities (%)	Fixed Income (%)	Cash (%)	Investment Objective
<b>Target Allocation Portfolios</b>						
<b>Aggressive Growth 529 (90% Equity) Aggressive Track Ages 0 – 3</b>	15-25	65-75	80-100	5-15	0-5	This Portfolio seeks capital appreciation through exposure to a variety of equity market segments with limited exposure to fixed income investments.
<b>Growth 529 (80% Equity) Aggressive Track 4-5 Years &amp; Moderate Track 0 – 3 Years</b>	11-21	59-69	70-90	15-25	0-5	This Portfolio seeks long-term growth of capital through exposure to a variety of equity market segments with limited exposure to fixed income investments.
<b>70% Equity Aggressive Track Ages 6 – 7 Years; Moderate Track Ages 4 – 5 Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 0 – 3 Years</b>	9 – 19	51 – 61	60 – 80	25 – 35	0-5	This Portfolio seeks capital appreciation through exposure to a variety of equity market segments with limited exposure to fixed income investments.
<b>Moderate Growth 529 (60% Equity) Aggressive Track Ages 8 -9 Years, Moderate Track Ages 6-7 Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 4 – 3 Years</b>	7-17	43-53	50-70	35-45	0-5	This Portfolio seeks capital appreciation through exposure to a variety of equity market segments with limited exposure to fixed income investments.
<b>Moderate 529 (50% Equity) Aggressive Track Ages 10 – 11 Years, Moderate Track Ages 8 – 9 Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 6 – 7 Years</b>	4-14	36-46	40-60	40-50	0-10	This Portfolio seeks capital appreciation through a balanced portfolio of equity and fixed-income investments.
<b>40% Equity Aggressive Track Ages 12 – 13 Years, Moderate Track Ages 10 – 11 Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 10 – 11 Years</b>	2 – 12	28 – 38	30 – 50	42.5 – 52.5	7.5 – 17.5	This Portfolio seeks capital appreciation through a balanced portfolio of equity and fixed-income investments
<b>Moderately Conservative 529 (30% Equity) Aggressive Track Ages 14 15 Years, Moderate Track Ages 12 – 13 Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 10 – 11 Years</b>	0-10	20-30	20-40	45-55	15-25	This Portfolio seeks current income and modest growth of capital appreciation through exposure to a variety of fixed income investments with modest exposure to equity investments.

<b>Columbia Portfolio</b>	<b>Int'l Equities (%)</b>	<b>U.S. Equities (%)</b>	<b>Total Equities (%)</b>	<b>Fixed Income (%)</b>	<b>Cash (%)</b>	<b>Investment Objective</b>
<b>20% Equity</b> <b>Aggressive Track Ages 16 – 17 Years, Moderate Track Ages 14 – 15 Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 12 – 13 Years</b>	0 – 7.5	12.5 – 22.5	12.5 – 30	45 – 55	25 - 35	This Portfolio seeks current income and modest growth of capital appreciation through exposure to a variety of fixed income investments with modest exposure to equity investments.
<b>Conservative 529 (10% Equity)</b> <b>Aggressive Track Ages 18+, Moderate Track Ages 16 – 17 Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 14 – 15 Years</b>	0-5	5 – 15	5 - 20	45-55	35-45	This Portfolio seeks current income and capital preservation to prepare for funding withdrawals.
<b>College 529 (0% Equity)</b> <b>Moderate Track Ages 18+ Years &amp; Conservative Track Ages 16+</b>	0-5	0-5	0-10	45-55	45-55	This Portfolio seeks current income and capital preservation to prepare for funding withdrawals.

## Single Fund Portfolios

Each Single Fund Portfolio has a specified investment strategy. Eight of the Single Fund Portfolios each invest in a single mutual fund or exchange traded fund. Note that a Single Fund Portfolio's Underlying Fund may change from time to time without prior notice to Account Owners, but Account Owners will be informed of any such change by receiving either a new Program Description, a Supplement, or other written communication from the Program. The Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio invests primarily in book value investment contracts backed by one or more portfolios of short- and intermediate-term investment grade bonds and Class Institutional shares of Columbia Government Money Market Fund. The Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio invests all of its assets in the interest-bearing Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST.

<b>Future Scholar Portfolio</b>	<b>Investment Objective</b>
<b>Large Cap Index</b>	This Portfolio seeks investment results that (before fees and expenses) generally correspond to the total return of the S&P 500 Index. This Portfolio invests all of its net investable assets in Class Institutional shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund.
<b>Mid Cap Index</b>	This Portfolio seeks investment results that (before fees and expenses) generally correspond to the total return of the S&P MidCap 400 Index. This Portfolio invests all of its net investable assets in Class Institutional shares of Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund.
<b>Small Cap Index</b>	This Portfolio seeks investment results that (before fees and expenses) generally correspond to the total return of the S&P Small Cap 600 Index. This Portfolio invests all of its investable assets in Class Institutional shares of Columbia Small Cap Index Fund.
<b>International Equity Index</b>	This Portfolio seeks investment results that (before and after taxes) generally correspond to the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of stocks issued by companies located in the major markets of Europe and the Pacific region. This Portfolio invests all of its net available assets in Institutional Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.
<b>Bond Index</b>	This Portfolio seeks investment results that (before fees and expenses) generally correspond to the performance of a broad, market-weighted bond index. This Portfolio invests all of its net available assets in Institutional Class shares of the Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund.
<b>Short Term Bond Index</b>	This Portfolio seeks investment results that (before fees and expenses) generally correspond to the performance of a market-weighted bond index with a short-term dollar-weighted average maturity. This Portfolio invests all of its net available assets in Institutional Class shares of the Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund.
<b>TIPS Bond ETF</b>	This Portfolio seeks investment results that (before fees and expenses) correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the Barclays U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) Index (Series L). This Portfolio invests all of its net available assets in the Schwab US TIPS ETF (SCHP).

<b>Future Scholar Portfolio</b>	<b>Investment Objective</b>
<b>Ultra Short Term Bond</b>	This Portfolio seeks a high level of current income consistent with the maintenance of liquidity and the preservation of capital. This Portfolio invests all of its net available assets in Class Institutional shares of the Columbia Ultra Short Term Bond Fund.
<b>Legacy Capital Preservation</b>	This Portfolio seeks to provide current income while maintaining stability of principal.
<b>Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio</b>	This Portfolio invests all of its assets in the interest-bearing Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST.

## Investment Options

Contributions to the Portfolios are invested in accordance with the various investment options approved by the Treasurer. In conjunction with the Treasurer, CMIA, in its discretion, may change the investment options at any time without the Account Owner's consent. At least annually, CMIA will review the then-current investment options of the Program and determine whether or not to propose any changes to the existing options. Such changes may include, among other things, the addition of new Portfolios, changes in the allocation percentages of existing Portfolios and the addition or substitution of new Underlying Funds (which may or may not be mutual funds) and the removal of existing Underlying Funds from Portfolios. Any such action affecting a Portfolio may result in an Account Owner's Contributions being reinvested in a Portfolio different from the Portfolio in which contributions were originally invested or in Underlying Funds different than those currently set forth in "Underlying Funds" below.

## Underlying Fund Share Classes

As applicable, Portfolios investing in Underlying Funds which are organized as mutual funds are invested in Class Institutional shares of underlying Columbia Funds mutual funds except for Columbia Government Money Market Fund, which invests in Class Institutional 2 (including the portion of the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio that invests in Columbia Government Money Market Fund); and Columbia Ultra Short Term Bond Fund, which invests in Class Institutional 3, or in Institutional Class shares of Vanguard Funds, as recommended for that Portfolio by CMIA and approved by the Treasurer. Underlying Funds which are organized as ETFs do not have separate share classes.

The Program Manager reserves the right to hold cash in a Portfolio to meet anticipated withdrawal requests or for other reasons and to invest a portion of each Portfolio in Columbia Funds money market mutual funds for cash management purposes. CMIA serves as investment advisor for all of the underlying Columbia Funds mutual funds. Certain Underlying Funds are not managed by CMIA, as indicated below in "SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF THE CURRENT UNDERLYING FUNDS."

Account Owners do not have any direct beneficial interests in the Underlying Fund(s) held by a Portfolio and, accordingly, have no rights as an owner or shareholder of such Underlying Fund(s).

## Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio

The Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio invests all of its assets in an interest-bearing omnibus bank deposit account at TRUIST (the "Bank Deposit Account"). The Bank Deposit Account is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") on a pass-through basis as explained below, and is held in trust by the Program at TRUIST.

**Interest Rate** – Investments in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio earn a varying rate of interest in an amount equal to the Federal Funds daily effective rate as reported by Bloomberg, L.P. Interest will be compounded daily based on the actual number of days in a year (typically, 365/365 and 366/366 in leap years) and will be credited to Accounts on a monthly basis, provided that daily interest less than \$0.01 will not accrue or be credited to Accounts. The interest rate is expressed as an Annual Percentage Yield ("APY"). To obtain the current Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio APY, please call 1.888.244.5674.

**FDIC Insurance** - Except for the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio, investments in the Program are **not** insured by the FDIC. FDIC insurance is provided for the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio only, which invests in the FDIC-insured Bank Deposit Account. Contributions to and earnings on the investments in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio are insured by the FDIC on a pass-through basis to each Account Owner up to the maximum amount set by federal law — currently \$250,000. The amount of FDIC insurance provided to an Account Owner is based on the total of: (a) the amount of an Account Owner's investment in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio; and (b) the amount or amounts in all other accounts held by the Account Owner at TRUIST, as determined in accordance with TRUIST records and FDIC regulations. Plan Officials are not responsible for determining how an

Account Owner's investment in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio will be aggregated with other accounts held by the Account Owner at TRUIST for purposes of the FDIC insurance.

*No Other Guarantees* - There is no other insurance and there are no other guarantees for the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio. Therefore, like all of the Portfolios, neither your contributions into the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio nor any investment return earned on your contributions are guaranteed by the Program or by TRUIST. In addition, the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio does not provide a guarantee of any level of performance or return.

## **HISTORICAL INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**

The performance of each Portfolio depends on the weighted average performance of the Underlying Funds in which it invests. The value of Shares, which represent interests in a Portfolio, will vary from day to day. **The performance information for the Future Scholar Portfolios can be found in the Supplemental Booklet, which is described in the Definitions of Key Terms section of this Program Description.**

## **PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES**

Each Account bears certain ongoing expenses. These expenses consist of any indirect expenses incurred by the Underlying Funds (other than the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio) in which the Portfolios invest. In addition, certain fees and expenses are established by the Management Agreement, which may be amended. There is no assurance that such fees would remain applicable subsequent to amendment, termination or renewal of the Management Agreement. A portion of the Portfolio's interest in Underlying Funds may be liquidated to pay other expenses charged to a Portfolio including the fees and expenses described below.

The Program Manager has agreed to absorb other Account level fees such as returned check fees, fees for processing rollovers from the Program and fees for reports on Account history. The Treasurer and the Program Manager reserve the right to change the amount of any of these fees, or the circumstance under which such fees may be waived.

*Underlying Fund Expenses* – All Portfolios invest in Underlying Funds, each of which (other than the Bank Deposit Account in which the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio invests) assesses certain fees against amounts invested. An Underlying Fund's expense ratio measures the total annual operating expenses of the Underlying Fund as a percentage of its average daily net assets. The total net operating expense ratio measures the annual operating expenses of an Underlying Fund as a percentage of its average daily net assets. Operating expenses for each Underlying Fund include investment advisory, administration and other fees. CMIA and its affiliates collect such fees on those Columbia Funds which are offered as Underlying Funds.

**For more information on these Underlying Fees and Expenses as well as the fees and expense examples that an Account Owner may pay if a Portfolio is bought and sold, please see the Supplemental Booklet ("More Information About Performance, Fees and Expenses") which is incorporated by reference into this Program Description.**

**See the Supplemental Booklet—What It Costs to Invest in the Program for tables which describe the fees and expense that an Account Owner may pay if Shares of the Portfolios are bought and held. See the Supplemental Booklet—Expense Examples for tables which compare the approximate cost of investing over different periods of time in each Portfolio (other than the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio).**

## **Indirect Expenses**

Each Portfolio (other than the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio) indirectly bears its proportional share of the fees and expenses incurred by the Underlying Funds in which it invests. Accordingly, each such Portfolio's investment return will be net of both the fees and expenses of the Underlying Funds (see "Underlying Fund Expenses" above) and any direct expenses noted above.

CMIA and its affiliates provide services to certain Underlying Funds and receive compensation for those services from the Underlying Funds. For more information about such payments, see "THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT—Payments from Underlying Funds."



## Compensation with Respect to the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio

CMIA receives a stable value management fee for the assets of the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio (excluding assets attributable to Columbia Government Money Market Fund) based on the following fee schedule (the “Stable Value Management Fee”):

Assets Managed	Fee Rate
First \$25 million	0.20%
Next \$50 million	0.12%
Next \$75 million	0.10%

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF THE CURRENT UNDERLYING FUNDS

The following descriptions briefly summarize the investment objectives and principal investment strategies of the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolios are currently invested. The descriptions also identify certain principal risks to which particular Underlying Funds may be subject. The investment objectives, principal investment strategies and principal risks provided for Underlying Funds that are mutual funds or ETFs are based upon information contained in the applicable Underlying Fund’s prospectus available prior to the date of this Program Description. The investment objectives and principal investment strategies and principal risks may change at any time without the consent of or notice to the Account Owner. Account Owners should periodically assess and, if appropriate, adjust their investment choices with their time horizon, risk tolerance and investment objectives in mind. A complete, detailed description about each Underlying Fund that is a mutual fund or an ETF can be found in the Fund’s current prospectus and statement of additional information and these summaries are qualified in their entirety to those Underlying Fund documents. You can request a copy of any such Underlying Fund’s current prospectus and statement of additional information, or its most recent semi-annual or annual report, by calling 1-888-244-5674.

Each of the Underlying Funds is subject to risk, including the risk of loss of principal, and there is no guarantee that its investment objectives will be achieved. Past performance does not guarantee future results. **More information about the risks related to the Underlying Funds is set forth below under “PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.”**

### Domestic Equity Funds

#### Columbia Large Cap Index Fund

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—This Underlying Fund seeks total return before fees and expenses that corresponds to the total return of the Standard & Poor’s (S&P) 500® Index. The Fund’s investment objective is not a fundamental policy and may be changed by the Fund’s Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. Because any investment involves risk, there is no assurance the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in common stocks that comprise the S&P 500 Index (the Index).

The Fund may invest in derivatives, such as futures (including equity index futures), for cash equitization purposes.

Different common stocks have different weightings in the Index, depending on the amount of stock outstanding and the stock’s current price. In seeking to match the performance of the Index, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager) attempts to allocate the Fund’s assets among common stocks in approximately the same weightings as the Index. This is referred to as a passive or indexing approach to investing. As a result of the Fund’s indexing approach to investing, the Fund will typically emphasize within the portfolio those economic sectors emphasized by the Index, such as the information technology sector. The Fund may buy shares of Ameriprise Financial, Inc., an affiliate of the Investment Manager, which is currently included in the Index, subject to certain restrictions.

The Fund attempts to achieve at least a 95% correlation between the performance of the Index and the Fund’s investment results, before fees and expenses. A correlation of 1.00 means the return of the Fund can be completely explained by the return of the Index. The Fund’s ability to track the Index is affected by, among other things, transaction costs and other expenses (which the Index does not incur), changes in the composition of the Index, changes in the number of shares issued by the companies represented in the Index, and by the timing and amount of Fund shareholder purchases and redemptions.

The Investment Manager may sell a stock when the stock's percentage weighting in the index is reduced, when the stock is removed from the index, if the timing of cash flows in and out of the Fund requires it to sell a security, corporate actions have affected the issuer (such as corporate reorganizations, mergers or acquisitions) or for other reasons.

Although index funds, by their nature, tend to be tax-efficient investments, the Fund generally is managed without regard to tax efficiency.

The Fund's investment policy with respect to 80% of its net assets may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval as long as shareholders are given 60 days' advance written notice of the change. Additionally, shareholders will be given 60 days' advance written notice of a change to the Fund's investment objective if such a change is made in connection with the SEC rule governing fund names.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Correlation/Tracking Error Risk, Derivatives Risk, Derivatives Risk-Futures Contracts Risk, Issuer Risk, Market Risk, Passive Investment Risk, Real Estate-Related Investment Risk, and Sector Risk.

### **Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—This Underlying Fund seeks total return before fees and expenses that corresponds to the total return of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) MidCap 400® Index. The Fund's investment objective is not a fundamental policy and may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. Because any investment involves risk, there is no assurance the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in common stocks that comprise the S&P MidCap 400 Index (the Index). The Fund also may invest in real estate investment trusts.

The Fund may invest in derivatives, such as futures (including equity index futures), for cash equitization purposes.

Different common stocks have different weightings in the Index, depending on the amount of stock outstanding and the stock's current price. In seeking to match the performance of the Index, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager) attempts to allocate the Fund's assets among common stocks in approximately the same weightings as the Index. This is referred to as a passive or indexing approach to investing. As a result of the Fund's indexing approach to investing, the Fund will typically emphasize within the portfolio those economic sectors emphasized by the Index, such as the industrials sector.

The Fund attempts to achieve at least a 95% correlation between the performance of the Index and the Fund's investment results, before fees and expenses. A correlation of 1.00 means the return of the Fund can be completely explained by the return of the Index. The Fund's ability to track the Index is affected by, among other things, transaction costs and other expenses (which the Index does not incur), changes in the composition of the Index, changes in the number of shares issued by the companies represented in the Index, and by the timing and amount of Fund shareholder purchases and redemptions.

The Investment Manager may sell a stock when the stock's percentage weighting in the index is reduced, when the stock is removed from the index, if the timing of cash flows in and out of the Fund requires it to sell a security, corporate actions have affected the issuer (such as corporate reorganizations, mergers or acquisitions) or for other reasons.

Although index funds, by their nature, tend to be tax-efficient investments, the Fund generally is managed without regard to tax efficiency.

The Fund's investment policy with respect to 80% of its net assets may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval as long as shareholders are given 60 days' advance written notice of the change. Additionally, shareholders will be given 60 days' advance written notice of a change to the Fund's investment objective if such a change is made in connection with the SEC rule governing fund names.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Correlation/Tracking Error Risk, Derivatives Risk, Derivatives Risk-Futures Contracts Risk, Issuer Risk, Market Risk, Passive Investment Risk, Real Estate-Related Investment Risk and Sector Risk.

### **Columbia Small Cap Index Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—This Underlying Fund seeks total return before fees and expenses that corresponds to the total return of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) SmallCap 600® Index. The Fund's investment objective is not a fundamental policy and may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. Because any investment involves risk, there is no assurance the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in common stocks that comprise the S&P SmallCap 600 Index (the Index).

The Fund may invest in derivatives, such as futures (including equity index futures), for cash equitization purposes.

Different common stocks have different weightings in the Index, depending on the amount of stock outstanding and the stock's current price. In seeking to match the performance of the Index, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager) attempts to allocate the Fund's assets among common stocks in approximately the same weightings as the Index. This is referred to as a passive or indexing approach to investing. As a result of the Fund's indexing approach to investing, the Fund will typically emphasize within the portfolio those economic sectors emphasized by the Index, such as the financial services sector.

The Fund attempts to achieve at least a 95% correlation between the performance of the Index and the Fund's investment results, before fees and expenses. A correlation of 1.00 means the return of the Fund can be completely explained by the return of the Index. The Fund's ability to track the Index is affected by, among other things, transaction costs and other expenses (which the Index does not incur), changes in the composition of the Index, changes in the number of shares issued by the companies represented in the Index, and by the timing and amount of Fund shareholder purchases and redemptions.

The Investment Manager may sell a stock when the stock's percentage weighting in the index is reduced, when the stock is removed from the index, if the timing of cash flows in and out of the Fund requires it to sell a security, corporate actions have affected the issuer (such as corporate reorganizations, mergers or acquisitions) or for other reasons.

Although index funds, by their nature, tend to be tax-efficient investments, the Fund generally is managed without regard to tax efficiency.

The Fund's investment policy with respect to 80% of its net assets may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval as long as shareholders are given 60 days' advance written notice of the change. Additionally, shareholders will be given 60 days' advance written notice of a change to the Fund's investment objective if such a change is made in connection with the SEC rule governing fund names.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Correlation/Tracking Error Risk, Derivatives Risk, Derivatives Risk-Futures Contracts Risk, Issuer Risk, Market Risk, Passive Investment Risk, and Sector Risk.

### **Invesco Optimum Yield Diversified Commodity Strategy No K-1 ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—This Underlying Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund ("ETF") that to achieve its investment objective by investing in a combination of financial instruments that are economically linked to the world's most heavily traded commodities. Commodities are assets that have tangible properties, such as oil, agricultural produce or raw metals.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests, either directly or through a wholly-owned subsidiary (the "Subsidiary"), in a combination of three categories of investments: (i) exchange-traded futures contracts on underlying commodities ("Commodities Futures"); (ii) other instruments whose value is derived from or linked to price movements of underlying physical commodities, represented by exchange-traded futures contracts on commodity indices, commodity-linked notes, exchange-traded options on Commodities Futures, swaps on commodities and commodity-related forward contracts (collectively, these are "Commodity-Linked Instruments"); and (iii) cash, cash-like instruments or high-quality securities (collectively, "Collateral"). The Collateral may consist of (1) U.S. Government securities, such as bills, notes and bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury; (2) money market funds; and/or (3) corporate debt securities, such as commercial paper and other short-term unsecured promissory notes issued by businesses that are rated investment grade or determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Such collateral is designed to provide liquidity, serve as margin or otherwise collateralize investments in the Commodities Futures and Commodity-Linked Instruments.

The Fund will not invest directly in physical commodities, Commodities Futures or Commodity-Linked Instruments. Instead, the Fund attempts to obtain investment returns that are highly correlated to the commodities markets by investing in these instruments indirectly through its Subsidiary. The Fund's investment in the Subsidiary is expected to provide the Fund with exposure to Commodities Futures and Commodity-Linked Instruments in accordance with the limits of the federal tax laws, which limit the ability of investment companies like the Fund to invest directly in such investments.

The Fund's investment in the Subsidiary may not exceed 25% of the Fund's total assets at each quarter-end of the Fund's fiscal year. The Subsidiary operates under Cayman Islands law. It is wholly-owned and controlled by the Fund and advised by the Adviser. The Subsidiary has the same investment objective as the Fund and will follow the same general investment policies and restrictions, except that unlike the Fund, it may invest without limit in Commodities Futures and Commodity-Linked Instruments. Except as noted, for purposes of this Prospectus, references to the Fund's investment strategies and risks include those of its Subsidiary.

The Subsidiary will invest in Commodities Futures (or gain exposure to Commodities Futures through the use of swaps) that generally are representative of the components of the DBIQ Optimum Yield Diversified Commodity Index Excess Return (the “Benchmark”), an index composed of futures contracts on 14 of the most heavily traded commodities across the energy, precious metals, industrial metals and agriculture sectors: aluminum, Brent crude oil, copper, corn, gold, New York Harbor Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel (“NY Harbor ULSD” previously referred to as Heating Oil), WTI crude oil, natural gas, “RBOB” gasoline, silver, soybeans, sugar, wheat and zinc. Although the Subsidiary generally provides exposure to the components of the Benchmark, the Fund is not an “index tracking” ETF and instead seeks to exceed the performance of the Benchmark. Therefore, the Subsidiary may not seek exposure to all of the Benchmark’s components or in the same proportion as the Benchmark. The Subsidiary may invest in Commodities Futures (or gain exposure to such Commodities Futures through the use of swaps) that are not included in the Benchmark, but reference a commodity represented in the Benchmark by a different futures contract. At times, it also may invest in Commodities Futures outside the Benchmark, invest in Commodities Futures with expirations beyond those contained in the Benchmark or emphasize some commodity sectors more than others.

The Subsidiary also invests a portion of its assets in Commodity-Linked Instruments to seek to increase its investment returns or hedge against declines in the value of its other investments. Although the Fund does not seek leveraged returns, investing in Commodity-Linked Instruments may have a leveraging effect on the Fund. The Commodity-Linked Instruments may be exchange-traded or traded over-the-counter (“OTC”).

Because the Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Code”), the Fund’s investments in the Subsidiary and Commodities Futures are limited by certain requirements of the Code and related Internal Revenue Service regulations. Accordingly, the Fund (and the Subsidiary, as applicable) invests its remaining assets directly in Collateral, which consists of high-quality securities such as U.S. Treasuries, other U.S. Government obligations, money market funds, cash and cash-like equivalents (e.g., high quality commercial paper and similar instruments that are rated investment grade or, if unrated, of comparable quality as the Adviser may determine) that provide liquidity, serve as margin or collateralize the Subsidiary’s investments in Commodities Futures and Commodity-Linked Instruments.

The phrase “No K-1” in the Fund’s name means that the Fund does not issue a Schedule K-1, which is the tax reporting form issued by commodities partnerships. Schedule K-1 typically presents additional complexities. Instead, like most other ETFs, the Fund reports income on Form 1099.

As of October 31, 2022, the Fund had significant exposure to the energy sector. The Fund’s portfolio holdings, and the extent to which it concentrates its investments, are likely to change over time.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – Market Risk, Management Risk, Commodity-Linked Derivatives Risk, Derivatives Risk, Futures Contracts Risk, Swap Agreements Risk, Commodity-Linked Notes Risk, Options Risk, Commodity Pool Risk, , Counterparty Risk, Collateral Securities Risk, Clearing Broker Risk, Gap Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Leverage Risk, Valuation Risk, Tax Risk, Liquidity Risk, Issuer-Specific Changes Risk, Subsidiary Investment Risk, Cash Transaction Risk, Authorized Participant Concentration Risk, Market Trading Risk, and Operational Risk.

### **SPDR® Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The SPDR® Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of an index that tracks the performance of small capitalization exchange traded U.S. equity securities.

In seeking to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index (the “Index”), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. (“SSGA FM” or the “Adviser”), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund’s assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund’s assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in equity securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund’s assets may be concentrated in an industry or group of industries, but only to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. Futures contracts

(a type of derivative instrument) may be used by the Fund in seeking performance that corresponds to the Index and in managing cash flows.

The Index measures the performance of the small-capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market. The selection universe for the Index includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Select Market, NASDAQ Select Market, NASDAQ Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, or Cboe EDGX with unadjusted market capitalizations between \$850 million and \$5.2 billion and float-adjusted market capitalizations of at least \$425 million at the time of inclusion. These capitalization ranges may be revised by the Index Provider (as defined below) at any time. To be included in the Index, a security (or issuer of a security, as applicable) should (i) have an annual dollar value traded to float-adjusted market capitalization ratio of 0.75 or greater at the time of addition to the S&P Composite 1500 Index (the Index's parent index); (ii) trade a minimum of 250,000 shares in each of the six months leading up to the evaluation date; (iii) have a public float of at least 10%; and (iv) have positive aggregate earnings over the four most recent quarters and for the most recent quarter. In selecting securities for inclusion in the Index, the Index Provider also considers sector balance by comparing the weight of each GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sector in the Index to its weight in the relevant market capitalization range of the S&P Total Market Index.

The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. Index constituents are added and removed on an as needed basis. The Index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. As of August 31, 2023, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the financial and industrial sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2023, the Index comprised 601 stocks.

The Index is sponsored by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

*Principal Risks of Investing* - Market Risk; Equity Investing Risk; Small-Capitalization Securities Risk; Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk; Financial Sector Risk; Futures Contract Risk; Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk; Industrial Sector Risk; Liquidity Risk; Unconstrained Sector Risk; and Valuation Risk.

## **International Equity Funds**

### **Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—The Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of stocks issued by companies located in Canada and the major markets of Europe and the Pacific region.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, a market-capitalization weighted index that as of December 31, 2022, is made up of approximately 4,006 common stocks of large-, mid-, and small-cap companies located in Canada and the major markets of Europe and the Pacific region. The Fund attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the Index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the Index.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Currency Risk, Stock Market Risk, Investment Style Risk, Index Replicating Risk and Country/Regional Risk.

### **Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—The Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of stocks issued by companies located in emerging market countries.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the FTSE Emerging Markets All Cap China A Inclusion Index. As of October 31, 2022, the FTSE Emerging Markets All Cap China A Inclusion Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index that is made up of approximately 4,459 common stocks of large-, mid-, and small-cap companies located in emerging markets around the world. The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a broadly diversified collection of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the Index in terms of key characteristics. These key characteristics include industry weightings and market capitalization, as well as certain financial measures, such as price/earnings ratio and dividend yield.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Stock market risk, Emerging markets risk, Country/regional risk, Currency risk, China A-shares risk, and Index sampling risk.



## Fixed Income Funds

### **Columbia Ultra Short-Term Bond Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—This Underlying Fund seeks a high level of current income consistent with the maintenance of liquidity and the preservation of capital. Only shareholders can change the Fund's investment objective. Because any investment involves risk, there is no assurance the Fund's objective will be achieved.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in a diversified portfolio of domestic debt securities of investment grade quality. Debt securities may be issued by governments, companies or special purpose entities and may include notes, bonds, debentures and commercial paper.

The Fund may invest in mortgage- and other asset-backed securities.

The Fund may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment basis. Such securities may include mortgage-backed securities acquired or sold in the "to be announced" (TBA) market and those in a dollar roll transaction. The Fund may invest in floating rate debt securities, which have interest rates that adjust or "float" periodically.

The Fund may invest in privately placed and other securities or instruments that are purchased and sold pursuant to Rule 144A or other exemptions under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, subject to certain regulatory restrictions.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of total assets in dollar-denominated foreign debt securities.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund's dollar weighted average effective maturity will be two years or less, and its duration will be one year or less. A bond is issued with a specific maturity date, which is the date when the issuer must pay back the bond's principal (face value). Bond maturities range from less than 1 year to more than 30 years.

Typically, the longer a bond's maturity, the more price risk the Fund and the Fund's investors face as interest rates rise, but the Fund could receive a higher yield in return for that longer maturity and higher interest rate risk. Duration measures the sensitivity of bond prices to changes in interest rates. The longer the duration of a bond, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates. For example, a three-year duration means a bond is expected to decrease in value by 3% if interest rates rise 1% and increase in value by 3% if interest rates fall 1%.

Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager) evaluates a number of factors in identifying investment opportunities and constructing the Fund's portfolio, including local, national and global economic conditions, market conditions, interest rate movements and other relevant factors in allocating the Fund's assets among issuers, securities, maturities, credit qualities, and industry sectors, while also taking into consideration the creditworthiness of the issuer of the security and the various features of the security, such as its interest rate, yield, maturity, any call features and value relative to other securities. The Investment Manager, in connection with selecting individual investments for the Fund, evaluates a security based on its potential to generate income and/or to preserve capital.

The Investment Manager may sell a security if the Investment Manager believes that there is deterioration in the issuer's financial circumstances, or that other investments are more attractive; if there is deterioration in a security's credit rating; or for other reasons.

The Fund's investment policy with respect to 80% of its net assets may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval as long as shareholders are given 60 days' advance written notice of the change.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Active Management Risk, Changing Distribution Level Risk, Counterparty Risk, Credit Risk, Foreign Securities Risk, Forward Commitments on Mortgage -Backed Securities (including Dollar Rolls) Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Issuer Risk, Liquidity Risk, Market Risk, Mortgage- and Other Asset-Backed Securities Risk, Prepayment and Extension Risk, Reinvestment Risk, Rule 144A and Other Exempted Securities Risk, Sovereign Debt Risk and U.S. Government Obligations Risk.

### **Schwab US TIPS ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The fund's goal is to track as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of an index composed of inflation-protected U.S. Treasury securities. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.



To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in securities that are included in the Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index (Series-L)SM†. The index includes all publicly-issued U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) that have at least one year remaining to maturity, are rated investment grade and have \$500 million or more of outstanding face value. The TIPS in the index must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed-rate and non-convertible. The index is market capitalization weighted and the TIPS in the index are updated on the last business day of each month. As of December 31, 2022, there were 47 TIPS in the index. TIPS are publicly issued, dollar denominated U.S. Government securities issued by the U.S. Treasury that have principal and interest payments linked to an official inflation measure (as measured by the Consumer Price Index, or CPI) and their payments are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States.

It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund will generally seek to replicate the performance of the index by giving the same weight to a given security as the index does. However, when the investment adviser believes it is in the best interest of the fund, such as to avoid purchasing odd-lots (i.e., purchasing less than the usual number of shares traded for a security), for tax considerations, or to address liquidity considerations with respect to a security, the investment adviser may cause the fund's weighting of a security to be more or less than the index's weighting of the security.

Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in its index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index; (b) high-quality liquid investments, such as securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including obligations that are not guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and obligations that are issued by private issuers that are guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; and (c) other investment companies. The fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, enter into repurchase agreements, and may lend its securities to minimize the difference in performance that naturally exists between an index fund and its corresponding index. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index.

The investment adviser typically seeks to track the total return of the index by replicating the index. This means that the fund generally expects that it will hold the same securities as those included in the index. However, the investment adviser may use sampling techniques if the investment adviser believes such use will best help the fund to track its index or is otherwise in the best interest of the fund. Sampling techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities that, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a variety of factors, including interest rate and yield curve risk, maturity exposures, and other risk factors and characteristics. When the fund uses sampling techniques, the fund generally expects that its yield, maturity and weighted average duration will be similar to those of the index. The investment adviser seeks to achieve, over time, a correlation between the fund's performance and that of its index, before fees and expenses, of 95% or better. However, there can be no guarantee that the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with its index, including the degree to which the fund utilizes a sampling technique (or otherwise gives a different weighting to a security than the index does). The correlation between the performance of the fund and its index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

*Principal Risks of Investing*— Market Risk, Investment Style Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Credit Risk, Inflation-Protected Security Risk, Sampling Index Tracking Risk, Tracking Error Risk, Liquidity Risk, Securities Lending Risk, Market Trading Risk, Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV; Money Market Fund Risk.

### **SPDR® Bloomberg Convertible Securities ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of an index that tracks United States convertible securities markets.

In seeking to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Convertible Liquid Bond Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index and in securities that the Adviser determines have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to

the economic characteristics of the securities that comprise the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in debt securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund's assets may be concentrated in an industry or group of industries, but only to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries.

The Index is designed to represent the market of U.S. convertible securities, such as convertible bonds and convertible preferred stock. Convertible bonds are bonds that can be exchanged, at the option of the holder or issuer, for a specific number of shares of the issuer's equity securities. Convertible preferred stock is preferred stock that includes an option for the holder to convert to common stock. The Index components are a subset of issues in the Bloomberg Convertible Composite Index. To be included in the Index, a security must meet the following requirements: (i) have an issue amount of at least \$350 million and a par amount outstanding of at least \$250 million; (ii) be a non-called, non-defaulted security; (iii) have at least 31 days until maturity; (iv) be U.S. dollar denominated; and (v) be a registered or a convertible tranche issued under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Index may include investment grade, below investment grade and unrated securities. The Index is rebalanced on a monthly basis on the last business day of the month. As of August 31, 2023, a significant portion of the Fund comprised companies in the technology sector, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2023, there were 277 securities in the Index.

The Index is sponsored by Bloomberg Index Services Limited (the "Index Provider"), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings

*Principal Risks of Investing*— The Fund is subject to Market Risk, Debt Securities Risk, Convertible Securities Risk, Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk, Below Investment-Grade Securities Risk, Income Risk, Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk, Liquidity Risk and Non-U.S. Securities Risk

### **SPDR® Portfolio High Yield Bond ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* - The Fund seeks to track seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of an index that tracks the broad U.S. corporate high yield market.

In seeking to track the performance of the ICE BofA US High Yield Index (the "Index"), the Fund employs a sampling strategy, which means that the Fund is not required to purchase all of the securities represented in the Index. Instead, the Fund may purchase a subset of the securities in the Index in an effort to hold a portfolio of securities with generally the same risk and return characteristics of the Index. The quantity of holdings in the Fund will be based on a number of factors, including asset size of the Fund. Based on its analysis of these factors, SSGA Funds Management, Inc. ("SSGA FM" or the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to the Fund, either may invest the Fund's assets in a subset of securities in the Index or may invest the Fund's assets in substantially all of the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same proportions as the Index, as determined by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund in pursuing its objective.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund generally invests substantially all, but at least 80%, of its total assets in the securities comprising the Index and in securities that the Adviser determines have economic characteristics that are substantially identical to the economic characteristics of the securities that comprise the Index. In addition, in seeking to track the Index, the Fund may invest in debt securities that are not included in the Index, cash and cash equivalents or money market instruments, such as repurchase agreements and money market funds (including money market funds advised by the Adviser). In seeking to track the Index, the Fund's assets may be concentrated in an industry or group of industries, but only to the extent that the Index concentrates in a particular industry or group of industries. The Fund may use derivatives, including credit default swaps and credit default index swaps, to obtain investment exposure that the Adviser expects to correlate closely with the Index, or a portion of the Index, and in managing cash flows.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade (commonly referred to as "junk") corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. The Index includes securities rated below investment grade (based on an average of Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Fitch Ratings Inc., and S&P Global Ratings) with at least 18 months remaining to final maturity at the time of issuance and at least one year remaining term to final maturity as of the Index's rebalancing date. In addition, individual securities of qualifying issuers must have a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of \$250 million. Qualifying corporate issuers must have risk exposure to an FX-G10 or Western European country, or a territory of the United States or a Western European country. As of July 31, 2023, the FX-G10 includes all Eurozone members, the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden. Securities included in the Index may include securities that are subject to restrictions on resale under the U.S. federal securities laws ("restricted securities").

The Index is market capitalization weighted, and is rebalanced on the last calendar day of the month based on information available up to and including the third business day before the last business day of the month. As of August 31, 2023, a significant

portion of the Fund comprised companies in the consumer cyclical and communication services sectors, although this may change from time to time. As of July 31, 2023, there were approximately 1,869 securities in the Index.

The Index is sponsored by ICE Data Indices, LLC (the “Index Provider”), which is not affiliated with the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Index, relative weightings of the securities in the Index and publishes information regarding the market value of the Index.

*Principal Risks of Investing*— Market Risk, Debt Securities Risk, Below Investment-Grade Securities Risk, Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Communication Services Sector Risk, Consumer Cyclical Sector Risk, Geographic Focus Risk: Europe, Income Risk, Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk, Liquidity Risk, Non-U.S. Securities Risk, Restricted Securities Risk, Swaps Risk, Unconstrained Sector Risk, Valuation Risk.

### **Vanguard Intermediate-Term Corporate Bond ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—The Fund seeks to track the performance of a market-weighted corporate bond index with an intermediate-term dollar-weighted average maturity.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Corporate Bond Index. This Index includes U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility, and financial companies, with maturities between 5 and 10 years.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. 5-10 Year Corporate Bond Index. This Index includes U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility, and financial companies, with maturities between 5 and 10 years.

The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund’s investments will be selected through the sampling process, and under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund’s assets will be invested in bonds included in the Index. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of August 31, 2023, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 7.5 years.

*Principal Risks*— Credit risk, Interest rate risk, Income risk, Liquidity risk, Index sampling risk

### **Vanguard Mortgage-Backed Securities ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—The Fund seeks to track the performance of a market-weighted mortgage-backed securities index.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. MBS Float Adjusted Index. This Index covers U.S. agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC). To be included in the Index, pool aggregates must have at least \$1 billion currently outstanding and a weighted average maturity of at least 1 year.

The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund’s investments will be selected through the sampling process, and under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund’s assets will be invested in bonds included in the Index. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of August 31, 2023, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 7.8 years.

*Principal Risks*— Prepayment risk, Extension risk, Interest rate risk, Income risk, Credit risk, Index sampling risk, Liquidity risk.

### **Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—The Fund seeks to track the performance of a market-weighted bond index with a short-term dollar-weighted average maturity.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index. This Index includes all medium and larger issues of U.S. government, investment-grade

corporate, and investment-grade international dollar-denominated bonds that have maturities between 1 and 5 years and are publicly issued.

The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and at least 80% of the Fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the Index. The Fund seeks to maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of December 31, 2022, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 3 years. The Fund also seeks to maintain an average duration consistent with that of the Index. As of December 31, 2022, the average duration of the Index was 3 years.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Credit Risk, Income Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Index Sampling Risk, and Liquidity Risk.

### **Vanguard Total Return Bond Market II Index Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—The Fund seeks to track the performance of a broad, market-weighted bond index.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index. This Index measures the performance of a wide spectrum of public, investment-grade, taxable, fixed income securities in the United States—including government, corporate, and international dollar-denominated bonds, as well as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities—all with maturities of more than 1 year.

The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a broadly diversified collection of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and at least 80% of the Fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the Index. The Fund seeks to maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of December 31, 2022, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 9 years. The Fund also seeks to maintain an average duration consistent with that of the Index. As of December 31, 2022, the average duration of the Index was 6 years.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Call Risk, Credit Risk, Extension Risk, Income Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Index Sampling Risk, Liquidity Risk, Non-Diversification Risk and Prepayment Risk.

### **Vanguard Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—The Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of U.S. dollar-denominated bonds issued by governments and government-related issuers in emerging market countries.

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg USD Emerging Markets Government RIC Capped Index. This Index includes U.S. dollar-denominated bonds that have maturities longer than one year and that were issued by emerging market governments and government-related issuers. The Index is capped, which means that its exposure to any particular bond issuer is limited to a maximum of 20% and its aggregate exposure to issuers that individually constitute 5% or more of the Index is limited to 48%. If the Index, as constituted based on market weights, exceeds the 20% or 48% limits, the excess is reallocated to bonds of other issuers represented in the Index.

The Fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full Index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the Fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and under normal circumstances at least 80% of the Fund's assets will be invested in bonds included in the Index. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index. As of October 31, 2022, the dollar-weighted average maturity of the Index was 12.6 years.

*Principal Risks of Investing* – Country/regional risk, Emerging markets risk, Credit risk, Liquidity risk, Interest rate risk, Income risk, Index sampling risk, Call risk and Extension risk.

Because ETF Shares are traded on an exchange, they are subject to additional risks:

- The Fund's ETF Shares are listed for trading on Nasdaq and are bought and sold on the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of an ETF Share typically will approximate its net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV differ significantly. Thus, you may pay more or less than NAV when you buy ETF Shares on the secondary market, and you may receive more or less than NAV when you sell those shares.

- Although the Fund's ETF Shares are listed for trading on Nasdaq, it is possible that an active trading market may not be maintained.

- Trading of the Fund's ETF Shares may be halted by the activation of individual or marketwide trading halts (which halt trading for a specific period of time when the price of a particular security or overall market prices decline by a specified percentage). Trading of the Fund's ETF Shares may also be halted if (1) the shares are delisted from Nasdaq without first being listed on another exchange or (2) Nasdaq officials determine that such action is appropriate in the interest of a fair and orderly market or for the protection of investors.

**A Note on Risk:** Many investors invest in bonds and bond funds in an attempt to lower the overall risk of their portfolios. This strategy makes sense when the bonds owned are U.S. bonds because U.S. bond returns typically are not highly correlated with, and are far less volatile than, stock returns. The strategy is less likely to be effective, however, when the bonds owned are emerging market bonds. Returns of emerging market bonds, even dollar-denominated bonds like those owned by the Fund, can be quite volatile. The correlation between emerging market bond and stock returns (both U.S. and foreign) is often higher than the correlation between U.S. bond and stock returns. Consequently, if your goal is to lower risk and volatility, this Fund may not be an appropriate investment.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

### Columbia Government Money Market Fund

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies*—This Underlying Fund seeks to provide shareholders with maximum current income consistent with liquidity and stability of principal. Only shareholders can change the Fund's investment objective. Because any investment involves risk, there is no assurance the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

The Fund invests at least 99.5% of its total assets in government securities, cash and/or repurchase agreements collateralized solely by government securities or cash. For purposes of this policy, "government securities" are any securities issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States, or by a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an instrumentality of the Government of the United States pursuant to authority granted by the Congress of the United States, or any certificate of deposit for any of the foregoing.

The Fund typically invests in U.S. Treasury bills, notes and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations. The Fund may invest in variable and floating rate instruments, and may transact in securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment basis (including U.S. Treasury floating rate notes). The Fund invests in a portfolio of securities maturing in 397 days or less (as maturity is calculated by U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules governing the operation of money market funds) that will have a dollar-weighted average maturity of 60 days or less and a dollar-weighted average life of 120 days or less.

The securities purchased by the Fund are subject to the quality, diversification, and other requirements of Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and other rules of the SEC. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in government securities and/or repurchase securities that are collateralized by government securities. The Fund will only purchase government securities, cash, repurchase agreements collateralized solely by government securities or cash, and up to 0.5% of the Fund's total assets may be invested in other securities that present minimal credit risk as determined by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, the Fund's investment manager (the Investment Manager), pursuant to guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the Fund has determined that the Fund will not be subject to liquidity fees and redemption gates at this time.

In pursuit of the Fund's objective, CMIA observes the macro environment to set a framework for portfolio construction, including looking for positive and negative trends in the economy and market. In evaluating whether to purchase a security, CMIA:

- Considers opportunities and risks given current interest rates and anticipated interest rates.
- Purchases securities based on the timing of cash flows in and out of the Fund.
- Considers the impact of the purchase on the Fund's average maturity and duration.
- Considers a security's yield, relative value and credit characteristics.

In evaluating whether to sell a security, CMIA considers, among other factors, whether in its view:

- The issuer's fundamentals are deteriorating.
- Political, economic, or other events could affect the issuer's performance.
- The Investment Manager believes that it has identified a more attractive opportunity.
- The issuer or the security no longer meets the security selection criteria described above.



The Fund's investment policy with respect to 80% of its net assets may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval as long as shareholders are given 60 days' advance written notice of the change.

*Principal Risks of Investing*—The Fund is subject to Active Management Risk, Changing Distribution Level Risk, Credit Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Market Risk, Money Market Fund Risk, Notes Risk, Regulatory Risk – Money Market Funds, Reinvestment Risk, Repurchase Agreements Risk, U.S. Government Obligations Risk, When-Issued, Delayed Settlement and Forward Commitment Transactions, Including U.S. Treasury Floating Rate

### **Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund**

*Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies* – The Fund seeks to provide current income while maintaining liquidity and a stable share price of \$1.

The Fund invests primarily in high-quality, short-term money market instruments. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund's assets are invested in securities issued by the U.S. government and its agencies and instrumentalities, including repurchase agreements that are collateralized solely by U.S. government securities or cash. Although these securities are high-quality, some of the securities held by the Fund are neither guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury nor supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. To be considered high quality, a security must be determined by Vanguard to present minimal credit risk based in part on a consideration of maturity, portfolio diversification, portfolio liquidity, and credit quality. The Fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity of 60 days or less and a dollar-weighted average life of 120 days or less.

Government money market funds are required to invest at least 99.5% of their total assets in cash, U.S. government securities, and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized solely by U.S. government securities or cash (collectively, government securities). The Fund generally invests 100% of its assets in U.S. government securities and therefore will satisfy the 99.5% requirement for designation as a government money market fund.

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Fund at any time.

*Principal Risks*—The Fund is subject to Credit Risk, Income Risk, and Manager Risk

## **Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio**

The investment objective of the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio is to seek to provide current income while maintaining stability of principal. This Portfolio invests primarily in book value investment contracts ("Investment Contracts"), which are backed by one or more fixed-income portfolios managed by the Program Manager. Such investments may include U.S. Government and agency securities, agency mortgage-backed securities (including collateralized mortgage obligations), asset-backed and commercial mortgage-backed securities that carry (at the time of purchase) ratings that are the same or higher than the U.S. government from Moody's Investors Service or Standard and Poor's; U.S. Dollar denominated corporate, sovereign and supranational fixed-income securities that carry (at the time of purchase) Baa3/BBB- or higher ratings by two of Moody's Investors Service, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch, futures contracts on U.S. Government securities and indices, forward commitments to purchase or sell securities and other financial instruments that seek to provide similar characteristics as assets permitted hereunder. Such assets may be managed (1) on a constant duration basis without a fixed maturity date or (2) on a declining duration or fixed maturity basis, toward a fixed maturity date.

The Portfolio's Investment Contracts allow Account Owners to make Withdrawals from the Portfolio at the "book value" of the Investment Contract, which is equal to the Portfolio assets contributed to the Investment Contract (a) less any withdrawals from the Investment Contract and certain fees and charges and (b) plus accrued interest at a rate of return based on a formula specified in the contract known as the "crediting rate".

The crediting rate, which is adjusted periodically, is designed to reflect the actual interest earned on the wrapped fixed income securities, as well as amortize the market value gain or loss of the wrapped assets backing the contract over the duration of those assets.

Redemptions which are made from the Investment Contracts for reasons other than Account Owner-directed Withdrawals (such as a decision by the State of South Carolina or the Program Manager to terminate or significantly revise the Portfolio or to terminate any Investment Contract) may not be made at the Investment Contract's book value, depending on the terms of such contract.



The Portfolio may also invest in short-term investments, including Class Institutional shares of Columbia Government Money Market Fund, which the Program Manager intends to maintain based on market conditions, the Fund's anticipated liquidity requirements or other factors it determines. At the Program Manager's discretion, up to 100% of the Portfolio may be placed in short-term investments, including cash and cash equivalents.

The Investment Contracts are not registered mutual funds. None of Ameriprise Financial, Inc., the Office of State Treasurer, the State of South Carolina, the Program Manager or its affiliates guarantee the principal, accumulated interest or the future crediting rate of the Portfolio. There is no assurance that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Portfolio is not a deposit in a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Investors in the Portfolio may lose some portion of their investment in the Portfolio.

The expenses of the Portfolio, including the Stable Value Management Fee payable to CMIA, the Management Fee payable to the Program Manager, the Marketing Fee, the State Administrative Fee and the fees paid to issuers of the Investment Contracts, are accrued daily and will reduce the interest earned from the Investment Contracts.

*Principal Risks of Investing* - The Portfolio is subject to the following risks applicable to the Investment Contracts and fixed income securities. There is a risk that the insurance companies could fail to perform their obligations under the Investment Contracts for financial or other reasons.

Stable Value Risks: Credit Risk, Crediting Rate Risk, Investment Contract Risk, Liquidity Risk

Fixed Income Securities Risks: Active Management Risk, Asset-Backed Securities Risk, Credit Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Market Risk, Mortgage- and Other Asset-Backed Securities Risk, Reinvestment Risk

## **FDIC Insured Omnibus Bank Deposit Account**

### **Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio**

*General Information about TRUIST* – The Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio is invested in the Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST. The Bank Deposit Account is insured by the FDIC on a pass-through basis. The amount of FDIC insurance provided to an Account Owner is based on the total of (a) the amount of the Account Owner's investment in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio and (b) the amount or amounts in all other accounts held by the Account Owner at TRUIST, as determined in accordance with TRUIST records and FDIC regulations. To the extent an Account Owner's deposits exceed the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount, as described below; the excess funds are ineligible for FDIC insurance. Each Account Owner is responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits the Account Owner has at TRUIST for purposes of reviewing deposits which may be eligible for insurance by the FDIC. The Program does not have any duty to monitor any Account Owner's deposits at TRUIST or make recommendations about, or changes to, investment options that might be beneficial the Account Owner.

*Access to Funds in the Bank Deposit Account* – Account Owners may access the cash balance in their respective portions of the Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST only through their Accounts. An Account Owner cannot access or withdraw money held in the Bank Deposit Account in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio by contacting TRUIST directly.

*Interest Rates* – The interest rate on the Bank Deposit Account may be obtained by visiting [www.futurescholar.com](http://www.futurescholar.com) or calling 1.888.244.5674. Interest on the Bank Deposit Account is accrued daily, paid monthly and reflected on the Account statement as of the last business day of the statement period. Interest begins to accrue on the business day an Account's funds in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio for deposit to the Bank Deposit Account are received by TRUIST, which will typically be the business day following the day Contributions to the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio are received by the Program for the Account or an Investment Exchange from another Portfolio into the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio is processed for the Account. Generally, interest accrues on funds in the Bank Deposit Account through the business day preceding the date of withdrawal from the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio.

The interest rate on the Bank Deposit Account is in an amount equal to the Federal Funds daily effective rate as reported by Bloomberg, L.P. Interest rates may change at any time and may be based on a number of factors including general economic, market and business conditions.

Over any given period, the interest rates on the Bank Deposit Account may be lower than the rate of return on other investment options, which are non-FDIC insured, or on bank deposit accounts offered outside of the Program. TRUIST does not have a duty to offer the highest rates available or rates that are comparable to other investment options.

*Information about an Account Owner's Relationship with the Program and TRUIST* – As the agent of each Account Owner investing in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio, the Program establishes the Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST and deposits

funds into, and withdraws funds from, the Bank Deposit Account. Bank Deposit Account ownership will be evidenced by a book entry on the account records of TRUIST showing the Bank Deposit Account as an account held by the Program for the benefit of Account Owners. No evidence of ownership, such as a passbook or certificate, will be issued to Account Owners. An Account Owner's Account statements will reflect the balance in the Account Owner's Account that is invested in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio and held in the Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST. Account Owners should retain the Account statements for their records. Once established, the Bank Deposit Account is an obligation solely of TRUIST and not the Program Manager, Treasurer or any other person.

*Fees* – No compensation is received by the Program, the Treasurer, and/or the Program Manager from TRUIST with respect to the Bank Deposit Accounts.

*Information Provided to TRUIST* – The Program Manager may provide TRUIST with information related to an Account Owner who invests in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio and any such Account Owner's Designated Beneficiary pursuant to agreement between the Program Manager and TRUIST. If provided, the information could consist of such person's name, address (including city, state, postal code, and, if applicable, foreign country), date of birth and SSN or TIN and any other information as necessary or requested by TRUIST.

*FDIC Deposit Insurance* – Each Account Owner's investments in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio which are held in the Bank Deposit Account are eligible for FDIC deposit insurance on a pass-through basis currently up to a maximum amount of \$250,000 (including principal and accrued interest) when aggregated with all other deposits held by the Account Owner in the same insurable capacity at TRUIST (e.g., individual, joint, etc.) (the "maximum Applicable FDIC Insurance Amount"). Funds in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio become eligible for FDIC deposit insurance immediately when TRUIST receives those funds as part of the Bank Deposit Account. To the extent that an Account Owner's deposit at TRUIST in one ownership capacity, either through the Program or otherwise, exceeds the Maximum Applicable FDIC Insurance Amount for that ownership capacity, deposits in excess of the limit will not be insured.

**In the event TRUIST fails, the Bank Deposit Account at TRUIST is insured on a pass-through basis up to the \$250,000 limit, or such other applicable limit, for principal and interest accrued for each Account on the date TRUIST is closed. The Program Manager is not responsible for any insured or uninsured portion of any Account. Each Account Owner is responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits the Account Owner has with TRUIST in order to determine the extent of the deposit insurance coverage available to the Account Owner.**

*Questions about FDIC Deposit Insurance Coverage* – For more information about basic FDIC insurance coverage, Account Owners may contact the FDIC, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, by letter (550 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429), by phone (877-275-3342, 800-925-4618 (TOO)), by email ([dcaineternet@fdic.gov](mailto:dcaineternet@fdic.gov)), or by accessing the FDIC website at [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov).

## **TAX TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS**

The following section is a summary of certain aspects of federal and state taxation of contributions to and withdrawals from Section 529 accounts. This summary is based on the Code and proposed regulations and other guidance issued by the Treasury Department or the IRS pursuant to Section 529, as of the date of this Program Description, and the Program's understanding and interpretation thereof. It is possible that Congress, the Treasury Department, the IRS, or courts may take action that will affect Section 529 and the guidance issued thereunder. Legislation of an individual state also may affect the state tax treatment of the Program for residents or other taxpayers of that state.

This summary and all other statements in this Program Description concerning U.S. federal and state tax issues (i) are not offered as individual tax advice to any person (including any Account Owner, other contributor, or Designated Beneficiary), (ii) are provided as general information in connection with the promotion or marketing of the Program, and (iii) are not provided or intended to be used, and cannot be used by any taxpayer, for the purpose of avoiding U.S. tax penalties. Each taxpayer should seek advice based on the taxpayer's particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor. Neither the Treasurer nor Columbia nor any of their respective representatives may give or purport to give legal or tax advice.

### **Federal Taxation of Section 529 College Savings Programs**

Contributions to Section 529 Programs are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. However, any earnings on contributions are not subject to federal income tax until amounts are withdrawn, if at all. Qualified Withdrawals are federal income tax-free. The earnings portion of a Non-Qualified Withdrawal from a Section 529 Program will be subject to all applicable federal and state taxes, including in some cases an additional 10% tax.

As described above, there are four exceptions to the additional 10% tax on the earnings portion of Non-Qualified Withdrawals: (i) withdrawals made on account of the death of the Designated Beneficiary (at least if the Account is liquidated and the proceeds are

paid to the Designated Beneficiary's estate); (ii) withdrawals made on account of the Designated Beneficiary's disability; (iii) withdrawals that are not treated as being used to pay for Qualified Higher Education Expenses because of the use of Education Tax Credits as allowed under federal income tax law; and (iv) withdrawals made on account of a qualified scholarship received by the Designated Beneficiary or the attendance of the Designated Beneficiary at a U.S. Military Academy (to the extent the withdrawal does not exceed the amount of the qualified scholarship or the cost of such attendance). See "*Death of Designated Beneficiary*," "*Disability of Designated Beneficiary*" and "*Receipt of Qualified Scholarship*" under "PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS—Withdrawals."

For purposes of calculating the earnings portion of withdrawals from an Account made prior to January 1, 2015, all accounts established under any South Carolina-sponsored Section 529 Programs having the same Account Owner and Designated Beneficiary will be aggregated, except that accounts under the South Carolina Tuition Prepayment Program having the same Account Owner and Designated Beneficiary will not be aggregated with other college savings program accounts. For all withdrawals, as well as for all direct transfers between Section 529 Programs, the earnings portion of each withdrawal or transfer will be computed as of the date of such withdrawal or transfer.

If a withdrawal is payable to a Designated Beneficiary or to an Eligible Educational Institution on behalf of a Designated Beneficiary, the earnings are reportable on Form 1099-Q to the Designated Beneficiary. Otherwise the earnings are reportable on Form 1099-Q to the Account Owner.

## **Rollovers and Transfers**

An Account Owner may make a rollover (in either direction) between an Account in the Program and an account in another state's Section 529 Program, without adverse federal income tax consequences, if (i) the rollover occurs by a direct transfer between the programs or within 60 days after the distribution from the original program, and (ii) the recipient account is for the same Designated Beneficiary, and no rollover contribution to an account under any Section 529 Program for the same Designated Beneficiary has occurred within the preceding 12 months, or the recipient account is for a new Designated Beneficiary who is a "Member of the Family" of the previous Designated Beneficiary.

An Account Owner may make a rollover (in either direction) between an Account in the Program and another account in the Program or in another Section 529 Program sponsored by the State of South Carolina, without adverse federal income tax consequences, if (i) the rollover occurs by a direct transfer within the Program or between the programs (as the case may be) or within 60 days after the distribution from the Program Account, and (ii) the recipient account is for a new Designated Beneficiary who is a "Member of the Family" of the previous Designated Beneficiary. A direct transfer described in this paragraph may be considered a change of Designated Beneficiary for federal and state income tax purposes.

For federal income tax purposes, the direct transfer of any assets between an Account in the Program and another account in the Program or in another Section 529 Program sponsored by the State of South Carolina for the benefit of the same Designated Beneficiary is considered an investment reallocation (subject to the twice-per-calendar-year limitation) and not a rollover. In addition, any such transfer of assets for the same Designated Beneficiary must be done directly within the Program or between the programs (as the case may be), without a distribution of money from either program to the Account Owner or any other person. If a direct transfer is not made (whether because it is not an available option between the two programs or for any other reason) and money is distributed from either program to the Account Owner or any other person and then contributed to an account for the same Designated Beneficiary in the Program or in the other South Carolina-sponsored program, the distribution from one program will nonetheless be considered a Non-Qualified Withdrawal that is subject to federal income tax on earnings and the additional 10% tax on earnings, as well as any applicable state income tax, and the subsequent contribution to the account for the same Designated Beneficiary might give rise to various gift, estate and GST tax consequences.

**Rollovers to ABLE Programs** - Effective for periods before January 1, 2026, an Account Owner may, within 60 days of a distribution from an Account in the Program, rollover such distribution to an ABLE account (as defined in section 529A(e)(6) of the Code) of the Designated Beneficiary or a member of the family of the Designated Beneficiary, subject to the contribution limits for ABLE accounts. Alternatively, an Account Owner may initiate a direct transfer from an Account in the Program to an ABLE account, subject to these same limitations. Such amounts would count towards the overall limitations on contributions to an ABLE account within a taxable year. Account Owners should consult with a qualified tax advisor regarding the Account Owner's individual situation, including whether a rollover to an ABLE account would result in the recapture of any South Carolina income tax deduction previously claimed (or other state, if the Account Owner is not a South Carolina taxpayer).

**Rollovers to Roth IRAs.** Effective January 1, 2024, distributions from a qualified tuition program may be rolled over to a Roth IRA owned by the Designated Beneficiary tax- and penalty-free, subject to the following requirements and limitations:

Requirements:

- The Account has been maintained for the benefit of the Designated Beneficiary for a period of at least 15 years ending on the date of the distribution;
- The amount of the rollover (including the earnings attributed thereto) must have been contributed to the Account at least five years prior to the date of such rollover;
- For each taxable year in which a distribution is rolled over to a Roth IRA, the Designated Beneficiary had earned income in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of the rollover; and
- The distribution is paid in a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer to a Roth IRA maintained for the benefit of the Designated Beneficiary.

Limitations:

- **Annual Limitation:** The amount of the rollover does not exceed the annual contribution limit for a Roth IRA, reduced by the amount of aggregate contributions made during the taxable year to all IRAs maintained for the benefit of the Designated Beneficiary. For 2024, the aggregate contribution limit is \$7,000 for persons under 50, and \$8,000 for persons 50 and older. See IRS publication 590-A for current Roth IRA contribution limits; and
- **Lifetime Aggregate Limitation:** The total amount rolled over to a Roth IRA for the Designated Beneficiary cannot exceed \$35,000 for the current taxable year and all prior taxable years combined.

## Coordination of Federal Tax Benefits

In addition to the tax benefits available to participants in a Section 529 Program, certain tax benefits are available for individuals who may qualify for the Education Tax Credits, who utilize the income from Qualified U.S. Savings Bonds to pay higher education tuition and fees, and/or who establish Coverdell ESAs. The tax laws provide a number of special rules intended to coordinate these programs and avoid duplication of benefits. Any Account Owner, other contributor, or Designated Beneficiary who intends to utilize more than one of these tax benefits should consult his or her tax advisor or legal counsel for advice on how these special rules may apply to his or her situation.

## Coverdell Education Savings Accounts

Amounts contributed to a Section 529 Program account from a Coverdell ESA for the same Designated Beneficiary will be considered a Qualified Withdrawal from such Coverdell ESA and will not be subject to federal income tax or penalty. A person may make contributions to both a Section 529 Program and a Coverdell ESA for the same Designated Beneficiary in the same year, and contributions to a Section 529 Program will not cause the 6% excise tax on excess contributions to a Coverdell ESA to apply.

## American Opportunity, Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits

The use of an Education Tax Credit by a qualifying Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary will not affect participation in, or potential tax benefits from, a Section 529 Program, so long as any withdrawal from the Section 529 Program account is not used for the same expenses for which the credit was claimed.

## Federal Gift, Estate and GST Taxes

Contributions (including certain rollover contributions) to a Section 529 Program are generally considered completed gifts to the Designated Beneficiary and are eligible for the \$18,000 (\$36,000 in the case of an electing married couple) annual gift and GST tax exclusions. Except in the situations described in the following paragraph, if the Account Owner or other contributor were to die while assets remained in a Section 529 Program account for a Designated Beneficiary other than the Account Owner or other contributor, the value of the account would not be included in the Account Owner's or other contributor's estate. In cases where contributions to a Section 529 Program for a particular Designated Beneficiary exceed the available annual exclusion, the contributions are subject to federal gift tax and possibly the GST tax in the year of contribution, as described below. However, in these cases, a contributor may decide to apply the contribution against the annual exclusion equally over a five-year period. For example, an electing contributor who makes a \$90,000 (\$180,000 in the case of an electing married couple) contribution in one year, and makes no other gifts to the Designated Beneficiary during the five calendar years beginning with the year of contribution, will not incur a gift or GST tax. This election (which must be made on a gift tax return) is available only for contributions up to five times the annual exclusion.

amount for the year of contribution (i.e., currently, five times \$18,000, or five times \$36,000 for an electing married couple). Any excess contribution during that year will be treated as a gift in the calendar year of the contribution and may not be prorated.

If the Account Owner or other contributor chooses to use the five-year election described above and dies before the first day of the fifth calendar year beginning with the year of contribution, the portion of the contribution allocable to the calendar years remaining (beginning with the year after the Account Owner's or other contributor's death) will be included in the Account Owner's or other contributor's estate for federal estate tax (and possibly GST tax) purposes.

Each Account Owner or other contributor currently has a unified credit, equal to the amount of estate or gift tax on the estate tax exclusion amount (\$13,610,000 for 2024), that may be applied to gifts greater than the annual exclusion amounts referred to above. Although the IRS requires gift tax returns to be filed for gifts greater than the annual exclusion amount, no gift tax will be due until the contributor's lifetime exemption has been used if the contributor elects to apply the unified credit to such excess contribution.

An Account Owner or other contributor may also need to be concerned about the GST tax with respect to contributions to an account. The GST tax may apply to contributions greater than the GST tax annual exclusion amount (which is the same as the gift tax annual exclusion amount, currently \$18,000) or the amount that may be elected to be ratably spread over the above-referenced five-year period, where the Designated Beneficiary is deemed to be a member of a generation that is more than one generation younger than the generation of the contributor. Each Account Owner or other contributor in 2024 has a \$13,610,000 GST tax exemption that will be allocated to transfers that are subject to GST tax unless the taxpayer elects otherwise.

If the Designated Beneficiary for a Section 529 Program account is changed or amounts in an account are rolled over, resulting in a new Designated Beneficiary who is a "Member of the Family" of the previous Designated Beneficiary and of the same generation as the previous Designated Beneficiary (or a higher generation), a gift or GST tax will not apply. If the new Designated Beneficiary is of a younger generation than the previous Designated Beneficiary, the change of Designated Beneficiary will be deemed a gift from the previous Designated Beneficiary to the new Designated Beneficiary and may be subject to federal gift tax and perhaps GST tax (payable by the Account Owner, under Section 529 and the January 2008 advance notice of proposed rulemaking issued thereunder), even though the new Designated Beneficiary is a "Member of the Family" of the previous Designated Beneficiary. The annual exclusion and the five-year rule explained above may be applied here. For estate tax purposes, the gross estate of a Designated Beneficiary of a Section 529 Program account might include the value of the account.

Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries and other contributors should consult a qualified tax advisor with respect to the potential federal gift, estate and GST tax consequences of Contributions, withdrawals, and other transactions with respect to an Account in the Program.

## **Taxation by the State of South Carolina**

Under the Act, all property and income of the Trust Fund is exempt from all taxation by the State of South Carolina or any of its political subdivisions. The Act further provides that all interest, dividends, gains or income in an Account are excluded from the gross income of an Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary for purposes of South Carolina income taxes provided that such amounts are invested in the Trust Fund or are withdrawn for Qualified Higher Education Expenses. Contributions to an Account by a resident of South Carolina or a non-resident that is required to file a South Carolina income tax return are deductible up to the maximum Account Contribution limit of \$540,000 or any lower limit under applicable law. This deduction for Contributions to an Account may be taken in any taxable year for Contributions made during that year and up to April 15<sup>th</sup> of the succeeding year, or (if later) the due date of a taxpayer's state income tax return, excluding extensions. However, the principal portion of any Non-Qualified Withdrawal must be included in South Carolina gross income to the extent those amounts were previously deducted from South Carolina taxable income. South Carolina residents and taxpayers should consult a qualified tax advisor with respect to the potential South Carolina tax consequences of Contributions, withdrawals, and other transactions with respect to an Account in the Program.

Based on changes provided by the Tax Cuts and Job Act of 2017, the Program may accept and hold contributions intended for the payment of expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school, and may permit Qualified Withdrawals of up to an aggregate \$10,000 per Account Beneficiary in 2018 or any subsequent taxable year to pay expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school. See "PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTS – Qualified Withdrawals – Qualified Higher Education Expenses" for additional information. The legislature of the State of South Carolina may review applicable law and take legislative action to formalize this guidance.



## Taxation by Other States

In general, if a state's income tax law conforms to the federal income tax law, an Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary who is a resident of the state should not recognize income on any withdrawals for Qualified Higher Education Expenses, including the portions of such withdrawals representing earnings.

If a state's definition of taxable income or adjusted gross income does not conform to the federal definition and the state does not have an explicit provision addressing the tax consequences of Section 529 Programs, the tax consequences to an Account Owner, other contributor (if any) or Designated Beneficiary may be unclear. In such cases, the earnings on an Account may be included in the Account Owner's state taxable income when earned.

If you are not a South Carolina taxpayer, consider before investing whether your or the beneficiary's home state offers a Section 529 Program that provides its taxpayers with favorable state tax or other benefits that may only be available through investment in the home state's Section 529 Program, and which are not available through investment in the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan. Since different states have different tax provisions, this Program Description contains limited information about the state tax consequences of investing in the Program. Therefore, please consult your financial, tax, or other advisor to learn more about how state-based benefits (or any limitations) would apply to your specific circumstances. You also may wish to contact your home state's Section 529 Program(s), or any other Section 529 Program, to learn more about those plans' features, benefits and limitations. Keep in mind that state-based benefits should be one of many appropriately weighted factors to be considered when making an investment decision.

Consistent with the foregoing, if you are not a South Carolina taxpayer, please consult your financial, tax or other advisor to understand the state tax consequences of taking distribution of up to an aggregate \$10,000 per Account Beneficiary during any taxable year to pay expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school.

## PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Prospective Account Owners should carefully consider the matters set forth below as well as all of the other information contained or referred to in this Program Description and the Participation Agreement in evaluating whether to establish an Account or make additional Contributions. The contents of this Program Description should not be construed as legal, financial or tax advice. Prospective Account Owners should consult their own attorneys and financial and tax advisors for legal and tax advice.

### Risks of Participation in the Program

Accounts are subject to certain risks associated with participation in the Program. In addition, certain Portfolios are subject to different or greater risks than are other Portfolios. Account Owners should consider such risks in light of the possibility that the risks may arise at any time during the life of an Account, that their ability to direct the investment of Contributions to an Account is limited, and that withdrawals may be subject to penalties.

*No Guarantee of Income or Principal* – The investments made by the Portfolios in Underlying Funds are subject to market, interest rate and other investment risks. The value of an Account may increase or decrease, based on the investment performance of the Portfolio(s) in which Contributions have been invested, and the value of an Account may be more or less than the amount contributed to the Account. None of the State of South Carolina, the Treasurer, any agency or instrumentality of South Carolina, AMS, CMID, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. or any of their affiliates, any agent or representative retained in connection with the Program or any other person, is an insurer of, makes any guarantee of or has any legal or moral obligation to insure the ultimate payout of any or all of the amount of any Contribution to an Account or that there will be any investment return or investment return at any particular level with respect to any Account. Due to different Pricing Alternatives among investment options in the Program, the NAV of each Portfolio Share and the investment return on an equivalent Contribution invested in a particular Portfolio Share may be more or less than it would be by investing in a Portfolio Share of a different Pricing Alternative.

*Limits on Control by Account Owners* – The Treasurer, not an Account Owner, determines the investment allocations for the Portfolio(s) to which Contributions are allocated and selects the Underlying Funds for such Portfolio(s). These determinations are affected from time to time as described under "Portfolio Allocations." Any Portfolio may at any time be merged, terminated, reorganized or cease accepting new Contributions. Any such action affecting a Portfolio may result in an Account Owner's Contributions being reinvested in a Portfolio different from the Portfolio in which the Contributions were originally invested. With certain exceptions, the Account Owner is not permitted to withdraw funds from the Account without imposition of federal and applicable state income tax, and the additional 10% tax on earnings, except for application to the Qualified Higher Education Expenses of the Designated Beneficiary.



*Effect of Investment Strategies and Inflation in Qualified Higher Education Expenses* – Contributions to an Account are limited to amounts projected to be sufficient to permit all Accounts established for a Designated Beneficiary to fund Qualified Higher Education Expenses for the Designated Beneficiary for a seven-year period of combined undergraduate and graduate attendance. However, the balance in an Account or Accounts maintained on behalf of a Designated Beneficiary may or may not be adequate to cover the Qualified Higher Education Expenses of that Designated Beneficiary, even if Contributions are made in the maximum allowable amount per Designated Beneficiary. In addition, the level of future inflation in Qualified Higher Education Expenses is uncertain and could exceed the rate of any investment return earned by any or all of the Portfolios over the corresponding periods. There is no obligation on the part of any college or university to maintain a rate of increase in Qualified Higher Education Expenses which is in any way related to Portfolio investment results.

The Age-Based Portfolio option utilizing the Target Allocation Portfolios has been designed to seek to balance risk and expected returns of the Underlying Funds with the time periods remaining until a typical Designated Beneficiary is expected to need assets for Qualified Higher Education Expenses. The Account's allocations among the Target Allocation Portfolios will vary as described in this Program Description. In general, the allocation of equity investments for an Account is expected to become increasingly conservative over time. Such allocation will vary based on the conservative, moderate or aggressive risk track selected by the Account Owner. As a result, the return on Contributions for a Designated Beneficiary closer to college age or the expected matriculation date may be less likely to equal or exceed the rate of inflation in Qualified Higher Education Expenses.

The investment strategies of the Portfolios vary significantly from each other. The strategies of the Portfolios are subject to change over time. Further, the Single Fund Portfolios may have more concentration risk. None of the Single Fund Portfolios or Allocation Portfolios investing exclusively in Underlying Funds that invest in equity securities will provide for capital preservation at any particular time. Because they are concentrated in equity investments, these Portfolios may underperform certain other Portfolios, particularly if equity securities generally underperform other asset classes for any particular period of time. None of the Single Fund Portfolios or Allocation Portfolios investing exclusively in Underlying Funds that invest in fixed income securities will seek capital appreciation at any particular time. Because they are concentrated in fixed income securities, these Portfolios may underperform certain other Portfolios, particularly if fixed income securities generally underperform other asset classes for any particular period of time.

Account Owners electing Portfolios that invest in Underlying Funds investing in equity securities should carefully review the investment risks applicable to Underlying Funds investing in equity securities. Account Owners electing Portfolios that invest in Underlying Funds investing in fixed income securities should carefully review the investment risks applicable to Underlying Funds investing in fixed income securities. See "Investment Risks of Underlying Funds." An Account Owner selecting the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio also should carefully review the investment risks described under the heading "*Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio*" under "Investment Risks of Underlying Funds." An Account Owner selecting the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio should carefully review the investment risks described under the heading "*Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio*" under "Investment Risks of Underlying Funds."

*Education Savings and Investment Alternatives* – A number of other Section 529 Programs and other education savings and investment programs are currently available to prospective Account Owners. These programs may offer benefits, including state tax benefits, to some or all Account Owners or Designated Beneficiaries that may or may not be available under the terms of the Program or under applicable law. If an Account Owner is not a South Carolina resident, the state(s) where he or she lives or pays taxes may offer one or more direct sold, advisor/broker sold or prepaid tuition Section 529 Programs, and those programs may offer the Account Owner state or local income tax or other benefits not available through the Program. For instance, several states offer unlimited state income tax deductions for contributions to their own state's Section 529 Program. Such deductions may not be available for Contributions under this Program. Other Section 529 Programs may offer other investment options, and involve fees and expenses (including sales charges) that are lower than those borne by Accounts under the Program and may involve investment consequences (such as recapture of deductions previously taken) that differ and may offer different investment options. Accordingly, prospective Account Owners should consider other investment alternatives before establishing an Account in the Program.

*Potential Program Enhancements* – The Treasurer may offer enhancements to the Program, including additional investment choices. Account Owners who have established Accounts prior to the time an enhancement is made available may be precluded from participating in any such enhancement. The Portfolio fees and other charges described in this Program Description and the Participation Agreement are subject to change at any time.

*Treatment for Federal and State Financial Aid Purposes* – In making decisions about eligibility for financial aid programs offered by the U.S. government and the amount of such aid required, the U.S. Department of Education takes into consideration a variety of factors, including among other things the assets owned by the student (i.e., the beneficiary) and the assets owned by the student's parents. The U.S. Department of Education generally expects the student to spend a substantially larger portion of his or her own assets on educational expenses than the parents. Beginning with the 2009/2010 school year, available balances in a Section 529 Program account will be treated as an asset of (a) the student if the student is an independent student or (b) the parent if the student is a dependent student, regardless of whether the owner of the Section 529 Program account is the student or the parent. However, other

aid programs, including programs funded by other states or by educational institutions, may count such assets differently when determining eligibility for aid under those programs.

The federal and non-federal financial aid program treatment of assets in a Section 529 Program are subject to change at any time. Account owners should therefore check and periodically monitor the applicable laws and other official guidance, as well as particular program and institutional rules and requirements, to determine the impact of Section 529 Program assets on eligibility under particular financial aid programs.

*No Guarantee of Performance* – The Program commenced operations in March 2002, and certain Portfolios commenced operations subsequent to that date. Performance information for the Portfolios should not be viewed as a prediction of future performance of any Portfolio. The investment results of any Portfolio for any period cannot be expected to be similar to its investment performance for any prior period. In addition, in view of the anticipated periodic determinations of such investment allocations and selection of Underlying Funds for each Portfolio, the future investment results of any Portfolio cannot be expected, for any period, to be similar to the past performance of any other Portfolios or Underlying Funds.

*Certain Considerations in Connection with the Termination of the Management Agreement and Successor Program Managers* – A new Program Manager may be appointed either upon expiration of the current term of the Management Agreement or earlier in the event CMIA or the Treasurer terminates the Management Agreement prior to its current term. See “THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.” CMIA or any affiliate may be eligible for selection as the new Program Manager after the end of the term. Regardless of whether CMIA or some other entity is the new Program Manager, the fee and compensation structure of the new Program Manager might be higher or different, respectively, than the current fees and compensation structure including the Management Fee. In addition, a successor Program Manager may achieve different investment results than might have been achieved by CMIA.

*Lack of Certainty/Adverse Tax Consequences* – No final regulations have been issued by the IRS pursuant to Section 529 of the Code and either before or after issuance of final regulations, IRS rulings or other administrative guidance or court decisions might be issued which would materially adversely impact the federal tax consequences with respect to the Program. The Treasurer and the Program Manager intend to modify the Program within the constraints of applicable law to enable the Program to meet the requirements of Section 529 of the Code. In the event the Program, as currently structured or as subsequently modified, does not meet the requirements of Section 529 of the Code for any reason, the tax consequences to Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries may differ substantially from those described above under “TAX TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS.”

*No Guarantees by an Institution of Higher Education* – There is no guarantee that: (i) any Designated Beneficiary will be admitted to any Eligible Educational Institution; (ii) assuming a Designated Beneficiary is admitted to an Eligible Educational Institution, any Designated Beneficiary will be permitted to continue to attend any such Eligible Educational Institution; (iii) any Designated Beneficiary will be treated as a state resident of any state for tuition or any other purpose; or (iv) any Designated Beneficiary will graduate or receive a degree from an Eligible Educational Institution.

*COVID-19* - The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health crisis is a pandemic that has resulted in, and may continue to result in, significant global economic and societal disruption and market volatility due to disruptions in market access, resource availability, facilities operations, imposition of tariffs, export controls and supply chain disruption, among others. Such disruptions may be caused, or exacerbated by, quarantines and travel restrictions, workforce displacement and loss in human and other resources. The uncertainty surrounding the magnitude, duration, reach, costs and effects of the global pandemic, as well as actions that have been or could be taken by governmental authorities or other third parties, present unknowns that are yet to unfold. The impacts, as well as the uncertainty over impacts to come, of COVID-19 – and any other infectious illness outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future – could negatively affect global economies and markets in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen. In addition, the impact of infectious illness outbreaks and epidemics in emerging market countries may be greater due to generally less established healthcare systems, governments and financial markets. Public health crises caused by the COVID-19 outbreak may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. The disruptions caused by COVID-19 could prevent the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolios invest from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner and negatively impact the Portfolios’ and Underlying Funds’ ability to achieve their investment objectives. Any such event(s) could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Portfolios and Underlying Funds.

*Cyber Security Risks* - Failures or breaches of the technology, information systems and infrastructure (collectively, “Systems”) of the Program Manager or its service providers have the ability to cause disruptions and negatively impact the Program’s operations, potentially resulting in financial losses to the Program and its Account Owners. While the Program Manager and its service providers have established business continuity plans and risk management systems which seek to address Systems breaches or failures, including plans and systems reasonably designed to protect the personally identifiable information of Account Owners, Designated Beneficiaries and others that may be maintained by the Program, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems.

## Status of Federal and State Law and Regulations Governing the Program

Federal and state law and regulations governing the administration of Section 529 Programs may change in the future. In addition, federal and state laws regarding the funding of higher education expenses, treatment of financial aid, and tax matters are subject to frequent change. There can be no assurance that such changes in law will not adversely affect the value of an account or subject Account Owners and/or Designated Beneficiaries to adverse tax consequences. It is unknown what effect, if any, these kinds of changes could have on the Program. You should also consider the potential impact of any other state laws applicable to your Account.

*Medicaid and Other Federal and State Benefits* – The effect of owning Account balances on eligibility for Medicaid or other state and federal benefits is uncertain. It is possible that assets held in an Account will be viewed as a “countable resource” in determining an Account Owner’s financial eligibility for Medicaid. Withdrawals from an Account during certain periods may also have the effect of delaying the disbursement of Medicaid payments. Account Owners should consult a qualified tax advisor to determine how an Account may affect eligibility for Medicaid or other state and federal non-educational benefits.

## Investment Risks of Underlying Funds

Accounts are subject to a variety of investment risks that will vary based on the sector allocation of the different Portfolios and the particular Underlying Funds selected by the Treasurer for the Portfolios. Set forth below is a summary of certain investment risks to which certain Underlying Funds may be subject and other relevant information.

### Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC

**Active Management Risk.** The Fund is actively managed, and its performance therefore will reflect, in part, the ability of the portfolio managers to make investment decisions that seek to achieve the Fund’s investment objective. Due to its active management, the Fund could underperform its benchmark index and/or other funds with similar investment objectives and/or strategies.

**Changing Distribution Level Risk.** The Fund normally expects to receive income which may include interest, dividends and/or capital gains, depending upon its investments. The distribution amounts paid by the Fund will vary and generally depend on the amount of income the Fund earns (less expenses) on its portfolio holdings, and capital gains or losses it recognizes. A decline in the Fund’s income or net capital gains arising from its investments may reduce its distribution level.

**Correlation/Tracking Error Risk.** The Fund’s value will generally decline when the performance of the securities within the Index declines. A number of factors may affect the Fund’s ability to achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index, and there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve a high degree of correlation. Failure to achieve a high degree of correlation may prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objective. The factors that may adversely affect the Fund’s correlation with the Index include, among others, the size of the Fund’s portfolio, fees, expenses, transaction costs, income items, valuation methodology, accounting standards, the effectiveness of sampling techniques (if applicable), changes in the Index and disruptions or illiquidity in the markets for the securities or other instruments in which the Fund invests. While the Fund typically seeks to track the performance of the Index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the components of the Index in approximately the same proportion as their weighting in the Index, at times, the Fund may not have investment exposure to all components of the Index, or its weighting of investment exposure to such components may be different from that of the Index. In addition, the Fund may invest in securities or other instruments not included in the Index. The Fund may take or refrain from taking investment positions for various reasons, such as tax efficiency purposes, or to comply with regulatory restrictions, which may negatively affect the Fund’s correlation with the Index. The Fund may also be subject to large movements of assets into and out of the Fund, potentially resulting in the Fund being over- or under-exposed to certain components of the Index and may be impacted by Index reconstitutions and Index rebalancing events. Holding cash balances may detract from the Fund’s ability to track the Index. In addition, the Fund’s NAV may deviate from the Index if the Fund fair values a portfolio security at a price other than the price used by the Index for that security. In addition, the Fund also bears management and other expenses and transaction costs in trading securities or other instruments, which the Index does not bear. The Fund, unlike the Index, is subject to regulatory requirements that can limit the Fund’s investments relative to what the Index can hold. The Fund, unlike the Index, is subject to Office of Foreign Assets Control and other regulatory restrictions, including, for example, restrictions on the ability of the Fund to invest in or hold certain securities. If the Fund is restricted from investing in or holding a security that was a component of the Index, and the Index did not remove such security, timely or at all, the Fund’s ability to track the Index could be negatively impacted. Accordingly, the Fund’s performance will likely fail to match the performance of the Index, after taking expenses into account, as well as regulatory limitations. Any of these factors could decrease correlation between the performance of the Fund and the Index and may hinder the Fund’s ability to meet its investment objective. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

**Counterparty Risk.** The risk exists that a counterparty to a transaction in a financial instrument held by the Fund or by a special purpose or structured vehicle in which the Fund invests may become insolvent or otherwise fail to perform its obligations, including making payments to the Fund, due to financial difficulties. The Fund may obtain no or limited recovery in a bankruptcy or other

reorganizational proceedings, and any recovery may be significantly delayed. Transactions that the Fund enters into may involve counterparties in the financial services sector and, as a result, events affecting the financial services sector may cause the Fund's share value to fluctuate.

**Credit Risk.** is the risk that the value of a security or instrument in the Fund's portfolio may or will decline in price if the issuer fails to pay interest or repay principal when due. The value of debt instruments may decline if the issuer of the instrument defaults or otherwise becomes unable or unwilling, or is perceived to be unable or unwilling, to honor its financial obligations, such as making payments to the Fund when due. Various factors could affect the actual or perceived willingness or ability of the issuer to make timely interest or principal payments, including changes in the financial condition of the issuer or general economic conditions. Debt instruments backed by an issuer's taxing authority may be subject to legal limits on the issuer's power to increase taxes or otherwise to raise revenue or may be dependent on legislative appropriation or government aid. Certain debt instruments are backed only by revenues derived from a particular project or source, rather than by an issuer's taxing authority, and thus may have a greater risk of default. Credit rating agencies assign credit ratings to certain instruments to indicate their credit risk. Unrated instruments held by the Fund may present increased credit risk as compared to higher-rated instruments. If the Fund purchases unrated debt instruments, or if the ratings of instruments held by the Fund are lowered after purchase, the Fund will depend on analysis of credit risk more heavily than usual.

**Derivatives Risk.** Derivatives may involve significant risks. Derivatives are financial instruments, traded on an exchange or in the over-the-counter (OTC) markets, with a value in relation to, or derived from, the value of an underlying asset(s) (such as a security, commodity or currency) or other reference, such as an index, rate or other economic indicator (each an underlying reference). Derivatives may include those that are privately placed or otherwise exempt from SEC registration, including certain Rule 144A eligible securities. Derivatives could result in Fund losses if the underlying reference does not perform as anticipated. Use of derivatives is a highly specialized activity that can involve investment techniques, risks, and tax planning different from those associated with more traditional investment instruments. The Fund's derivatives strategy may not be successful, and use of certain derivatives could result in substantial, potentially unlimited, losses to the Fund regardless of the Fund's actual investment. A relatively small movement in the price, rate or other economic indicator associated with the underlying reference may result in substantial losses for the Fund. Derivatives may be more volatile than other types of investments. Derivatives can increase the Fund's risk exposure to underlying references and their attendant risks, including the risk of an adverse credit event associated with the underlying reference (credit risk), the risk of an adverse movement in the value, price or rate of the underlying reference (market risk), the risk of an adverse movement in the value of underlying currencies (foreign currency risk) and the risk of an adverse movement in underlying interest rates (interest rate risk). Derivatives may expose the Fund to additional risks, including the risk of loss due to a derivative position that is imperfectly correlated with the underlying reference it is intended to hedge or replicate (correlation risk), the risk that a counterparty will fail to perform as agreed (counterparty risk), the risk that a hedging strategy may fail to mitigate losses, and may offset gains (hedging risk), the risk that the return on an investment may not keep pace with inflation (inflation risk), the risk that losses may be greater than the amount invested (leverage risk), the risk that the Fund may be unable to sell an investment at an advantageous time or price (liquidity risk), the risk that the investment may be difficult to value (pricing risk), and the risk that the price or value of the investment fluctuates significantly over short periods of time (volatility risk). The value of derivatives may be influenced by a variety of factors, including national and international political and economic developments. Potential changes to the regulation of the derivatives markets may make derivatives more costly, may limit the market for derivatives, or may otherwise adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives.

**Derivatives Risk – Futures Contracts Risk.** A futures contract is an exchange-traded derivative transaction between two parties in which a buyer (holding the "long" position) agrees to pay a fixed price (or rate) at a specified future date for delivery of an underlying reference from a seller (holding the "short" position). The seller hopes that the market price on the delivery date is less than the agreed upon price, while the buyer hopes for the contrary. Certain futures contract markets are highly volatile, and futures contracts may be illiquid. Futures exchanges may limit fluctuations in futures contract prices by imposing a maximum permissible daily price movement. The Fund may be disadvantaged if it is prohibited from executing a trade outside the daily permissible price movement. At or prior to maturity of a futures contract, the Fund may enter into an offsetting contract and may incur a loss to the extent there has been adverse movement in futures contract prices. The liquidity of the futures markets depends on participants entering into offsetting transactions rather than making or taking delivery. To the extent participants make or take delivery, liquidity in the futures market could be reduced. Positions in futures contracts may be closed out only on the exchange on which they were entered into or through a linked exchange, and no secondary market exists for such contracts. Futures positions are marked to market each day and variation margin payment must be paid to or by the Fund. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in substantial losses to the Fund, exceeding the amount of the margin paid. For certain types of futures contracts, losses are potentially unlimited.. Futures contracts can increase the Fund's risk exposure to underlying references and their attendant risks, such as credit risk, market risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk, while also exposing the Fund to correlation risk, counterparty risk, hedging risk, inflation risk, leverage risk, liquidity risk, pricing risk and volatility risk.

**Foreign Securities Risk.** Investments in or exposure to securities of foreign companies may involve heightened risks relative to investments in or exposure to securities of U.S. companies. For example, foreign markets can be extremely volatile. Foreign securities may also be less liquid, making them more difficult to trade, than securities of U.S. companies so that the Fund may, at times, be unable to sell foreign securities at desirable times or prices. Brokerage commissions, custodial costs and other fees are also generally higher for foreign securities. The Fund may have limited or no legal recourse in the event of default with respect to certain foreign securities, including those issued by foreign governments. In addition, foreign governments may impose withholding or other taxes on the Fund's

income, capital gains or proceeds from the disposition of foreign securities, which could reduce the Fund's return on such securities. In some cases, such withholding or other taxes could potentially be confiscatory. Other risks include: possible delays in the settlement of transactions or in the payment of income; generally less publicly available information about foreign companies; the impact of economic, political, social, diplomatic or other conditions or events (including, for example, military confrontations and actions, war, other conflicts, terrorism and disease/virus outbreaks and epidemics); possible seizure, expropriation or nationalization of a company or its assets or the assets of a particular investor or category of investors; accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards that may be less comprehensive and stringent than those applicable to domestic companies; the imposition of economic and other sanctions against a particular foreign country, its nationals or industries or businesses within the country; and the generally less stringent standard of care to which local agents may be held in the local markets. In addition, it may be difficult to obtain reliable information about the securities and business operations of certain foreign issuers. Governments or trade groups may compel local agents to hold securities in designated depositories that are not subject to independent evaluation. The less developed a country's securities market is, the greater the level of risks. Economic sanctions may be, and have been, imposed against certain countries, organizations, companies, entities and/or individuals. Economic sanctions and other similar governmental actions could, among other things, effectively restrict or eliminate the Fund's ability to purchase or sell securities, and thus may make the Fund's investments in such securities less liquid or more difficult to value. In addition, as a result of economic sanctions, the Fund may be forced to sell or otherwise dispose of investments at inopportune times or prices, which could result in losses to the Fund and increased transaction costs. These conditions may be in place for a substantial period of time and enacted with limited advance notice to the Fund. The risks posed by sanctions against a particular foreign country, its nationals or industries or businesses within the country may be heightened to the extent the Fund invests significantly in the affected country or region or in issuers from the affected country that depend on global markets. Additionally, investments in certain countries may subject the Fund to a number of tax rules, the application of which may be uncertain. Countries may amend or revise their existing tax laws, regulations and/or procedures in the future, possibly with retroactive effect. Changes in or uncertainties regarding the laws, regulations or procedures of a country could reduce the after-tax profits of the Fund, directly or indirectly, including by reducing the after-tax profits of companies located in such countries in which the Fund invests, or result in unexpected tax liabilities for the Fund.

**Forward Commitments on Mortgage-Backed Securities (including Dollar Rolls) Risk.** When purchasing mortgage-backed securities in the "to be announced" (TBA) market (MBS TBAs), the seller agrees to deliver mortgage-backed securities for an agreed upon price on an agreed upon date, but may make no guarantee as to the specific securities to be delivered. In lieu of taking delivery of mortgage-backed securities, the Fund could enter into dollar rolls, which are transactions in which the Fund sells securities to a counterparty and simultaneously agrees to purchase those or similar securities in the future at a predetermined price. Dollar rolls involve the risk that the market value of the securities the Fund is obligated to repurchase may decline below the repurchase price, or that the counterparty may default on its obligations. These transactions may also increase the Fund's portfolio turnover rate. If the Fund reinvests the proceeds of the security sold, the Fund will also be subject to the risk that the investments purchased with such proceeds will decline in value (a form of leverage risk). MBS TBAs and dollar rolls are subject to the risk that the counterparty to the transaction may not perform or be unable to perform in accordance with the terms of the instrument.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rate risk is the risk of losses attributable to changes in interest rates. In general, if interest rates rise, the values of debt instruments tend to fall, and if interest rates fall, the values of debt instruments tend to rise. Changes in the value of a debt instrument usually will not affect the amount of income the Fund receives from it but will generally affect the value of your investment in the Fund. Interest rate declines also may increase prepayments of debt obligations, which, in turn, would increase prepayment risk (the risk that the Fund will have to reinvest the money received in securities that have lower yields). The Fund is subject to the risk that the income generated by its investments may not keep pace with inflation. Actions by governments and central banking authorities can result in increases in interest rates. Higher periods of inflation could lead such authorities to raise interest rates. Such actions may negatively affect the value of debt instruments held by the Fund, resulting in a negative impact on the Fund's performance and NAV. The Fund's yield will vary; it is not fixed for a specific period like the yield on a bank certificate of deposit. Under certain circumstances, the yield decline could cause the Fund's net yield to be negative (such as when Fund expenses exceed income levels). Rising interest rates may prompt redemptions from the Fund, which may force the Fund to sell investments at a time when it is not advantageous to do so, which could result in losses.

**Issuer Risk.** An issuer in which the Fund invests or to which it has exposure may perform poorly or below expectations and the value of its securities may therefore decline, which may negatively affect the Fund's performance. Underperformance of an issuer may be caused by poor management decisions, competitive pressures, breakthroughs in technology, reliance on suppliers, labor problems or shortages, corporate restructurings, fraudulent disclosures, natural disasters, military confrontations, war, other conflicts, terrorism, disease/virus outbreaks, epidemics or other events, conditions and factors which may impair the value of your investment in the Fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk is the risk associated with any event, circumstance, or characteristic of an investment or market that negatively impacts the Fund's ability to sell, or realize the proceeds from the sale of, an investment at a desirable time or price. Liquidity risk may arise because of, for example, a lack of marketability of the investment, which means that when seeking to sell its portfolio investments, the Fund could find that selling is more difficult than anticipated, especially during times of high market volatility. Market participants attempting to sell the same or a similar instrument at the same time as the Fund could exacerbate the Fund's exposure to liquidity risk. The Fund may have to accept a lower selling price for the holding, sell other liquid or more liquid investments that it might otherwise prefer to hold (thereby increasing the proportion of the Fund's investments in less liquid or illiquid securities), or



forego another more appealing investment opportunity. The liquidity of Fund investments may change significantly over time and certain investments that were liquid when purchased by the Fund may later become illiquid, particularly in times of overall economic distress. Changing regulatory, market or other conditions or environments (for example, the interest rate or credit environments) may also adversely affect the liquidity and the price of the Fund's investments. Judgment plays a larger role in valuing illiquid or less liquid investments as compared to valuing liquid or more liquid investments. Price volatility may be higher for illiquid or less liquid investments as a result of, for example, the relatively less frequent pricing of such securities (as compared to liquid or more liquid investments). Generally, the less liquid the market at the time the Fund sells a portfolio investment, the greater the risk of loss or decline of value to the Fund. Overall market liquidity and other factors can lead to an increase in redemptions, which may negatively impact Fund performance and NAV, including, for example, if the Fund is forced to sell investments in a down market. Foreign securities can present enhanced liquidity risks, including as a result of less developed custody, settlement or other practices of foreign markets.

**Market Risk.** The Fund may incur losses due to declines in the value of one or more securities in which it invests. These declines may be due to factors affecting a particular issuer, or the result of, among other things, political, regulatory, market, economic or social developments affecting the relevant market(s) more generally. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the Fund's ability to price or value to hard-to-value assets in thinly traded and closed markets and could cause significant redemptions and operational challenges. Global economies and financial markets are increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies worldwide. As a result, local, regional or global events such as terrorism, war, other conflicts, natural disasters, disease/virus outbreaks and epidemics or other public health issues, recessions, depressions or other events – or the potential for such events – could have a significant negative impact on global economic and market conditions. The pandemic caused by coronavirus disease 2019 and its variants (COVID-19) has resulted in, and may continue to result in, significant global economic and societal disruption and market volatility due to disruptions in market access, resource availability, facilities operations, imposition of tariffs, export controls and supply chain disruption, among others. Such disruptions may be caused, or exacerbated by, quarantines and travel restrictions, workforce displacement and loss in human and other resources. The uncertainty surrounding the magnitude, duration, reach, costs and effects of the global pandemic, as well as actions that have been or could be taken by governmental authorities or other third parties, present unknowns that are yet to unfold. The impacts, as well as the uncertainty over impacts to come, of COVID-19 – and any other infectious illness outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future – could negatively affect global economies and markets in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen. In addition, the impact of infectious illness outbreaks and epidemics in less developed countries may be greater due to generally less established healthcare systems, governments and financial markets. Public health crises caused by the COVID-19 outbreak may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. The disruptions caused by COVID-19 could prevent the Fund from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner and negatively impact the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. Any such events could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Fund.

The large-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022 has resulted in sanctions and market disruptions, including declines in regional and global stock markets, unusual volatility in global commodity markets and significant devaluations of Russian currency. The extent and duration of the military action are impossible to predict but could continue to be significant. Market disruption caused by the Russian military action, and any counter measures or responses thereto (including international sanctions, a downgrade in a country's credit rating, purchasing and financing restrictions, boycotts, tariffs, changes in consumer or purchaser preferences, cyberattacks and espionage) could continue to have severe adverse impacts on regional and/or global securities and commodities markets, including markets for oil and natural gas. These impacts may include reduced market liquidity, distress in credit markets, further disruption of global supply chains, increased risk of inflation, and limited access to investments in certain international markets and/or issuers. These developments and other related events could negatively impact Fund performance.

**Money Market Fund Risk.** Although government money market funds (such as the Fund) may seek to preserve the value of shareholders' investment at \$1.00 per share, the NAVs of such money market fund shares can fall, and in infrequent cases in the past have fallen, below \$1.00 per share, potentially causing shareholders who redeem their shares at such NAVs to lose money from their original investment. At times of (i) significant redemption activity by shareholders, including, for example, when a single investor or a few large investors make a significant redemption of Fund shares, (ii) insufficient levels of cash in the Fund's portfolio to satisfy redemption activity, and (iii) disruption in the normal operation of the markets in which the Fund buys and sells portfolio securities, the Fund could be forced to sell portfolio securities at unfavorable prices in order to generate sufficient cash to pay redeeming shareholders. Sales of portfolio securities at such times could result in losses to the Fund and cause the NAV of Fund shares to fall below \$1.00 per share. Additionally, in some cases, the default of a single portfolio security could cause the NAV of Fund shares to fall below \$1.00 per share. In addition, neither the Investment Manager nor any of its affiliates has a legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that they or any person will provide financial support to the Fund at any time. The Fund may suspend redemptions, or the payment of redemption proceeds when permitted by applicable regulations. It is possible that, during periods of low prevailing interest rates or otherwise, the income from portfolio securities may be less than the amount needed to pay ongoing Fund operating expenses and may prevent payment of any dividends or distributions to Fund shareholders or cause the NAV of Fund shares to fall below \$1.00 per share. In such cases, the Fund may reduce or eliminate the payment of such dividends or



distributions or seek to reduce certain of its operating expenses. There is no guarantee that such actions would enable the Fund to maintain a constant NAV of \$1.00 per share.

**Mortgage- and Other Asset-Backed Securities Risk.** The value of any mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities including collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations, if any, held by the Fund may be affected by, among other things, changes or perceived changes in: interest rates; factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or the originator of the mortgages or other assets; the creditworthiness of the entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds or other credit enhancements; or the market's assessment of the quality of underlying assets. Mortgage-backed securities represent interests in, or are backed by, pools of mortgages from which payments of interest and principal (net of fees paid to the issuer or guarantor of the securities) are distributed to the holders of the mortgage-backed securities. Other types of asset-backed securities typically represent interests in, or are backed by, pools of receivables such as credit, automobile, student and home equity loans. Mortgage- and other asset-backed securities can have a fixed or an adjustable rate. Mortgage- and other asset-backed securities are subject to liquidity risk (the risk that it may not be possible for the Fund to liquidate the instrument at an advantageous time or price) and prepayment risk (the risk that the underlying mortgage or other asset may be refinanced or prepaid prior to maturity during periods of declining or low interest rates, causing the Fund to have to reinvest the money received in securities that have lower yields). In addition, the impact of prepayments on the value of mortgage- and other asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. A decline or flattening of housing values may cause delinquencies in mortgages (especially sub-prime or non-prime mortgages) underlying mortgage-backed securities and thereby adversely affect the ability of the mortgage-backed securities issuer to make principal and/or interest payments to mortgage-backed securities holders, including the Fund. Rising or high interest rates tend to extend the duration of mortgage- and other asset-backed securities, making them more volatile and more sensitive to changes in interest rates. Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage-backed securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed (i) by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government (in the case of securities guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association) or (ii) by its agencies, authorities, enterprises or instrumentalities (in the case of securities guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)), which are not insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government (although FNMA and FHLMC may be able to access capital from the U.S. Treasury to meet their obligations under such securities). Mortgage-backed securities issued by non-governmental issuers (such as commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, private mortgage insurance companies, mortgage bankers and other secondary market issuers) may be supported by various credit enhancements, such as pool insurance, guarantees issued by governmental entities, letters of credit from a bank or senior/subordinated structures, and may entail greater risk than obligations guaranteed by the U.S. Government, whether or not such obligations are guaranteed by the private issuer.

**Passive Investment Risk.** The Fund is not actively managed and may be affected by a general decline in market segments related to its Index's investment exposures. The Fund invests in securities or instruments included in or believed by the Investment Manager to be representative of the Index, regardless of their investment merits. The Fund does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued.

**Prepayment and Extension Risk.** Prepayment and extension risk is the risk that a bond or other security or investment might, in the case of prepayment risk, be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity and, in the case of extension risk, that the investment might not be called as expected. In the case of prepayment risk, if the investment is converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity, the portfolio managers may not be able to invest the proceeds in other investments providing as high a level of income, resulting in a reduced yield to the Fund. In the case of mortgage- or other asset-backed securities, as interest rates decrease or spreads narrow, the likelihood of prepayment increases. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that an unexpected rise in interest rates will extend the life of a mortgage- or other asset-backed security beyond the prepayment time. If the Fund's investments are locked in at a lower interest rate for a longer period of time, the portfolio managers may be unable to capitalize on securities with higher interest rates or wider spreads.

**Real Estate-Related Investment Risk.** Investments in real estate investment trusts (REITs) and in securities of other companies (wherever organized) principally engaged in the real estate industry subject the Fund to, among other things, risks similar to those of direct investments in real estate and the real estate industry in general. These include risks related to general and local economic conditions, possible lack of availability of financing and changes in interest rates or property values. REITs are entities that either own properties or make construction or mortgage loans, and also may include operating or finance companies. The value of interests in a REIT may be affected by, among other factors, changes in the value of the underlying properties owned by the REIT, changes in the prospect for earnings and/or cash flow growth of the REIT itself, defaults by borrowers or tenants, market saturation, decreases in market rates for rents, and other economic, political, or regulatory matters affecting the real estate industry, including REITs. REITs and similar non-U.S. entities depend upon specialized management skills, may have limited financial resources, may have less trading volume in their securities, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than the overall securities markets. In a rising interest rate environment, the stock prices of real estate-related investments may decline and the borrowing costs of these companies may increase. REITs are also subject to the risk of failing to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The failure of a REIT to continue to qualify as a REIT for tax purposes can materially and adversely affect its value. Some REITs (especially mortgage REITs) are affected by risks similar to those associated with investments in debt securities including changes in interest rates and the quality of credit extended.

**Regulatory Risk — Money Market Funds.** Money market funds and the securities they invest in are subject to comprehensive regulations. The enactment of new legislation or regulations, as well as changes in interpretation and enforcement of current laws, may affect the manner of operation, performance and/or yield of money market funds. The SEC has proposed amendments to money market fund regulation that would, among other things, increase the minimum daily and weekly liquid asset requirements. Such amendments may, if adopted, impact the management of the Fund.

**Reinvestment Risk.** Reinvestment risk arises when the Fund is unable to reinvest income or principal at the same or at least the same return it is currently earning.

**Repurchase Agreements Risk.** Repurchase agreements are agreements in which the seller of a security to the Fund agrees to repurchase that security from the Fund at a mutually agreed upon price and time. Repurchase agreements carry the risk that the counterparty may not fulfill its obligations under the agreement. This could cause the Fund's income and the value of your investment in the Fund to decline.

**Rule 144A and Other Exempted Securities Risk.** The Fund may invest in privately placed and other securities or instruments exempt from SEC registration (collectively “private placements”). In the U.S. market, private placements are typically sold only to qualified institutional buyers, or qualified purchasers, as applicable. An insufficient number of buyers interested in purchasing private placements at a particular time could adversely affect the marketability of such investments and the Fund might be unable to dispose of them promptly or at reasonable prices, subjecting the Fund to liquidity risk (the risk that it may not be possible for the Fund to liquidate the instrument at an advantageous time or price). The Fund may invest in private placements determined to be liquid as well as those determined to be illiquid. Even if determined to be liquid, the Fund’s holdings of private placements may increase the level of Fund illiquidity if eligible buyers are unable or unwilling to purchase them at a particular time. The Fund may also have to bear the expense of registering the securities for resale and the risk of substantial delays in effecting the registration. Additionally, the purchase price and subsequent valuation of private placements typically reflect a discount, which may be significant, from the market price of comparable securities for which a more liquid market exists. Issuers of Rule 144A eligible securities are required to furnish information to potential investors upon request. However, the required disclosure is much less extensive than that required of public companies and is not publicly available since the offering information is not filed with the SEC. Further, issuers of Rule 144A eligible securities can require recipients of the offering information (such as the Fund) to agree contractually to keep the information confidential, which could also adversely affect the Fund’s ability to dispose of the security.

**Sector Risk.** At times, the Fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies conducting business within one or more economic sectors, including the financial services sector and the information technology sector. Companies in the same sector may be similarly affected by economic, regulatory, political or market events or conditions, which may make the Fund vulnerable to unfavorable developments in that sector or group of industries or economic sector.

**Sector Risk — Financial Services Sector Investments.** The Fund may be vulnerable to the particular risks that may affect companies in the financial services sector. Companies in the financial services sector are subject to certain risks, including the risk of regulatory change, decreased liquidity in credit markets and unstable interest rates. Such companies may have concentrated portfolios, such as a high level of loans to one or more industries or sectors, which makes them vulnerable to economic conditions that affect such industries or sectors. Performance of such companies may be affected by competitive pressures and exposure to investments, agreements and counterparties, including credit products that, under certain circumstances, may lead to losses (e.g., subprime loans). Companies in the financial services sector are subject to extensive governmental regulation that may limit the amount and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, and the interest rates and fees they may charge. In addition, profitability of such companies is largely dependent upon the availability and the cost of capital.

**Sector Risk — Information Technology Sector.** The Fund may be vulnerable to the particular risks that may affect companies in the information technology sector. Companies in the information technology sector are subject to certain risks, including the risk that new services, equipment or technologies will not be accepted by consumers and businesses or will become rapidly obsolete. Performance of such companies may be affected by factors including obtaining and protecting patents (or the failure to do so) and significant competitive pressures, including aggressive pricing of their products or services, new market entrants, competition for market share and short product cycles due to an accelerated rate of technological developments. Such competitive pressures may lead to limited earnings and/or falling profit margins. As a result, the value of their securities may fall or fail to rise. In addition, many information technology sector companies have limited operating histories and prices of these companies’ securities historically have been more volatile than other securities, especially over the short term. Some companies in the information technology sector are facing increased government and regulatory scrutiny and may be subject to adverse government or regulatory action, which could negatively impact the value of their securities.

**Sovereign Debt Risk.** The willingness or ability of a sovereign or quasi-sovereign debtor to repay principal and pay interest in a timely manner may be affected by a variety of factors, including its cash flow situation, the extent of its reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the sovereign or quasi-sovereign debtor’s policy toward international lenders, and the political constraints to which such debtor may be subject.

With respect to sovereign or quasi-sovereign debt of emerging market issuers, investors should be aware that certain emerging market countries are among the largest debtors to commercial banks and foreign governments. At times, certain emerging market countries have declared moratoria on the payment of principal and interest on external debt. Certain emerging market countries have experienced difficulty in servicing their sovereign or quasi-sovereign debt on a timely basis and that has led to defaults and the restructuring of certain indebtedness to the detriment of debt holders.

**U.S. Government Obligations Risk.** While U.S. Treasury obligations are backed by the “full faith and credit” of the U.S. Government, such securities are nonetheless subject to credit risk (i.e., the risk that the U.S. Government may be, or may be perceived to be, unable or unwilling to honor its financial obligations, such as making payments). Securities issued or guaranteed by federal agencies or authorities and U.S. Government-sponsored instrumentalities or enterprises may or may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. For example, securities issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Banks are neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. Government. These securities may be supported by the ability to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or only by the credit of the issuing agency, authority, instrumentality or enterprise and, as a result, are subject to greater credit risk than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury.

**When-Issued, Delayed Settlement and Forward Commitment Transactions, Including U.S. Treasury Floating Rate Notes Risk.** When-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions generally involve the purchase of a security with payment and delivery at some time in the future – i.e., beyond normal settlement. A Fund does not earn interest on such securities until settlement and bears the risk of market value fluctuations in between the purchase and settlement dates. Such transactions include floating rate obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury. Securities with floating or variable interest rates can be less sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with fixed interest rates, but may decline in value if their interest rates do not rise as much, or as quickly, as interest rates in general. Conversely, floating rate securities will not generally increase in value if interest rates decline. A decline in interest rates may result in a reduction in income received from floating rate securities held by the Fund and may adversely affect the value of the Fund’s shares. Generally, floating rate securities carry lower yields than fixed notes of the same maturity. The interest rate for a floating rate note resets or adjusts periodically by reference to a benchmark interest rate. The impact of interest rate changes on floating rate investments is typically mitigated by the periodic interest rate reset of the investments. Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes, usually making them more volatile than securities with shorter durations. The supply of floating rate notes issued by the U.S. Treasury will be limited. There is no guarantee or assurance that: the Fund will be able to invest in a desired amount of floating rate notes or be able to buy floating rate notes at a desirable price; floating rate notes will continue to be issued by the U.S. Treasury; or floating rate notes will be actively traded. Any or all of the foregoing, should they occur, would negatively impact the Fund.

## **Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.**

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund’s expenses, the fund’s performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index’s rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rates rise and fall over time. As with any investment whose yield reflects current interest rates, the fund’s yield will change over time. During periods when interest rates are low, the fund’s yield (and total return) also may be low. Changes in interest rates also may affect the fund’s share price: a rise in interest rates generally causes the fund’s share price to fall. The longer the fund’s portfolio duration, the more sensitive to interest rate movements its share price is likely to be. Also, a change in a central bank’s monetary policy or economic conditions, among other things, may result in a change in interest rates, which could have sudden and unpredictable effects on the markets and significantly impact the value of fixed-income securities in which the fund invests. A sudden or unpredictable rise in interest rates may cause volatility and the value of fixed-income securities to decline.

**Credit Risk.** A decline in the credit quality of an issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty could cause the fund to lose money or underperform. The fund could lose money if, due to a decline in credit quality, the issuer, guarantor or liquidity provider of a portfolio investment or a counterparty fails to make, or is perceived as being unable or unwilling to make, timely principal or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Inflation-Protected Security Risk.** The value of inflation-protected securities, including TIPS, generally will fluctuate in response to changes in “real” interest rates, generally decreasing when real interest rates rise and increasing when real interest rates fall. Real interest rates represent nominal (or stated) interest rates reduced by the expected impact of inflation. In addition, interest payments on inflation-indexed securities will generally vary up or down along with the rate of inflation.

**Sampling Index Tracking Risk.** To the extent the fund uses sampling techniques, the fund will not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund will be subject to the risk that the investment adviser’s investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. If the fund utilizes a sampling approach, it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called “tracking error.” Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In addition, limited dealer inventories of certain securities could potentially lead to decreased liquidity. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

**Securities Lending Risk.** The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** The fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund’s service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. The fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

**Market Trading Risk.** Although fund shares are listed on national securities exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for fund shares will develop or be maintained. If an active market is not maintained, investors may find it difficult to buy or sell fund shares.

**Shares of the Fund May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV.** Fund shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. Although it is expected that the market price of the shares of the fund will approximate the fund’s net asset value (NAV), there may be times when the market price and the NAV vary significantly.

An investor may pay more than NAV when buying shares of the fund in the secondary market, and an investor may receive less than NAV when selling those shares in the secondary market. The market price of fund shares may deviate, sometimes significantly, from NAV during periods of market volatility or market disruption.

**Money Market Fund Risk.** An investment by the fund in an underlying money market fund has risks. The fund may invest in underlying money market funds that either seek to maintain a stable \$1.00 net asset value (“stable share price money market funds”) or that have a share price that fluctuates (“variable share price money market funds”). Although an underlying stable share price money market fund seeks to maintain a stable \$1.00 net asset value, it is possible to lose money by investing in such a money market fund. Because the share price of an underlying variable share price money market fund will fluctuate, when the fund sells the shares it owns they may be worth more or less than what the fund originally paid for them. In addition, neither type of money market fund is designed to offer capital appreciation. In exchange for their emphasis on stability and liquidity, money market investments may offer lower long-term performance than stock or bond investments. Certain underlying money market funds may impose a fee upon the sale of shares or may temporarily suspend the ability to sell shares if such fund’s liquidity falls below required minimums.

## **Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by Invesco Capital Management LLC**

The following summarizes the principal risks of investing in the Fund. The Shares will change in value, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

**Market Risk.** The Fund's holdings are subject to market fluctuations. You should anticipate that the value of the Shares will decline more or less, in correlation with any decline in value of the holdings in the Fund's portfolio. Additionally, natural or environmental disasters, widespread disease or other public health issues, war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, economic crisis or other events could result in increased premiums or discounts to the Fund's net asset value ("NAV").

**Management Risk.** The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed portfolio. In managing the Fund's portfolio holdings, the Adviser applies investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Fund, but there can be no guarantee that these actions will produce the desired results.

**Commodity-Linked Derivatives Risk.** Investments linked to the prices of commodities may be considered speculative. The Fund's significant investment exposure to commodities may subject the Fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. Therefore, the value of such instruments may be volatile and fluctuate widely based on a variety of macroeconomic factors or commodity-specific factors. At times, price fluctuations may be quick and significant and may not correlate to price movements in other asset classes, such as stocks, bonds and cash.

**Derivatives Risk.** Derivatives may pose risks in addition to and greater than those associated with investing directly in securities, currencies or other investments, including risks relating to leverage, imperfect correlations with underlying investments or the Fund's other portfolio holdings, high price volatility, lack of availability, counterparty credit, liquidity, valuation and legal restrictions. Their use is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. Derivatives may be used to create synthetic exposure to an underlying asset or to hedge a portfolio risk. If the Fund uses derivatives to "hedge" a portfolio risk, the change in value of a derivative may not correlate as expected with the underlying asset being hedged, and it is possible that the hedge therefore may not succeed. If the Adviser is incorrect about its expectations of market conditions, the use of derivatives could also result in a loss, which in some cases may be unlimited. Some of the derivatives in which the Fund invests are traded (and privately negotiated) in the OTC market. OTC derivatives are subject to heightened credit, liquidity and valuation risks. Certain risks also are specific to the derivatives in which the Fund invests.

**Futures Contracts Risk.** Risks of futures contracts include: (i) an imperfect correlation between the value of the futures contract and the underlying commodity or commodity index; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market; (iii) the inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iv) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which may be unlimited; (v) an obligation for the Fund to make daily cash payments to maintain its required margin, particularly at times when the Fund may have insufficient cash or must sell securities to meet those margin requirements; (vi) the possibility that a failure to close a position may result in the Fund receiving an illiquid commodity; and (vii) unfavorable execution prices from rapid selling. Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing stake in a corporation, futures contracts normally specify a certain date for delivery of the underlying asset for settlement in cash based on the level of the underlying asset. As the futures contracts approach expiration, they may be replaced by similar contracts that have a later expiration. This process is referred to as "rolling." If the market for these contracts is in "contango," meaning that the prices of futures contracts in the nearer months are lower than the price of contracts in the distant months, the sale of the near-term month contract would be at a lower price than the longer-term contract, resulting in a cost to "roll" the futures contract. The actual realization of a potential roll cost will be dependent upon the difference in price of the near and distant contract. In addition, futures contracts may be subject to contractual or other restrictions on resale and may lack readily available markets for resale.

**Swap Agreements Risk.** Swap agreements are contracts among the Fund and a counterparty to exchange the return of the pre-determined underlying investment (such as the rate of return of a reference index). Swap agreements may be negotiated bilaterally and traded OTC between two parties or, in some instances, must be transacted through a futures commission merchant and cleared through a clearinghouse that serves as a central counterparty. Risks associated with the use of swap agreements are different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions, due in part to the fact they could be considered illiquid and many swaps trade on the OTC market. Swaps are particularly subject to counterparty credit, correlation, valuation, liquidity and leveraging risks. Certain standardized swaps are subject to mandatory central clearing. Central clearing is intended to reduce counterparty credit risk and increase liquidity, but central clearing does not make swap transactions risk-free.

**Commodity-Linked Notes Risk.** Commodity-linked notes have characteristics of both a debt security and a derivative; typically, they are issued by a bank at a specified face value and pay a fixed or floating rate linked to the performance of an underlying asset, such as commodity indices, particular commodities or commodity futures contracts. As such, the Fund faces the economic risk of movements in commodity prices by investing in such notes. These notes also are subject to credit, market and interest rate risks that in general affect the values of debt securities. In addition, these notes may be leveraged, increasing the volatility of each note's market value relative to changes in the underlying commodity, commodity futures contract or commodity index; as a result, at the maturity of the note, the Fund may receive more or less principal than it originally invested.

**Options Risk.** Options or options on futures contracts give the holder of the option the right to buy (or to sell) a position in a security or in a contract to the writer of the option, at a certain price. They are subject to correlation risk because there may be an imperfect correlation between the options and the securities or contract markets that cause a given transaction to fail to achieve its objectives. The successful use of options depends on the Adviser's ability to predict correctly future price fluctuations and the degree of correlation between the options and securities or contract markets. Exchanges can limit the number of positions that can be held or controlled by

the Fund or the Adviser, thus limiting the ability to implement the Fund's strategies. Options are also particularly subject to leverage risk and can be subject to liquidity risk.

**Sector Concentration Risk.** Because the Fund invests in instruments that are linked to different types of commodities from various sectors, including the energy, agriculture and metal sectors, the Fund is subject to the risks inherent in those economic sectors. Such risks may include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions or cyclical market patterns that could negatively affect supply and demand in a particular industry; competition for resources; adverse labor relations; political or world events; increased regulatory burdens; obsolescence of technologies; and increased competition or new product introductions. To the extent that the Fund focuses its investments in a particular sector of the commodities market, the risks associated with that particular commodity or sector will be greater.

**Energy Sector Investment Risk.** The performance of the Fund in part is linked to the daily performance of the spot price of certain energy-related commodities, including crude oil, NY Harbor ULSD, gasoline and natural gas. The market values of such commodities are strongly affected by the supply of, and demand for, those commodities, as well as, among other factors, capital expenditures on exploration and production, energy conservation efforts, government regulation and subsidization, world event, technological advances and general economic conditions. Therefore, energy commodities are subject to swift price fluctuations, and investments in such commodities can be cyclical and/or highly volatile.

Additionally, significant declines in the price of oil may contribute to significant market volatility, which may materially adversely affect the Fund's performance.

**Forward Contracts Risk.** Forward contracts are over-the-counter derivative transactions between the Fund and a counterparty to buy or sell a specified amount of an underlying investment at a specified price on a specified date in the future. The market for forward contracts is substantially unregulated and can experience lengthy periods of illiquidity or volatility. Forward contracts can increase the Fund's risk exposure to underlying investments and their attendant risks, such as credit risk, currency risk, market risk, and interest rate risk, while also exposing the Fund to counterparty risk, liquidity risk and valuation risk.

**Commodity Pool Risk.** The Subsidiary's investments in futures contracts has caused it and the Fund to be deemed commodity pools, thereby subjecting each of the Subsidiary and the Fund to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC rules. The Adviser is registered as a commodity pool operator ("CPO") and as a commodity trading advisor ("CTA"), and will manage both the Fund and the Subsidiary in accordance with CFTC rules, as well as the rules that apply to registered investment companies. Registration as a CPO or CTA subjects the Adviser to additional laws, regulations and enforcement policies, which could increase compliance costs and may affect the operations and financial performance of the Fund or the Subsidiary. Registration as a commodity pool may have negative effects on the ability of the Fund or the Subsidiary to engage in its planned investment program. Additionally, the Subsidiary's positions in futures contracts may have to be liquidated at disadvantageous times or prices to prevent the Fund from exceeding any applicable position limits established by the CFTC. Such actions may subject the Fund to substantial losses.

**Counterparty Risk.** Certain of the Fund's investments in derivatives (such as swaps and forward contracts) may involve counterparties, which subjects the Fund to counterparty risk. Counterparty risk is the risk that the other party in an agreement or a participant to a transaction, such as a swap counterparty, might default on a contract or fail to perform by not paying amounts due or fulfilling the delivery conditions of the contract or transaction. In that event, the Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. However, the Fund could experience lengthy delays in recovering its assets and may not receive any recovery at all. Further, there is a risk that no suitable counterparties will be willing to enter into, or continue to enter into, transactions with the Fund, which may cause the Fund to experience difficulty in purchasing or selling these instruments in a timely manner.

**Collateral Securities Risk.** Collateral may include obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, including bills, notes and bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury, money market funds and corporate debt securities, such as commercial paper. Some securities issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and U.S. Government-sponsored instrumentalities may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, in which case the investor must look principally to the agency or instrumentality issuing or guaranteeing the security for ultimate repayment, and may not be able to assert a claim against the United States itself in the event that the agency or instrumentality does not meet its commitment. The U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities do not guarantee the market value of their securities, and consequently, the value of such securities may fluctuate. Although the Fund may hold securities that carry U.S. Government guarantees, these guarantees do not extend to shares of the Fund. Money market funds are subject to management fees and other expenses. Therefore, investments in money market funds will cause the Fund to bear indirectly a proportional share of the fees and costs of the money market funds in which it invests. At the same time, the Fund will continue to pay its own management fees and expenses with respect to all of its assets, including any portion invested in the shares of the money market fund. It is possible to lose money by investing in money market funds. Corporate debt securities such as commercial paper generally are short-term unsecured promissory notes issued by businesses. Corporate debt may be rated investment-grade or below investment-grade and may carry variable or floating rates of interest. Corporate debt securities carry both credit risk and interest rate risk. Credit risk is the risk that the Fund could lose money if the issuer of a corporate debt security is unable to pay



interest or repay principal when it is due. Some corporate debt securities that are rated below investment-grade generally are considered speculative because they present a greater risk of loss, including default, than higher quality debt securities.

**Clearing Broker Risk.** The Fund's investments in exchange-traded futures contracts expose it to the risks of a clearing broker (or a futures commission merchant ("FCM")). Under current regulations, a clearing broker or FCM maintains customers' assets in a bulk segregated account. There is a risk that Fund assets deposited with the clearing broker to serve as margin may be used to satisfy the broker's own obligations or the losses of the broker's other clients. In the event of default, the Fund could experience lengthy delays in recovering some or all of its assets and may not see any recovery at all.

**Gap Risk.** The Fund is subject to the risk that a commodity price will change between periods of trading. Usually such movements occur when there are adverse news announcements, which can cause a commodity price to drop substantially from the previous day's closing price.

**Interest Rate Risk.** The Fund's investments in U.S. Government securities and commercial paper will change in value in response to interest rate changes and other factors, such as the perception of an issuer's creditworthiness. For example, the value of fixed-income securities generally decrease when interest rates rise, which may cause the Fund's value to decrease. Also, investments in fixed-income securities with longer maturities fluctuate more in response to interest rate changes.

**Leverage Risk.** Leverage occurs when the Fund's market exposure exceeds amounts invested. The Fund's exposure to derivatives and other investment techniques can create a leveraging effect on the portfolio. This leverage will vary over time and may at times be significant. Engaging in transactions using leverage or those having a leveraging effect subjects the Fund to certain risks. Leverage can magnify the effect of any gains or losses, causing the Fund to be more volatile than if it had not used leverage. The Fund may have a substantial cash position due to margin and collateral requirements related to the Fund's use of derivatives. Such margin and collateral requirements may limit the Fund's ability to take advantage of other investment opportunities, and the Fund also may have to sell or liquidate a portion of its assets at inopportune times to satisfy these requirements. This may negatively affect the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. In addition, the Fund's assets that are used as collateral to secure these transactions may decrease in value while the positions are outstanding, which may force the Fund to use its other assets to increase collateral. The use of leverage is considered to be a speculative investment practice and may result in the loss of a substantial amount of the Fund's assets. There is no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful.

**Valuation Risk.** During periods of reduced market liquidity or the absence of readily available market quotations for the holdings of the Fund, the value of its holdings becomes more difficult and the judgment of the Adviser (employing the fair value procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Invesco Actively Managed Exchange-Traded Commodity Fund Trust (the "Trust")) may play a greater role in the valuation of the Fund's holdings due to reduced availability of reliable objective pricing data. Consequently, while such determinations may be made in good faith, it may nevertheless be more difficult for the Fund to accurately assign a daily value.

**Tax Risk.** For the Fund to qualify as a RIC, the Fund must meet a qualifying income test each taxable year. Failure to comply with the qualifying income requirements would have significant negative tax consequences to Fund shareholders, including the imposition of an entity-level tax on the Fund, which would reduce the amount available for distribution to shareholders. Although the Fund, through its investment in the Subsidiary, generally will seek to invest in derivative instruments that it believes generate qualifying income, the treatment of income from certain derivative instruments under the qualifying income requirements is not entirely clear. The Fund will seek to limit its non-qualifying income so as to qualify as a RIC, and its investment in the Subsidiary is intended to provide exposure to commodities in a manner consistent with the "qualifying income" requirement applicable to RICs. Accordingly, the Fund may invest in certain commodity-linked notes: (a) directly, relying on an opinion of counsel confirming that income from such investments should be qualifying income or (b) indirectly through the Subsidiary. Should the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") issue further guidance, or Congress enact legislation, that adversely affects the tax treatment of the Fund's use of the Subsidiary (which guidance might be applied to the Fund retroactively), it could limit the Fund's ability to pursue its investment strategy and the Fund might not qualify as a RIC for one or more years.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when a particular investment is difficult to purchase or sell. If the Fund invests in illiquid securities or current portfolio securities become illiquid, it may reduce the returns of the Fund because the Fund may be unable to sell the illiquid securities at an advantageous time or price. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any particular futures contract at any particular time, which may make it difficult for the Fund to sell them at an acceptable price, purchase a sufficient quantity at an acceptable price, or to accurately value them.

**Issuer-Specific Changes Risk.** The value of an individual security or particular type of security may be more volatile than the market as a whole and may perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.

**Subsidiary Investment Risk.** By investing in the Subsidiary, the Fund is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. The Subsidiary is not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"); therefore, the Fund will not receive all of the protections offered to investors in registered investment companies. Changes in the laws

of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Fund and/or the Subsidiary to operate as intended, which may negatively affect the Fund and its shareholders.

**Cash Transaction Risk.** Most ETFs generally make in-kind redemptions to avoid being taxed at the fund level on gains on the distributed portfolio securities. However, unlike most ETFs, the Fund currently intends to effect redemptions for cash, rather than in-kind, because of the nature of the Fund's investments. As such, the Fund may be required to sell portfolio securities to obtain the cash needed to distribute redemption proceeds. Therefore, the Fund may recognize a capital gain on these sales that might not have been incurred if the Fund had made a redemption in-kind. This may decrease the tax efficiency of the Fund compared to ETFs that utilize an in-kind redemption process, and there may be a substantial difference in the after-tax rate of return between the Fund and conventional ETFs.

**Authorized Participant Concentration Risk.** Only authorized participants ("APs") may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. The Fund has a limited number of institutions that may act as APs and such APs have no obligation to submit creation or redemption orders. Consequently, there is no assurance that APs will establish or maintain an active trading market for the Shares. This risk may be heightened to the extent that securities held by the Fund are traded outside a collateralized settlement system. In that case, APs may be required to post collateral on certain trades on an agency basis (i.e., on behalf of other market participants), which only a limited number of APs may be able to do. In addition, to the extent that APs exit the business or are unable to proceed with creation and/or redemption orders with respect to the Fund and no other AP is able to step forward to create or redeem Creation Units (as defined below), this may result in a significantly diminished trading market for Shares, and Shares may be more likely to trade at a premium or discount to the Fund's NAV and to face trading halts and/or delisting. Investments in non-U.S. securities, which may have lower trading volumes or could experience extended market closures or trading halts, may increase the risk that APs may not be able to effectively create or redeem Creation Units or the risk that the Shares may be halted and/or delisted.

**Market Trading Risk.** The Fund faces numerous market trading risks, including the potential lack of an active market for the Shares, losses from trading in secondary markets, and disruption in the creation/redemption process of the Fund. In stressed market conditions, the market for Shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund's portfolio holdings, which may cause a variance in the market price of Shares and their underlying NAV. In addition, an exchange or market may issue trading halts on specific securities or financial instruments. As a result, the ability to trade certain securities or financial instruments may be restricted, which may disrupt the Fund's creation/redemption process, potentially affect the price at which Shares trade in the secondary market, and/or result in the Fund being unable to trade certain securities or financial instruments at all. In these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to rebalance its portfolio, may be unable to accurately price its investments and/or may incur substantial trading losses. Any of these factors may lead to the Shares trading at a premium or discount to the Fund's NAV.

**Operational Risk.** The Fund is exposed to operational risks arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third-parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. The Fund and the Adviser seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures. However, these measures do not address every possible risk and may be inadequate to address these risks.

*Shares May Trade at Prices Different than NAV.* Shares trade on a stock exchange at prices at, above or below the Fund's most recent NAV. The Fund's NAV is calculated at the end of each business day and fluctuates with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The trading price of the Shares fluctuates continuously throughout trading hours on the exchange, based on both the relative market supply of, and demand for, the Shares and the underlying value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. As a result, the trading prices of the Shares may deviate from the Fund's NAV. ANY OF THESE FACTORS, AMONG OTHERS, MAY LEAD TO THE SHARES TRADING AT A PREMIUM OR DISCOUNT TO NAV.

## **Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by SSGA Fund Management, Inc.**

**Below Investment-Grade Securities Risk:** Lower-quality debt securities ("high yield" or "junk" bonds) are considered predominantly speculative and can involve a substantially greater risk of default than higher quality debt securities. Issuers of lower-quality debt securities may have substantially greater risk of insolvency or bankruptcy than issuers of higher-quality debt securities. They can be illiquid, and their values can have significant volatility and may decline significantly over short periods of time. Lower-quality debt securities tend to be more sensitive to adverse news about the issuer, or the market or economy in general.

**Consumer Cyclical Sector Risk:** Companies in the consumer cyclical sector are largely impacted by the performance of the overall global economy, changes in interest rates, fluctuations in supply and demand, and changes in consumer preferences. Success depends heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending. As a result, consumer cyclical companies may be adversely affected and lose value quickly in periods of economic downturns.

**Convertible Securities Risk:** Convertible securities may be subordinate to other debt securities issued by the same issuer. Issuers of convertible securities are often not as strong financially as issuers with higher credit ratings. Convertible securities typically provide yields lower than comparable non-convertible securities. Their values may be more volatile than those of non-convertible securities, reflecting changes in the values of the securities into which they are convertible.

**Debt Securities Risk:** The values of debt securities may increase or decrease as a result of the following: market fluctuations, changes in interest rates, actual or perceived inability or unwillingness of issuers, guarantors or liquidity providers to make scheduled principal or interest payments, or illiquidity in debt securities markets. To the extent that interest rates rise, certain underlying obligations may be paid off substantially slower than originally anticipated and the value of those securities may fall sharply. A rising interest rate environment may cause the value of the Fund's fixed income securities to decrease, an adverse impact on the liquidity of the Fund's fixed income securities, and increased volatility of the fixed income markets. During periods when interest rates are at low levels, the Fund's yield can be low, and the Fund may have a negative yield (i.e., it may lose money on an operating basis). To the extent that interest rates fall, certain underlying obligations may be paid off substantially faster than originally anticipated. If the principal on a debt obligation is prepaid before expected, the prepayments of principal may have to be reinvested in obligations paying interest at lower rates. During periods of falling interest rates, the income received by the Fund may decline. Changes in interest rates will likely have a greater effect on the values of debt securities of longer durations. Returns on investments in debt securities could trail the returns on other investment options, including investments in equity securities.

**Equity Investing Risk:** The market prices of equity securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer and also may decline due to general industry or market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Financial Sector Risk:** Financial services companies are subject to extensive governmental regulation, which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition. In addition, deterioration of the credit markets generally may cause an adverse impact in a broad range of markets, including U.S. and international credit and interbank money markets generally, thereby affecting a wide range of financial institutions and markets. Certain events in the financial sector may cause an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign, and cause certain financial services companies to incur large losses. Securities of financial services companies may experience a dramatic decline in value when such companies experience substantial declines in the valuations of their assets, take action to raise capital (such as the issuance of debt or equity securities), or cease operations. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers and financial losses associated with investment activities can negatively impact the sector. Insurance companies may be subject to severe price competition. Adverse economic, business or political developments could adversely affect financial institutions engaged in mortgage finance or other lending or investing activities directly or indirectly connected to the value of real estate.

**Fluctuation of Net Asset Value, Share Premiums and Discounts Risk:** As with all exchange-traded funds, Fund Shares may be bought and sold in the secondary market at market prices. The trading prices of Fund Shares in the secondary market may differ from the Fund's daily net asset value per share and there may be times when the market price of the shares is more than the net asset value per share (premium) or less than the net asset value per share (discount). This risk is heightened in times of market volatility or periods of steep market declines.

**Futures Contract Risk:** A futures contract is a standardized agreement that calls for the purchase or sale of a specific asset at a specific price at a specific future time, or cash settlement of the terms of the contract. Transactions in futures contracts can create investment leverage and may have significant volatility. It is possible that a futures contract transaction will result in a much greater loss than the principal amount invested, and the Fund may not be able to close out the futures contract at a favorable time or price. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular futures contract. In the event no such market exists, it might not be possible to effect closing transactions, and the Fund will be unable to terminate its exposure to the futures contract. There is also a risk of imperfect correlation between movements in the prices of the futures contract and movements in the price of the underlying assets. The counterparty to a futures contract may be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments, return the Fund's margin, or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Geographic Focus Risk:** The performance of a fund that is less diversified across countries or geographic regions will be closely tied to market, currency, economic, political, environmental, or regulatory conditions and developments in the countries or regions in which the fund invests, and may be more volatile than the performance of a more geographically-diversified fund.

**Europe:** Developed and emerging market countries in Europe will be significantly affected by the fiscal and monetary controls of the Economic and Monetary Union of the European Union ("EU"). Changes in regulations on trade, decreasing imports or exports, changes in the exchange rate of the euro and recessions among European countries may have a significant adverse effect on the economies of other European countries. In addition, one or more countries may abandon the euro and/or withdraw from the EU. For example, on January 31, 2020, the United Kingdom formally withdrew from the EU (commonly referred to as "Brexit") and, after a transition period, left the EU single market and customs union under the terms of a new trade agreement on December 31, 2020. The agreement governs the new relationship between the United Kingdom and EU with respect to trading goods and services, but critical aspects of the relationship remain unresolved and subject to further negotiation and agreement. The full scope and nature of the consequences of the exit are not at this time known and are unlikely to be known for a significant period of time. It is also unknown whether the United Kingdom's exit will increase the

likelihood of other countries also departing the EU. Any exits from the EU, or the possibility of such exits, may have a significant impact on the United Kingdom, Europe, and global economies, which may result in increased volatility and illiquidity, new legal and regulatory uncertainties and potentially lower economic growth for such economies that could potentially have an adverse effect on the value of the Fund's investments. In addition, a number of countries in Europe have suffered terrorist attacks and additional attacks may occur in the future. Such attacks may cause uncertainty in financial markets and may adversely affect the performance of the issuers to which the Fund has exposure.

**Income Risk:** The Fund's income may decline due to falling interest rates or other factors. Issuers of securities held by the Fund may call or redeem the securities during periods of falling interest rates, and the Fund would likely be required to reinvest in securities paying lower interest rates. If an obligation held by the Fund is prepaid, the Fund may have to reinvest the prepayment in other obligations paying income at lower rates.

**Indexing Strategy/Index Tracking Risk:** The Fund is managed with an indexing investment strategy, attempting to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities, regardless of the current or projected performance of the Index or of the actual securities comprising the Index. This differs from an actively-managed fund, which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. As a result, the Fund's performance may be less favorable than that of a portfolio managed using an active investment strategy. The structure and composition of the Index will affect the performance, volatility, and risk of the Index and, consequently, the performance, volatility, and risk of the Fund. Errors in index data, index computations or the construction of the Index in accordance with its methodology may occur from time to time and may not be identified and corrected by the Index Provider for a period of time or at all, which may have an adverse impact on the Fund and its shareholders. To the extent circumstances evolve in between reconstitutions, the Index may include, and the Fund may therefore hold for a period of time, securities of companies that do not align with the Index's objective and/or criteria. When there are changes made to the component securities of the Index and the Fund in turn makes similar changes to its portfolio, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio changes will be borne directly by the Fund and its shareholders. The Fund may recognize gains as a result of rebalancing or reconstituting its securities holdings to reflect changes in the securities included in the Index. The Fund also may be required to distribute any such gains to its shareholders to avoid adverse federal income tax consequences. While the Adviser seeks to track the performance of the Index (i.e., achieve a high degree of correlation with the Index), the Fund's return may not match the return of the Index. The Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Index, and incurs costs in buying and selling securities. In addition, the Fund may not be fully invested at times, generally as a result of cash flows into or out of the Fund or reserves of cash held by the Fund to meet redemptions. The Adviser may attempt to track the Index return by investing in fewer than all of the securities in the Index, or in some securities not included in the Index, potentially increasing the risk of divergence between the Fund's return and that of the Index.

**Industrial Sector Risk:** Industrial companies are affected by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general. Government regulation, world events, exchange rates and economic conditions, technological developments and liabilities for environmental damage and general civil liabilities will likewise affect the performance of these companies. Aerospace and defense companies, a component of the industrial sector, can be significantly affected by government spending policies because companies involved in this industry rely, to a significant extent, on U.S. and foreign government demand for their products and services. Thus, the financial condition of, and investor interest in, aerospace and defense companies are heavily influenced by governmental defense spending policies which are typically under pressure from efforts to control the U.S. (and other) government budgets. Transportation securities, a component of the industrial sector, are cyclical and have occasional sharp price movements which may result from changes in the economy, fuel prices, labor agreements and insurance costs.

**Liquidity Risk:** Lack of a ready market, stressed market conditions, or restrictions on resale may limit the ability of the Fund to sell a security at an advantageous time or price or at all. Illiquid investments may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. If the liquidity of the Fund's holdings deteriorates, it may lead to differences between the market price of Fund Shares and the net asset value of Fund Shares, and could result in the Fund Shares being less liquid. Illiquidity of the Fund's holdings may also limit the ability of the Fund to obtain cash to meet redemptions on a timely basis. In addition, the Fund, due to limitations on investments in any illiquid investments and/or the difficulty in purchasing and selling such investments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain market or sector.

**Market Risk:** The Fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, inflation, changes in the actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers, and general market liquidity. The Fund is subject to the risk that geopolitical events will disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets. Local, regional or global events such as war, military conflicts, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments.

**Non-U.S. Securities Risk:** Non-U.S. securities are subject to political, regulatory, and economic risks not present in domestic investments. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. entity than about a U.S. entity, and many non-U.S. entities are not subject to accounting, auditing, legal and financial report standards comparable to those in the United States. Further, such entities and/or their securities may be subject to risks associated with currency controls; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. To the extent underlying securities held

by the Fund trade on foreign exchanges that are closed when the exchange on which the Fund's shares trade is open, there may be deviations between the current price of an underlying security and the last quoted price for the underlying security on the closed foreign market. These deviations could result in the Fund experiencing premiums or discounts greater than those of ETFs that invest in domestic securities. Securities traded on foreign markets may be less liquid (harder to sell) than securities traded domestically. Foreign governments may impose restrictions on the repatriation of capital to the U.S. In addition, to the extent investments are made in a limited number of countries, events in those countries will have a more significant impact on the Fund. Certain countries have recently experienced (or currently are expected to experience) negative interest rates on certain fixed-income securities, and similar interest rate conditions may be experienced in other regions. Investments in fixed-income securities with very low or negative interest rates may magnify the Fund's susceptibility to interest rate risk and diminish yield and performance, and such investments may be subject to heightened volatility and reduced liquidity.

**Small-Capitalization Securities Risk:** The securities of small-capitalization companies may be more volatile and may involve more risk than the securities of larger companies. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, may lack the competitive strength of larger companies, and may depend on a few key employees. In addition, these companies may have been recently organized and may have little or no track record of success. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than more widely held securities. Some securities of smaller issuers may be illiquid or may be restricted as to resale, and their values may have significant volatility. The Fund may be unable to liquidate its positions in such securities at any time, or at a favorable price, in order to meet the Fund's obligations. Returns on investments in securities of small-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of larger companies.

**Swaps Risk:** A swap is a two-party contract that generally obligates the parties to exchange payments based on a specified reference security, basket of securities, security index or index component. Swaps can involve greater risks than direct investment in securities because swaps may be leveraged and are subject to counterparty risk (e.g., the risk of a counterparty's defaulting on the obligation or bankruptcy), credit risk and pricing risk (i.e., swaps may be difficult to value). It may not be possible for the Fund to liquidate a swap position at an advantageous time or price, which may result in significant losses.

**Unconstrained Sector Risk:** The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets within one or more economic sectors or industries, which may change from time to time. Greater investment focus on one or more sectors or industries increases the potential for volatility and the risk that events negatively affecting such sectors or industries could reduce returns, potentially causing the value of the Fund's Shares to decrease, perhaps significantly.

**Valuation Risk:** Some portfolio holdings, potentially a large portion of the Fund's investment portfolio, may be valued on the basis of factors other than market quotations. This may occur more often in times of market turmoil or reduced liquidity. There are multiple methods that can be used to value a portfolio holding when market quotations are not readily available. The value established for any portfolio holding at a point in time might differ from what would be produced using a different methodology or if it had been priced using market quotations. Portfolio holdings that are valued using techniques other than market quotations, including "fair valued" securities, may be subject to greater fluctuation in their valuations from one day to the next than if market quotations were used. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund could sell or close out a portfolio position for the value established for it at any time, and it is possible that the Fund would incur a loss because a portfolio position is sold or closed out at a discount to the valuation established by the Fund at that time.

## **Risks Applicable to the Underlying Funds Advised by Vanguard Group, Inc.**

**Call risk,** which is the chance that during periods of falling interest rates, issuers of callable bonds may call (redeem) securities with higher coupon rates or interest rates before their maturity dates. The Fund would then lose any price appreciation above the bond's call price and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income. Such redemptions and subsequent reinvestments would also increase the Fund's portfolio turnover rate.

**China A-shares risk,** which is the chance that the Fund may not be able to access its desired amount of China A-shares. Investing in A-shares through Stock Connect or the QFI program is subject to trading restrictions and suspensions, quota limitations and sudden changes in those limitations, and operational, clearing, and settlement risks.

**Credit risk,** which is the chance that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest or principal in a timely manner or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline. Credit risk should be moderate for the Fund.

**Country/regional risk,** which is the chance that world events—such as political upheaval, financial troubles, or natural disasters—will adversely affect the value of securities issued by companies in foreign countries or regions.

**Currency risk,** which is the chance that the value of a foreign investment, measured in U.S. dollars, will decrease because of unfavorable changes in currency exchange rates.

**Emerging Markets Risk,** which is the chance that the bonds of governments, government agencies, and government-owned corporations located in emerging markets will be substantially more volatile, and substantially less liquid, than the bonds of



governments, government agencies, and government-owned corporations located in more developed foreign markets because, among other factors, emerging markets can have greater custodial and operational risks; less developed legal, tax, regulatory, financial reporting, accounting, and recordkeeping systems; and greater political, social, and economic instability than developed markets.

**Extension risk**, which is the chance that during periods of rising interest rates, homeowners will repay their mortgages at slower rates. This will lengthen the duration or average life of mortgage-backed securities held by the Fund and delay the Fund's ability to reinvest proceeds at higher interest rates. Extension risk is high for the Fund.

**Income risk**, which is the chance that the Fund's income will decline because of falling interest rates.

**Index sampling risk**, which is the chance that the securities selected for the Fund, in the aggregate, will not provide investment performance matching that of the Fund's target index.

**Interest rate risk**, which is the chance that bond prices overall will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk should be moderate for the Fund because it invests primarily in intermediate-term bonds, whose prices are less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of long-term bonds.

**Investment style risk**, which is the chance that returns from non-U.S. small- and mid-capitalization stocks will trail returns from global stock markets. Historically, non-U.S. small- and mid-cap stocks have been more volatile in price than the large-cap stocks that dominate the global markets, and they often perform quite differently. The stock prices of small and mid-size companies tend to experience greater volatility because, among other things, these companies tend to be more sensitive to changing economic conditions.

**Liquidity risk**, which is the chance that the Fund may not be able to sell a security in a timely manner at a desired price.

**Manager risk**, which is the chance that poor security selection will cause the Fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.

**Prepayment risk**, which is the chance that during periods of falling interest rates, homeowners will refinance their mortgages before their maturity dates, resulting in prepayment of mortgage-backed securities held by the Fund. The Fund would then lose any price appreciation above the mortgage's principal and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income. Such prepayments and subsequent reinvestments would also increase the Fund's portfolio turnover rate.

**Stock market risk**, which is the chance that stock prices overall will decline. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices. The Fund's investments in foreign stocks can be riskier than U.S. stock investments. Foreign stocks may be more volatile and less liquid than U.S. stocks. The prices of foreign stocks and the prices of U.S. stocks may move in opposite directions. In addition, the Fund's target index may, at times, become focused in stocks of a particular market sector, which would subject the Fund to proportionately higher exposure to the risks of that sector.

## **Risks Applicable to the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio**

The Portfolio is subject to the following risks applicable to the Investment Contracts and Fixed Income Securities:

### **Stable Value Investment Contract Risks**

**Credit Risk.** Credit risk is the risk that the issuer of the Investment Contract may or will default or otherwise become unable or unwilling to honor a financial obligation, such as making payments to the Fund.

Prior to making an investment in an Investment Contract, CMIA conducts a credit analysis of the Investment Contract issuer based upon its internal standards. The risk associated with a default of an Investment Contract issuer is mitigated because the Portfolio owns and holds the securities which back the Investment Contract. If the Investment Contract issuer is not creditworthy the securities backing the Investment Contract must be marked to market and there is a risk that the market value of the securities backing such Investment Contracts may be lower than the book value of the relevant Investment Contract. Consequently, the Investment Portfolio could experience a loss in principal value of its assets and a decrease in the value of its Shares.

**Crediting Rate Risk.** Each Investment Contract utilizes a crediting rate formula intended to reflect actual interest paid on the wrapped securities as well as amortize the market value gain or loss of the Portfolio assets backing each Investment Contract over the duration of the assets in the relevant bond portfolio. The terms of each Investment Contract determine when the crediting rate for the assets backing such contract will be reset. In most cases, crediting rates are reset quarterly and upon the occurrence of certain triggering events. The Portfolio's yield is calculated by aggregating the crediting rates of all Investment Contracts in the Portfolio, as well as any yield on the Portfolio's investments in short-term investments and other Portfolio investments that are not wrapped. When the crediting

rate of any Investment Contract is decreased to adjust for situations in which the market value of the underlying assets is below the book value of the contract, the Portfolio's yield may also decrease accordingly, and in some cases, the crediting rate of an Investment Contract may be reduced to, but not below, 0%, based on such contract's terms. Crediting rates are likely to differ from the current yields on other fixed income investments of comparable duration, and because crediting rates are reset only periodically, they may be substantially different from such current rates.

**Investment Contract Risk.** The Portfolio's ability to maintain a stable value is dependent on issuers of Investment Contracts. It is possible that one or more of these issuers become uncreditworthy, insolvent or unable to honor its obligations under the relevant Investment Contract. Similarly, Investment Contract issuers have the right to terminate their Investment Contracts under various circumstances, some of which may be outside of the Portfolio's control and due to certain changes in the regulatory environment. If one of these instances were to occur and the Portfolio was not able to find a substitute Investment Contract issuer or otherwise achieve a stable value for that portion of the Portfolio's assets, the Portfolio's Share value might fall and Account Owners might experience a loss.

**Investment Strategy Risk.** This Portfolio is subject to the risk that the short- and intermediate-term investment grade bonds will not provide the rate of return expected. The bonds may lose money. An investment in this Portfolio is not a bank deposit, is not insured and the principal, accumulated interest thereon or any interest rate is not guaranteed by Ameriprise Financial, Inc., the Program Manager or its affiliates, the FDIC, the State of South Carolina or any other government agency.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk occurs when the Investment Contracts or the Portfolio assets used to back such Investment Contracts must be liquidated in order to meet liquidity demands on the Portfolio. The Trustee utilizes Columbia Government Money Market Fund (the "cash buffer") to seek to manage Portfolio liquidity by anticipating the volume of Account Owner-directed Withdrawals from the Portfolio and to reduce the Portfolio's overall duration.

Account Owner-directed Withdrawals may be first funded from net contributions and other transfers to the Portfolio and then from the Portfolio's cash buffer. To the extent that additional funds are necessary, certain Portfolio assets backing Investment Contracts may be liquidated to fund any remaining amount. If the market value of such assets is below their book value, such liquidation could invoke the wrap coverage provided by the Investment Contracts.

Alternatively, it is possible that CMIA may overestimate the volume of upcoming Account Owner-directed Withdrawals from the Portfolio or for other reasons hold a higher portion of the Portfolio in cash or cash equivalents than is strictly necessary to manage the Portfolio's liquidity. Such higher percentage of cash investments may reduce the Portfolio's overall yield.

### **Fixed-Income Securities Risks**

While most fixed-income securities held by the Portfolio are wrapped by Investment Contracts, declines in such securities' value will reduce the crediting rate and the Portfolio's yield. Moreover, Investment Contracts typically do not provide protection against credit quality risk of the securities in the Portfolio and will not cover securities that become impaired. Impaired securities are those that fail to make interest or principal payments, are in default, whose issuers are insolvent, or that are rated below the Portfolio's quality guidelines. Consequently, a credit downgrade or default with respect to a security could result in a decrease in the value of the Shares.

**Active Management Risk.** The Portfolio is actively managed and its performance therefore will reflect, in part, the ability of CMIA to select investments and to make investment decisions that are suited to achieving the Investment Portfolio's investment objective, as established. Due to its active management, the Portfolio could underperform other portfolios with similar investment objectives and strategies. The Portfolio may fail to achieve its investment objective and you may lose money.

**Asset-Backed Securities Risk.** The value of the Portfolio's asset-backed securities may be affected by, among other things, changes in: interest rates, factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or the originator of the receivables, the creditworthiness of the entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds or other credit enhancements, or the market's assessment of the quality of underlying assets. Asset-backed securities represent interests in, or are backed by, pools of receivables such as credit card, auto, student and equipment loans. They may also be backed, in turn, by securities backed by these types of loans and others, such as mortgage loans.

Asset-backed securities can have a fixed or an adjustable rate. Most asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk, which is the possibility that the underlying debt may be refinanced or prepaid prior to maturity during periods of declining or low interest rates, causing the Investment Portfolio to have to reinvest the money received in securities that have lower yields. In addition, the impact of prepayments on the value of asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. Rising or high interest rates tend to extend the duration of asset-backed securities, making them more volatile and more sensitive to changes in interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** Credit risk is the risk that the issuer of a fixed-income security may or will default or otherwise become unable or unwilling, or is perceived to be unable or unwilling, to honor a financial obligation, such as making payments to the Investment Portfolio when

due. Various factors could affect the issuer's actual or perceived willingness or ability to make timely interest or principal payments, including changes in the issuer's financial condition or in general economic conditions. Debt securities backed by an issuer's taxing authority may be subject to legal limits on the issuer's power to increase taxes or otherwise to raise revenue, or may be dependent on legislative appropriation or government aid.

Certain debt securities are backed only by revenues derived from a particular project or source, rather than by an issuer's taxing authority, and thus may have a greater risk of default. If the Portfolio purchases unrated securities, or if the rating of a security is lowered after purchase, the Portfolio will depend on analysis of credit risk more heavily than usual. Unrated securities held by the Portfolio may present increased credit risk as compared to higher-rated securities. Certain forward-settling agency mortgage-backed securities may reduce credit risk by collateralizing the daily net liability attributable to such securities.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Interest rate risk is the risk of losses attributable to changes in interest rates. In general, if prevailing interest rates rise, the values of debt securities will tend to fall, and if interest rates fall, the values of debt securities will tend to rise. Changes in the value of a debt security usually will not affect the amount of income the Portfolio receives from it but may affect the value of the Investment Portfolio's units. In general, the longer the maturity or duration of a debt security, the greater its sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Interest rate changes also may increase prepayments of debt obligations, which, in turn, would increase prepayment risk.

Where the assets backing an Investment Contract may be managed pursuant to a declining duration or fixed maturity strategy, CMIA manages interest rate risk primarily by selecting a portfolio which provides consistent cash flow. However, the Portfolio may encounter interest rate risk through the reinvestment of cash flows, as prevailing interest rates at the time of reinvestment may be higher or lower than the Portfolio's then-current yield. CMIA also manages interest rate risk by purchasing Investment Contracts to help mitigate the impact of daily market value changes on the fixed-income investments due to market interest rate changes.

**Market Risk.** Market risk refers to the possibility that the market values of securities or other investments that the Portfolio holds will fall, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, or fail to rise. Security values may fall or fail to rise because of a variety of factors affecting (or the market's perception of) individual companies (e.g., an unfavorable earnings report), industries or sectors, or the market as a whole, reducing the value of an investment in the Portfolio. Accordingly, an investment in the Portfolio could lose money over short or even long periods. The market values of the securities the Portfolio holds also can be affected by changes or perceived changes in U.S. or foreign economies and financial markets, and the liquidity of these securities, among other factors.

**Mortgage- and Other Asset-Backed Securities Risk.** The value of any mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities held by the Portfolio may be affected by, among other things, changes or perceived changes in: interest rates, factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or the originator of the mortgages or other assets, the creditworthiness of the entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds or other credit enhancements, or the market's assessment of the quality of underlying assets. Mortgage-backed securities represent interests in, or are backed by, pools of mortgages from which payments of interest and principal (net of fees paid to the issuer or guarantor of the securities) are distributed to the holders of the mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage-backed securities can have a fixed or an adjustable rate.

Payment of principal and interest on some mortgage-backed securities (but not the market value of the securities themselves) may be guaranteed (i) by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government (in the case of securities guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association) or (ii) by its agencies, authorities, enterprises or instrumentalities (in the case of securities guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") or the Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC")), which are not insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government (although FNMA and FHLMC may be able to access capital from the U.S. Treasury to meet their obligations under such securities). Counterparty risk associated with certain forward-settling agency mortgage-backed securities may be mitigated by the collateralization of such securities. Mortgage-backed securities issued by non-governmental issuers (such as commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, private mortgage insurance companies, mortgage bankers and other secondary market issuers) may be supported by various credit enhancements, such as pool insurance, guarantees issued by governmental entities, letters of credit from a bank or senior/subordinated structures, and may entail greater risk than obligations guaranteed by the U.S. Government, whether or not such obligations are guaranteed by the private issuer. Mortgage-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk, which is the possibility that the underlying mortgage may be refinanced or prepaid prior to maturity during periods of declining or low interest rates, causing the Portfolio to have to reinvest the money received in securities that have lower yields. In addition, the impact of prepayments on the value of mortgage-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. Rising or high interest rates tend to extend the duration of mortgage-backed securities, making them more volatile and more sensitive to changes in interest rates.

**Reinvestment Risk.** Reinvestment risk is the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to reinvest income or principal at the same return it is currently earning.

## Risks Applicable to the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio

*Investment Risks* - In the event that investments in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio exceed the maximum amount covered by FDIC insurance (currently \$250,000, which includes the total of all deposit balances held by the Account Owner at TRUIST), there is the risk of loss of the amount over that limit in the event of a bank failure. To the extent that FDIC insurance applies (i.e., up to the first \$250,000 of total balances held by the Account Owner at TRUIST), the Portfolio is primarily subject to Income Risk and Interest Rate Risk.

**Income Risk.** This is the risk that the return of the underlying Bank Deposit Account will vary from week to week because of changing interest rates.

**Interest Rate Risk.** This is the risk that the return of the underlying Bank Deposit Account will decline because of falling interest rates.

## THE PROGRAM AND THE TRUST FUND

### The Program

The Program has been established under Chapter 2 of Title 59 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended (the “Act”), in order to encourage the investment of funds to be used for Qualified Higher Education Expenses at Eligible Educational Institutions. The Act created the Trust Fund as a special fund to hold all of the assets of the Program and authorizes the Treasurer to administer the Program. Pursuant to the Act, the Treasurer has established rules for the implementation of the Program (the “Program Rules”), which may be amended from time to time by the Treasurer without notice, and has also promulgated a Comprehensive Investment Plan (the “Investment Plan”), pursuant to which all assets in the Trust Fund must be invested. The Investment Plan may also be amended from time to time by the Treasurer without notice. Pursuant to the Act, the Program Rules and the Investment Plan, the investment choices available under the Program and among which an Account Owner’s assets shall be allocated are designed to provide Account Owners with an investment program flexible enough to meet their varying needs and a means of investing Contributions to meet long-term investment goals. The holdings of the Portfolios that comprise the investment choices are limited to mutual funds that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), exchange traded funds that are registered under the 1940 Act, funds of guaranteed investment contracts, stable value funds, bank certificates of deposit or FDIC-insured bank products, and which generally invest in the following broad asset classes:

- Short-term marketable debt securities
- U.S. fixed income securities
- Non-U.S. fixed income securities
- U.S. equity securities
- International (Non-U.S.) equity securities
- Bank certificates of deposit
- Stable value investments

Account Owners bear the risk of the investment results of the investment choices they make. Account Owners should consider which investment option—a single Target Allocation Portfolio or Single Fund Portfolio, a combination of them, or an Age-Based Portfolio—is most appropriate given the other resources expected to be available to fund the Designated Beneficiary’s Qualified Higher Education Expenses, the age of the Designated Beneficiary, the anticipated date of first use of funds in the Account by the Designated Beneficiary, the risks associated with each investment option, the lack of investment control and the ability of the Account Owner and Designated Beneficiary to assume the particular investment risks associated with a particular Portfolio. As required by the Act and federal tax law, neither Account Owners nor Designated Beneficiaries are permitted to direct the selection of investments for the Portfolios.

### The Trust Fund

The Act established the Trust Fund as a means of assisting qualified students and their families in financing costs of attending Eligible Educational Institutions. The Trust Fund is a special fund separate and distinct from the State of South Carolina’s General Fund, and is administered by the Treasurer. The Act provides that the Treasurer shall invest and reinvest the assets in the Trust Fund for the benefit of the Program on behalf of Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries. The assets of the Trust Fund consist of Contributions made by Account Owners or others to Accounts and any earnings allocated to the Accounts. All assets in the Trust Fund are required to be continuously applied by the Treasurer to carry out the purposes of the Act. The assets in the Trust Fund are not property of the State. See “PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS—Status of Federal and State Law and Regulations Governing the Program.” The assets in the Trust Fund are invested in Underlying Funds. Accounts are established

by Account Owners by completing an Account Application and consenting and agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Participation Agreement, subject to acceptance of the Accounts by the Program Manager.

## **Special Benefits Available to South Carolina Residents**

The Treasurer may at any time modify, add or terminate any program that provides a benefit to South Carolina residents.

*State Tax Deduction* – Contributions up to the maximum Account Contribution limit of \$540,000 (or any lower limit under applicable law) are deductible in computing an Account Owner's South Carolina taxable income for South Carolina personal income tax purposes.

## **PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

Pursuant to the Act, the Treasurer administers the Program and acts as administrator of the Trust Fund. The Act requires that amounts held for the benefit of Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries be invested in a manner reasonable and appropriate to achieve the objectives of the Program, exercising the discretion and care of a prudent person in similar circumstances with similar objectives. The Act requires that due consideration be given to the risk, expected rate of return, term or maturity, diversification of total investments, liquidity and anticipated investments in and withdrawals from the Trust Fund. The Treasurer is authorized under the Act to enter into contracts for any services it determines necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the Program, which may include investment advisory and managerial services. The Treasurer has selected CMIA to act as Program Manager of the Program pursuant to a Contract for Program Management Services (the "Management Agreement"), effective October 1, 2019, as may be amended from time to time. The Management Agreement provides that the Program Manager and certain of its affiliates are responsible for providing certain administrative, recordkeeping and investment services and for the marketing of the Program. See "THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT." Pursuant to the Management Agreement, SS&C GIDS, Inc. has been engaged to serve as the transfer and servicing agent for the Program, and JP Morgan Chase Bank has been engaged to serve as the custodian for Program assets.

## **Office of State Treasurer**

The Office of State Treasurer of South Carolina was established to serve the citizens of South Carolina by providing banking, investment and financial management services to the government of the State. By statute, the Treasurer is responsible for the investment, cash management, and safekeeping of the State's general and restricted funds. It also provides fiscal management services, including receipt and disbursement of funds, coordination of banking services, issuance and maintenance of State debt, and trusteeship of unclaimed property. The Office of State Treasurer is located in Columbia, South Carolina. As provided in the South Carolina Constitution, the individual who holds the title of Treasurer is elected to a four-year term coterminous with the term of the State's Governor.

## **Program Manager and Affiliates**

CMIA serves as Program Manager. CMIA acts as investment manager for individuals, corporations, private investment companies and financial institutions, and approximately 200 mutual funds in the Columbia Funds Family of Funds, including certain mutual funds described in this Program Description. CMIA provides investment services to the Program, including determining the allocation percentages of the Underlying Funds in the Allocation Portfolios. CMIA is an SEC-registered investment adviser. CMID is the distributor for the mutual funds in the Columbia Funds Family of Funds. CMID is an SEC-registered broker-dealer. CMID is a member of industry self-regulatory organizations, including the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), and is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. CMID is also regulated by the SEC, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and certain state securities regulators. CMID serves as the distributor of the Financial Advisor Program. CMIA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and CMID is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of CMIA.

Ameriprise Financial, Inc. is a financial planning and financial services company that has been offering solutions for clients' asset accumulation, income management and protection needs for more than 125 years. Its management experience covers all major asset classes, including equity securities, fixed income securities and money market instruments.

Columbia Management Investment Services Corporation, an affiliate of the Program Manager and an SEC-registered transfer agent, provides certain services to the Program, including answering and responding to telephone inquiries from existing Account Owners, prospective Account Owners of the Program and broker-dealers on behalf of such Account Owners.

## **SS&C GIDS**

SS&C GIDS, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located in Quincy, Massachusetts. SS&C GIDS, Inc. is a transfer agent registered with the SEC and performs transfer agent and shareholder servicing functions for mutual funds and Section 529 plans. As contemplated in the Management Agreement, the Program Manager has engaged SS&C GIDS, Inc. to serve as the transfer and servicing agent for the Program. Its responsibilities for the Program will include processing purchases, withdrawals and exchanges, calculating and paying distributions, keeping records for Account Owners, preparing account statements and providing customer service.

Neither CMIA nor SS&C GIDS, Inc. is a bank, and, except for the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio, the securities offered under the Program are not backed or guaranteed by any bank, nor are they insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the State of South Carolina or any other state or federal government agency.

## **JP Morgan Chase Bank**

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., is a major provider of financial services, and provides custody services to financial institutions. As contemplated in the Management Agreement, the Program Manager has engaged JP Morgan Chase Bank to serve as the custodian for the Program.

## **THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, CMIA will serve as the Program Manager through June 30, 2025, subject to the rights of the parties to terminate the Management Agreement described below. Under the Management Agreement, as currently in effect, CMIA, CMID and its affiliates agree to perform certain administrative, record keeping, investment and marketing services for the Program (collectively, the “Services”), and are permitted to delegate certain of these responsibilities with the prior consent of the Treasurer. With the Treasurer’s consent, SS&C GIDS, Inc. has been engaged to serve as transfer and servicing agent and JP Morgan Chase Bank has been engaged to serve as custodian. No delegation or assignment by the Program Manager shall relieve them of any of their responsibilities under the Management Agreement.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, CMIA may periodically propose for approval by the Treasurer that the Program be amended to include one or more additional Portfolios, to change the percentage allocations of an Allocation Portfolio, and to change the Underlying Funds for a Portfolio.

## **Standard of Care**

The Program Manager is responsible for the performance of the Services under the Management Agreement in accordance with specified legal requirements and performance standards. Under the Management Agreement, the Program Manager is obligated to act as a fiduciary at all times with respect to their management of the investments of the Trust Fund, and to perform their duties under the Management Agreement in a manner reasonable and appropriate to achieve the objectives of the Act with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances of a prudent person acting in similar circumstances with similar objectives, as determined from the Act and the Investment Plan.

## **Payments from Underlying Columbia Funds**

CMIA, and its affiliates provide services to all of the Columbia Funds which serve as Underlying Funds, including investment advisory and sub-advisory, administration, sub-transfer agency and brokerage services, and are authorized to receive payments from the Columbia Underlying Funds for those services. These entities also may provide other services and be compensated for them, including transfer agency, interfund lending and securities lending services. In addition, these entities may serve as counterparties in transactions with the Columbia Underlying Funds where permitted by applicable law, and may receive compensation in that capacity.

## **Termination of Agreement**

The Management Agreement provides that the Treasurer may terminate the Management Agreement at any time in response to a material breach after providing notice and an opportunity to cure. The Treasurer may also terminate in the event subsequent federal legislation makes it unreasonable for the Treasurer to continue the Program, and for other reasons. The Program Manager may terminate if federal or state legislation is adopted which makes it unreasonable for them to provide the Services or if the Program no longer qualifies as a Qualified Tuition Program under the Code. See “PROGRAM AND PORTFOLIO RISKS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS—Certain Considerations in Connection with the Termination of the Management Agreement and Successor Program Managers.”



## **Audits**

Under the Management Agreement and the Act, the Program Manager and the Treasurer have agreed to cooperate to generate annual audited financial statements of the Program to be provided by PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP, the most recent copy of which can be obtained from the Program Manager by calling 1-888-244-5674. In addition, the Treasurer at its option may obtain an annual compliance audit, which may include the Services, to be performed by an entity chosen by the Treasurer.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Regulatory Matters**

Ameriprise Financial and certain of its affiliates have historically been involved in a number of legal, arbitration and regulatory proceedings, including routine litigation, class actions, and governmental actions, concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of their business activities. Ameriprise Financial believes that neither Ameriprise Financial nor any of its affiliates are the subject of, any pending legal, arbitration or regulatory proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Program or any of the Underlying Funds or the ability of its affiliates to perform under their contracts with respect to the Program or certain of the Underlying Funds. Information regarding certain pending and settled legal proceedings may be found in the respective shareholder reports and SAIs of the Underlying Funds that are advised by Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates. Additionally, Ameriprise Financial is required to make 10-Q, 10-K and, as necessary, 8-K filings with the SEC on legal and regulatory matters that relate to Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates. Copies of these filings may be obtained by accessing the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **Securities Laws**

The Treasurer has obtained an opinion of counsel to the effect that the interests in the Program represented by Accounts are distributed in reliance upon the exemption from registration provided in Section 3(a) (2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

### **Continuing Disclosure**

To comply with Rule 15c2-12(b) (5) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Treasurer has executed a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the “Continuing Disclosure Agreement”) for the benefit of Account Owners. Under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Treasurer agrees to provide certain financial information and operating data (the “Annual Information”) relating to the Program, and notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events as set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, if material. The Annual Information will be filed on behalf of the Program with the Electronic Municipal Market Access System of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and with any South Carolina information depository. Notices of certain events will be filed on behalf of the Program with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and with any South Carolina information depository.

The Treasurer reserves the right to modify its provisions for release of information pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement to the extent not inconsistent with the valid and effective provisions of Rule 15c2-12.

### **Obtaining Additional Information About the Program**

References made in this Program Description to certain documents and reports are summaries that are not complete or definitive. Reference should be made to those documents and reports for full and complete information as to their contents. Copies of the Program materials including the Direct Plan Portfolio Construction, Account Applications and Forms may be requested by calling the telephone number indicated below.

Persons having questions concerning the Program, including procedures for opening an Account, should call the Program Manager toll free at 1-888-244-5674, or visit the Program’s website at [www.futurescholar.com](http://www.futurescholar.com). Questions or requests for information also may be addressed in writing to: Future Scholar College Savings Plan, P.O. Box 219812, Kansas City, MO 64121-9812.

## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Participation Agreement have the meanings set forth in the Program Description. I, the Account Owner, certify that I have read and understand the following:

**A. Agreements, Representations and Warranties of the Account Owner:**

I have received, read carefully, and understand the Program Description as currently in effect and agree that its terms are incorporated into this Participation Agreement as if they were set forth herein. In making a decision to open an Account and enter into this Participation Agreement, I have not relied upon any representations or other information, written or oral, other than as set forth in the Program Description, Account Application and this Participation Agreement.

I certify that I intend that Contributions to this Account will fund Qualified Higher Education Expenses of the Designated Beneficiary of the Account, that each Contribution to the Account will be for that purpose, and that Contributions to the Account and all other accounts of which I am aware to have been established for the Designated Beneficiary under the Program or any other such plan sponsored by the State of South Carolina will not be made in excess of limitations established by the Office of State Treasurer of South Carolina ("Treasurer") from time to time.

I recognize that my Account involves certain investment or other risks, including the possible loss of principal, and that I have taken into consideration and understand the risk factors relating to such investments, including, but not limited to, those set forth in the Program Description. I understand that none of the United States, the State of South Carolina, the Treasurer, any agent or instrumentality of the federal government or the State of South Carolina, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. or any of its affiliates, any successor Program Manager or any agent or representative retained in connection with the Program or any other person, is an insurer, or makes any guarantee of, or has any legal or moral obligation to insure, the ultimate pay out of all or any portion of any amount contributed to my Account or that there will be any investment return, or an investment return at any particular level, on my Account. Further, past investment results of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. or any of its affiliates and the mutual funds or other investments of the Portfolios offer no assurance of future returns.

(a) (i) I recognize that I have a limited ability to, directly or indirectly, direct the investment of any contributions to the Program (or any earnings thereon) no more than two times in any calendar year, as permitted by Section 529 of the Code and regulations or guidance issued thereunder; and (ii) I understand that although I own interests in a Portfolio, I do not have a direct beneficial interest in the mutual funds or other instruments held by that Portfolio, and therefore I do not have the rights of a shareholder or owner of such investments.

(b) I hereby appoint the Program and the Program Manager as my agents for purposes of transferring the funds in my Account to or from the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio which I understand invests in one or more omnibus deposit accounts established at a depository institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). I understand that contributions to and earnings on the investments in the Bank Deposit Portfolio are insured by the FDIC on a pass-through basis to each Account Owner and that I have a beneficial interest in any such deposit account held in the Bank Deposit Portfolio in which my Account is invested.

I acknowledge that the Program does not involve any guarantee or commitment whatsoever of or from the United States, the State of South Carolina, the Treasurer, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. or any of its affiliates, my broker-dealer, or any other person that: (a) my Designated Beneficiary will be admitted to any Eligible Education Institution; (b) upon admission to an Eligible Education Institution, my Designated Beneficiary will be permitted to continue to attend; (c) my Designated Beneficiary will receive a degree from any Eligible Education Institution; (d) State of South Carolina residency will be created for tax, financial aid eligibility or any other purpose for the Designated Beneficiary's designation in that capacity; or (e) Contributions to my Account plus the earnings thereon will be sufficient to cover any particular Qualified Higher Education Expenses of my Designated Beneficiary.

I have full power and authority to enter into and perform the Account Application and this Participation Agreement or, if the Account Owner is a minor and I have executed the Account Application in a representative or fiduciary capacity on the minor's behalf, I have full power and authority to do so. I believe that the allocation of my Contribution to the Portfolios as stated in my Account Application is suitable for me or, if relevant, the minor involved.

I authorize the Program Manager on behalf of its agents to initiate debit entries if I have elected to participate in the Automatic Contribution Plan. This authorization will remain effective until I notify the Program Manager on behalf of its agents in writing of its termination and until the Program Manager on behalf of its agents has reasonable time to act on that termination.

If the person establishing the Account is a legal entity, in addition to the items set forth herein, the individual signing the Account Application for the entity represents and warrants that (a) the entity may legally become, and thereafter be, the Account Owner, (b) he or she is duly authorized to so act for the entity, (c) the Program Description may not discuss tax consequences and other aspects of the Program of particular relevance to the entity and persons having an interest therein, and (d) the entity has consulted with and relied on a professional advisor, as deemed appropriate by the entity, before becoming an Account Owner.

I understand that (i) the state(s) in which I reside or pay taxes may sponsor a plan established under Section 529 of the Code, (ii) that such other plan may offer me state income tax or other benefits that are not available through the Program, (iii) that withdrawals from my Account may be subject to state and federal tax liability that I or the Beneficiary may be liable for ascertaining and paying, (iv) that no portion of this Participation Agreement, the Program Description, or any other materials published by CMIA is intended or may be relied upon as tax advice, (v) that any statements concerning U.S. federal and state tax issues in this Participation Agreement or the Program Description are provided as general information in connection with the promotion or marketing of the Program and are not provided or intended to be used, and cannot be used by any taxpayer, for the purpose of avoiding U.S. tax penalties, and (vi) that I should consult with my tax advisor regarding the federal and state tax consequences of investing in the Program. Further, I understand that I should retain adequate records relating to withdrawals from my Account for my tax reporting purposes. I certify that I have read and understand the discussion in the Program Description regarding the tax treatment of investments in and withdrawals from the Program. I understand that changes in or interpretation of the law governing any of the federal, state and local tax consequences relating to investments in the Program may result in adverse tax consequences.

- B. Conflicts of Interest; Value of Investments:** I understand and agree to the following: (a) that the value of my Account will increase or decrease based on the performance of the underlying investments of the Portfolio(s) I have chosen; (b) that (except for the Bank Deposit Portfolio and the Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio) the Portfolio(s) will invest in mutual funds and exchange traded funds (collectively, “funds”) selected by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC. and the Treasurer; (c) that some or all of these funds may be managed by or receive services from Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC or its affiliates and that they are paid for such services; (d) that depending on the Portfolio, the funds held in the Portfolio, and changes in the Portfolios or the Underlying Funds initiated by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC may cause the amount of the fees received by Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. to increase or decrease.
- C. Allocations; Separate Accounts; Ownership:** I understand and agree that my Account will be invested automatically in the Portfolios in the proportions selected by me in my Account Application or any subsequent instruction given by me and accepted by the Treasurer or its delegate and that the Program Manager will maintain my Account separately but will commingle the Contributions to my Account with amounts credited to other Accounts for purposes of investment.
- D. Finality of Decisions:** All decisions and interpretations by the Treasurer and the Program Manager in connection with the operation of the Program shall be final and binding on each Account Owner, Designated Beneficiary, and other person affected thereby.
- E. Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue:** The Program and my Account and this Participation Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina and applicable federal law, including 26 U.S.C. Section 529, as amended, without regard to the community property laws or choice of law rules of any state. All disputes arising under the Program, my Account and this Participation Agreement are subject to the Arbitration provisions set forth below.
- F. Extraordinary Events:** The Program Manager shall not be liable for loss caused directly or indirectly by government restrictions, exchange or market rulings, suspension of trading, war, acts of terrorism, strikes or other conditions beyond their control.
- G. Severability:** In the event any clause or provision of this Participation Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal, void, or unenforceable by any law, rule, administrative order, or judicial decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, that clause or provision shall be severed from the Participation Agreement, and the remainder of the Participation Agreement shall continue in full force and effect as if such clause or provision had never been included.
- H. Integration:** This Participation Agreement, my completed and signed Account Application and the Program Description together are the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties hereto related to the subject matter hereof, which supersedes any prior agreement, oral or written, and any other communications between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter of such documents.
- I. Transferability:** The Account Owner may, upon approval of the Treasurer and the Program Manager, and in compliance with the procedures in the Program Description, transfer ownership of an Account to another individual or entity provided that no

consideration is given for the transfer. Neither an Account nor any interest, rights, or benefits in it may be sold, nor may any interest in an Account be used as security for any loan.

- J. Verification:** The Treasurer or the Program Manager may require any written documentation or other actions taken in respect to an Account be verified as made or taken under oath, as appropriate.
- K. No Third Party Beneficiary; Binding Nature:** This Participation Agreement is not intended to, nor does it, confer any benefit or legal rights upon any third-party beneficiary except that Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and its affiliates and agents are third-party beneficiaries of the representations, warranties and covenants made by me in the Account Application and this Participation Agreement. The individual designated as the Designated Beneficiary of an Account has no independent claim, right, or access to any funds in an Account solely related to such designation. Payments directly to a Designated Beneficiary will only be made with the Account Owner's specific written authorization for such payments. This Participation Agreement will survive my death and will be binding on my personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.
- L. Cancellation for Material Misrepresentation:** If the Treasurer or the Program Manager determines that there has been any material misrepresentation related to the Participation Agreement or the Account, the Account may be cancelled by the Treasurer. The Account Owner will receive a refund of the current Account balance minus any applicable penalty and fees.
- M. Fees:** I acknowledge and agree that my Account and the assets of the Portfolios will be charged for the costs of administration of the Program and the Accounts. These fees include the Program Manager's fees and any Treasurer's fees as described in the Program Description, as amended from time to time. Accounts will indirectly bear expenses of the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolios invest. My Account may be subject to other fees, charges or penalties in the future, as referred to in the applicable Program Description. Whole or fractional shares of my Account may be liquidated to pay fees, expenses, or liabilities owed to the Program Manager or the State of South Carolina or the Treasurer under this Participation Agreement or the Management Agreement.
- N. Statements and Reports:** I understand that the Program Manager will keep accurate and detailed records of all transactions concerning my Account and will provide period statements of my Account to me. If I do not write to the Program to object to a statement or report within 60 days after it has been sent to me, I will be considered to have approved it and to have released the Program Manager from all responsibility for matters covered by the statement or report.
- O. Indemnity; Extraordinary Events; Survival of Agreements, Representations, and Warranties:** I understand that the establishment of my Account is based upon my agreements, representations, and warranties set forth in this Participation Agreement. I will indemnify and hold harmless the Program, the Treasurer, the State of South Carolina, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and their affiliates, any successor Program Manager, and any agents or representatives of any of the foregoing, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, that any of them may incur by reason of, or in connection with, any omission, misstatement, or misrepresentation made by me herein or otherwise with respect to this Account, and any breach by me of any of the agreements, representations, or warranties contained in this Participation Agreement. Neither the Treasurer, the State of South Carolina, the Program Manager nor its affiliates shall be liable for any loss caused directly or indirectly by government restrictions, exchange or market rulings, suspensions of trading, war, acts of terrorism, strikes or other conditions beyond their control. All of my agreements, representations, and warranties will survive the termination of this Participation Agreement.
- P. No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity:** I assume all liability for any financial losses related to this Account. I understand and acknowledge that there is no recourse against the Treasurer or its employees or the Program or against the State of South Carolina in connection with an Account. Nothing in this Participation Agreement shall be deemed or construed as an express or implied waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State of South Carolina or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State of South Carolina.
- Q. Adoption of Rules and Regulations:** I understand and agree that this Participation Agreement and Account are subject to (a) Rules and Regulations adopted as part of the Program by the Treasurer, including rules or regulations to prevent Contributions on behalf of a Designated Beneficiary in excess of those permitted under Section 529, (b) the Act, and (c) the Program Description.
- R. Changes in Law:** I understand that the Program is intended to be a "Qualified Tuition Program" under Section 529 and to achieve favorable South Carolina tax treatment under South Carolina law. I agree that the Treasurer and/or Program Manager may make changes to the Program, this Participation Agreement, and the Program Description at any time if it determines that such changes are necessary for the continuation of the federal income tax treatment provided by Section 529 or the favorable South Carolina income tax treatment provided by South Carolina state law, or any similar successor legislation, or for other reasons.
- S. Amendment and Termination:** At any time, the Office of State Treasurer or its delegate may amend or terminate this Participation Agreement, or the Program may be amended, suspended or terminated, but except as permissible under applicable

law, my Account may not thereby be diverted from my exclusive benefit. A termination of the Program by the Treasurer may result in a distribution for which tax and penalties may be assessed by giving written notice to me.

**T. Effective Date:** This Participation Agreement shall become effective upon the opening of an Account by the Program Manager.

**U. Arbitration:** I agree that all controversies that may arise between me and the State of South Carolina and Program Manager and each of their principals, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents, concerning any order or transaction, or the continuation, performance or breach of this or any other agreement between the parties to this Participation Agreement, whether entered into before, on or after the date this Account is opened, shall be determined by arbitration before a panel of independent arbitrators set up by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (except as otherwise provided by applicable rules and/or regulations). If I do not notify the State of South Carolina or Program Manager and/or its subsidiaries in writing within five (5) days after I receive from the State of South Carolina or Program Manager and/or its subsidiaries a written demand for arbitration, then I authorize the State of South Carolina or Program Manager and/or its subsidiaries to make such a designation on my behalf. I understand that judgment upon any arbitration award may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

I further agree and understand that: (a) arbitration is final and binding on the parties; (b) the parties are waiving their right to seek remedies in court, including the right to a jury trial; (c) pre-arbitration discovery is generally more limited than and different from court proceedings; (d) the arbitrators' award is not required to include factual findings or legal reasoning and any party's right to appeal or to seek modification of rulings by the arbitrators is strictly limited; and (e) the panel of arbitrators will typically include a minority of arbitrators who were or are affiliated with the securities industry.

The law of the state of South Carolina will apply in all respects, including but not limited to determination of applicable statutes of limitation and available remedies, except insofar as South Carolina law is inconsistent with the arbitration code of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, in which case the arbitration code of the forum in which the arbitration is being conducted will apply. Any award entered in any such arbitration may be enforced and rendered to final judgment by any court having jurisdiction over the parties.

No person shall bring a putative or certified class action to arbitration, nor seek to enforce any pre-dispute arbitration agreement against any person who has initiated in court a putative class action; or who is a member of a putative class who has not opted out of the class with respect to any claims encompassed by the putative action until: (i) the class certification is denied; (ii) the class is decertified; or (iii) I am excluded from the class by the court. Such forbearance to enforce an agreement to arbitrate shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this Participation Agreement except to the extent stated herein.

## PRIVACY POLICY NOTICE

FACTS	WHAT DOES FUTURE SCHOLAR 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN 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?	<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"> <li>▪ Social Security number and income</li> <li>▪ Assets and transaction history</li> <li>▪ Checking account information and wire transfer instructions</li> </ul> <p>When you are <i>no longer</i> our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.</p>
How?	All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reason financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan share?	Can you limit this sharing?
<b>For everyday business purposes</b> – such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
<b>For our marketing purposes</b> – to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b>	No	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> – information about your transactions and experiences	No	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> – information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
<b>For affiliates to market to you</b>	No	We don't share
<b>For nonaffiliates to market to you</b>	No	We don't share

Questions?	Call toll-free 1.888.244.5674 or go to <a href="http://futurescholar.com/Legal/PrivacyandSecurity/">http://futurescholar.com/Legal/PrivacyandSecurity/</a>
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Who we are	
Who is providing this notice?	The Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan

What we do	
How does Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan protect my personal information?	<p>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.</p> <p>For more information on how we protect your personal information visit <a href="http://columbiamanagement.com/privacy-security">columbiamanagement.com/privacy-security</a>.</p>
How does Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan collect my personal information?	<p>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open an account or give us your contact information</li> <li>▪ Provide account information or make wire transfer</li> <li>▪ Make investments or withdrawals from your account</li> </ul>
Why can't I limit all sharing?	<p>Federal law gives you the right to limit only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>▪ Affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>▪ Sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you</li> </ul> <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>

Definitions	
Affiliates	<p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan does not share personal information with affiliates.</i></li> </ul>
Nonaffiliates	<p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.</i></li> </ul>
Joint marketing	<p>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan doesn't jointly market.</i></li> </ul>



**The Direct Plan is sold directly by the program and is limited to a specific group of investors, as described in the program description. You may also participate in the Advisor Plan, which is sold exclusively through financial advisors. The Advisor Plan offers additional investment choices, but the fees and expenses are higher. Please contact your financial advisor for additional information on the Advisor Plan.** The Office of State Treasurer of South Carolina (the State Treasurer) administers the Program and has selected Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (CMIA) as Program Manager. CMIA and its affiliates are responsible for providing certain administrative, recordkeeping and investment services, and for the marketing of the Program. Future Scholar is self-supported and does not receive taxpayer funding. CMIA is not affiliated with the State Treasurer.

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## **Future Scholar 529 Plan Direct Program March 2025**

This Supplemental Booklet contains information about program expenses, underlying fund expenses and performance for the Future Scholar Portfolios. The Supplemental Booklet is incorporated by reference into and should be read in conjunction with the Program Description. The information contained herein is current as of December 31, 2024.

# **Performance, Fee and Expense Information**

## Supplemental Booklet to the Program Description

### **The State of South Carolina's College Investing Program**

Persons having questions concerning the Future Scholar 529 Plan (the Program), including procedures for opening an account or wishing to request an account application or other account forms, should call the Program Manager at 888.244.5674 or visit the Program's website at [futurescholar.com](http://futurescholar.com). Questions or requests for information also may be addressed in writing to:

**Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan**  
P.O. Box 219812  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9812



**Curtis Loftis**  
State Treasurer  
State of South Carolina

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## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE, FEES AND EXPENSES

The tables below show the average annual total returns after deducting ongoing Portfolio fees for each Portfolio as of December 31, 2023. The performance data in these tables is net of expenses. The tables also show the returns for one or more benchmark indices that, as of the date of this Program Description, apply to each Portfolio. The indices are not available for investment, and the returns for the indices do not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. For a description of each index please see the Description of Benchmark Indices at the end of this Supplemental Booklet. To obtain up-to-date performance information for any Portfolio, please call the Program Manager toll free at 1-888-244-5674 or visit the Program's website at [www.futurescholar.com](http://www.futurescholar.com). **Past performance is not predictive of future results.**

		Average Annualized Return as of 12/31/23				
Portfolio Name	Inception Date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	ITD*
Aggressive Risk Track Portfolios						
Ages 0 - 3	3/14/2002	20.07	7.06	12.01	8.88	N/A
Aggressive Growth Strategic Benchmark		20.45	7.09	12.21	9.07	N/A
Ages 4 - 5	3/11/2002	18.69	6.09	11.07	8.32	N/A
Growth Strategic Benchmark		19.00	6.09	11.22	8.49	N/A
Ages 6 - 7 (70% Equity)	11/16/2018	16.95	4.91	9.88	N/A	8.41
70% Equity Strategic Benchmark		17.18	4.91	9.99	N/A	8.61
Ages 8 - 9	3/14/2002	15.24	3.77	8.66	6.77	N/A
Moderate Growth Strategic Benchmark		15.37	3.73	8.73	6.86	N/A
Ages 10 - 11	3/11/2002	13.52	2.80	7.43	5.97	N/A
Moderate Strategic Benchmark		13.79	2.93	7.63	6.11	N/A
Ages 12 - 13 (40% Equity)	11/16/2018	11.89	2.04	6.24	N/A	5.53
40% Equity Strategic Benchmark		12.11	2.19	6.45	N/A	5.80
Ages 14 - 15	3/13/2002	10.36	1.30	5.07	4.18	N/A
Moderately Conservative Strategic Benchmark		10.42	1.44	5.24	4.36	N/A
Ages 16 - 17 (20% Equity)	11/16/2018	8.82	0.70	3.93	N/A	3.66
20% Equity Strategic Benchmark		8.84	0.85	4.09	N/A	3.88
Ages 18+	3/19/2002	7.35	0.28	2.87	2.68	N/A
Conservative Strategic Benchmark		7.24	0.23	2.92	2.84	N/A
Moderate Risk Track Portfolios						
Ages 0 - 3	3/11/2002	18.69	6.09	11.07	8.32	N/A
Growth Strategic Benchmark		19.00	6.09	11.22	8.49	N/A
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Moderate Strategic Benchmark		13.79	2.93	7.63	6.11	N/A
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40% Equity Strategic Benchmark		12.11	2.19	6.45	N/A	5.80
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Moderately Conservative Strategic Benchmark		10.42	1.44	5.24	4.36	N/A
Ages 14 - 15 (20% Equity)	11/16/2018	8.82	0.70	3.93	N/A	3.66
20% Equity Strategic Benchmark		8.84	0.85	4.09	N/A	3.88
Ages 16 - 17	3/19/2002	7.35	0.28	2.87	2.68	N/A
Conservative Strategic Benchmark		7.24	0.23	2.92	2.84	N/A
Ages 18+	10/1/2012	5.39	(0.52)	1.47	1.36	N/A
College Strategic Benchmark		5.19	(0.62)	1.46	1.49	N/A
Conservative Risk Track Portfolios						
Ages 0 - 3 (70% Equity)	11/16/2018	16.95	4.91	9.88	N/A	8.41
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Conservative Risk Track Portfolios						
Ages 8 - 9 (40% Equity)	11/16/2018	11.89	2.04	6.24	N/A	5.53
40% Equity Strategic Benchmark		12.11	2.19	6.45	N/A	5.80
Ages 10 – 11	3/13/2002	10.36	1.30	5.07	4.18	N/A
Moderately Conservative Strategic Benchmark		10.42	1.44	5.24	4.36	N/A
Ages 12 - 13 (20% Equity)	11/16/2018	8.82	0.70	3.93	N/A	3.66
20% Equity Strategic Benchmark		8.84	0.85	4.09	N/A	3.88
Ages 14 – 15	3/19/2002	7.35	0.28	2.87	2.68	N/A
Conservative Strategic Benchmark		7.24	0.23	2.92	2.84	N/A
Ages 16+	10/1/2012	5.39	(0.52)	1.47	1.36	N/A
College Strategic Benchmark		5.19	(0.62)	1.46	1.49	N/A
Target Allocation Portfolios						
Aggressive Growth	3/14/2002	20.07	7.06	12.01	8.88	N/A
Aggressive Growth Strategic Benchmark		20.45	7.09	12.21	9.07	N/A
Growth	3/11/2002	18.69	6.09	11.07	8.32	N/A
Growth Strategic Benchmark		19.00	6.09	11.22	8.49	N/A
Moderate Growth	3/14/2002	15.24	3.77	8.66	6.77	N/A
Moderate Growth Strategic Benchmark		15.37	3.73	8.73	6.86	N/A
Moderate	3/11/2002	13.52	2.80	7.43	5.97	N/A
Moderate Strategic Benchmark		13.79	2.93	7.63	6.11	N/A
Moderately Conservative	3/13/2002	10.36	1.30	5.07	4.18	N/A
Moderately Conservative Strategic Benchmark		10.42	1.44	5.24	4.36	N/A
Conservative	3/19/2002	7.35	0.28	2.87	2.68	N/A
Conservative Strategic Benchmark		7.24	0.23	2.92	2.84	N/A
College	10/1/2012	5.39	(0.52)	1.47	1.36	N/A
College Strategic Benchmark		5.19	(0.62)	1.46	1.49	N/A
Single Fund Portfolios						
Large Cap Index Portfolio	3/14/2002	26.03	9.81	15.48	11.83	N/A
S&P 500 Index		26.29	10.00	15.69	12.03	N/A
Mid Cap Index Portfolio	3/14/2002	16.31	7.88	12.40	9.04	N/A
S&P MidCap 400 Index		16.44	8.09	12.62	9.27	N/A
Small Cap Index Portfolio	7/5/2005	15.80	6.99	10.80	8.42	N/A
S&P SmallCap 600 Index		16.05	7.28	11.03	8.66	N/A
International Equity Index Portfolio	10/1/2012	17.80	3.60	8.40	4.57	N/A
FTSE Developed All Cap ex U.S. Index		18.33	3.88	8.70	4.83	N/A
Bond Index Portfolio	10/1/2012	5.64	(3.37)	1.05	1.75	N/A
Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index		5.60	(3.33)	1.17	1.83	N/A
Short Term Bond Index Portfolio	10/1/2012	4.92	(0.63)	1.51	1.39	N/A
Spliced Bloomberg U.S. 1-5 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index		4.89	(0.62)	1.54	1.43	N/A
TIPS Bond Portfolio (1)	10/1/2012	3.81	(1.28)	2.87	2.20	N/A
Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Security TIPS Index		3.90	(1.00)	3.15	2.42	N/A
Ultra Short-Term Bond Portfolio	10/1/2012	6.26	2.38	2.38	1.70	N/A
Bloomberg Short Term Government/Corporate Index		5.19	1.97	1.98	1.41	N/A
Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio	3/1/2002	2.93	2.01	2.12	1.54	N/A
FTSE Three-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index		5.26	2.25	1.91	1.26	N/A
Bank Deposit Portfolio	10/1/2012	5.02	2.24	1.85	1.27	N/A

1. Investment returns prior to February 1, 2023, are based on the performance of iShares TIPS Bond ETF, which was the Portfolio's single underlying fund from the inception date to February 1, 2023.

\*Inception to date

## Description of Benchmark Indices

The performance of each Portfolio is measured against an applicable benchmark index. The indices are not available for investment, and the returns of the indices do not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. The applicable benchmarks as of the date of this Program Description are shown above in the Portfolio Performance section of this Supplemental Booklet, next to the historical performance information for each Portfolio.

**Bloomberg Short-term Government/Corporate Index.** This index represents securities that have fallen out of the U.S. Government/Corporate Index because of the standard minimum one year to maturity constraint.

**Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index (Series L).** The index measures the performance of the US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) market.

**Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index.** This index consists of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg Capital U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter.

**Spliced Bloomberg 1-5 Year U.S. Government/Credit Float Adjusted Bond Index.** This index consists of the Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Government/Credit Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index thereafter.

**FTSE 3-Month Treasury Bill Index.** The index measures monthly return equivalents of yield averages that are not marked to market. The Three-Month Treasury Bill Indexes consist of the last three three-month Treasury bill issues.

**FTSE Developed All Cap ex U.S. Index.** The FTSE Developed All Cap ex U.S. index, a market – capitalization-weighted index That is made up of approximately 3,700 common stocks of large, mid and small-cap companies located in Canada and the major markets of Europe and the Pacific region.

**S&P 500 Index.** The Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index tracks the performance of 500 widely held, large-capitalization U.S. stocks.

**S&P MidCap 400 Index.** The Standard & Poor's (S&P) MidCap 400 Index is a market value-weighted index that tracks the performance of 400 mid-cap U.S. companies.

**S&P SmallCap 600 Index.** The Standard & Poor's (S&P) SmallCap 600 Index tracks the performance of 600 domestic companies traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and NASDAQ. The S&P SmallCap 600 is heavily weighted with the stocks of companies with small market capitalizations.

**Aggressive Growth (90% Equity/10% Fixed) Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 48% S&P 500 Index, 14% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 8% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 20% FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, 1% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 9% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index.

**Growth (80% Equity/20% Fixed) Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 46% S&P 500 Index 12% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 6% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 16% FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, 3% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 17% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index.

**70% Equity Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 39.5% S&P 500 Index 11% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 5.5% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 14% FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, 25.5% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, & 4.5% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index.

**Moderate Growth (60% Equity/40% Fixed) Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 33% S&P 500 Index, 10% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 5% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 12% FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, 6% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index and 34% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index.

**Moderate (50% Equity/ 50% Fixed & Cash) Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 29% S&P 500 Index 8% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 4% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 9% FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, 7% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 38% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index and 5% ICE BofA U.S. 3 Month T Bill.

**40% Equity Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 23.5% S&P 500 Index 6% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 3.5% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 7% FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, 7.5% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index and 12.5% ICE BofA U.S. 3 Month T Bill.

**Moderately Conservative (30% Equity/70% Fixed & Cash) Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 18% S&P 500 Index, 4% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 3% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 5% FTSE All Cap ex US Index, 8% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 42% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index and 20% ICE BofA U.S. 3 Month T Bill Index.

**20% Equity Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 14% S&P 500 Index 2% S&P Mid Cap 400 Index, 1.5% S&P Small Cap 600 Index, 2.5% FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index, 9% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 41% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index and 30% ICE BofA U.S. 3 Month T Bill.

**Conservative (10% Equity/ 90% Fixed & Cash) Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 10% S&P 500 Index, 10% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index and 40% ICE BofA U.S. 3 Month T Bill.

**College (100% Fixed & Cash) Strategic Benchmark.** This benchmark is a Strategic index consisting of 13% FTSE USBIG Treasury Index, 37% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index and 50% ICE BofA U.S. 3 Month T Bill.

Indices are not available for investment, are not professionally managed and do not reflect sales charges, fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Securities in the fund may not match those in an index. Effective July 1, 2022 the ICE BofA U.S. 3 Month T Bill Index now includes transaction costs.

## What It Costs to Invest in the Program

The tables below describe the fees and expense that an Account Owner may pay if Shares of the Portfolios are bought and held:

Future Scholar Portfolios	Estimated Underlying Fund Expenses (1)	Program Management Fee	Total Annual Asset-Based Fees (2) (3)	Account Fee
<b>AGGRESSIVE RISK TRACK PORTFOLIOS</b>				
Ages 0 – 3	0.15%	None	0.15%	None
Ages 4 – 5	0.14%	None	0.14%	None
Ages 6 - 7 (70% Equity)	0.12%	None	0.12%	None
Ages 8 – 9	0.11%	None	0.11%	None
Ages 10 – 11	0.10%	None	0.10%	None
Ages 12 - 13 (40% Equity)	0.09%	None	0.09%	None
Ages 14 – 15	0.09%	None	0.09%	None
Ages 16 - 17 (20% Equity)	0.08%	None	0.08%	None
Ages 18+	0.07%	None	0.07%	None
<b>MODERATE RISK TRACK PORTFOLIOS</b>				
Ages 0 – 3	0.14%	None	0.14%	None
Ages 4 - 5 (70% Equity)	0.12%	None	0.12%	None
Ages 6 – 7	0.11%	None	0.11%	None
Ages 8 – 9	0.10%	None	0.10%	None
Ages 10 - 11 (40% Equity)	0.09%	None	0.09%	None
Ages 12 – 13	0.09%	None	0.09%	None
Ages 14 - 15 (20% Equity)	0.08%	None	0.08%	None
Ages 16 – 17	0.07%	None	0.07%	None
Ages 18+	0.07%	None	0.07%	None
<b>CONSERVATIVE RISK TRACK PORTFOLIOS</b>				
Ages 0 - 3 (70% Equity)	0.12%	None	0.12%	None
Ages 4 – 5	0.11%	None	0.11%	None
Ages 6 – 7	0.10%	None	0.10%	None
Ages 8 - 9 (40% Equity)	0.09%	None	0.09%	None
Ages 10 – 11	0.09%	None	0.09%	None
Ages 12 - 13 (20% Equity)	0.08%	None	0.08%	None
Ages 14 – 15	0.07%	None	0.07%	None
Ages 16 +	0.07%	None	0.07%	None
<b>TARGET ALLOCATION PORTFOLIOS</b>				
Aggressive Growth	0.15%	None	0.15%	None
Growth	0.14%	None	0.14%	None
Moderate Growth	0.11%	None	0.11%	None
Moderate	0.10%	None	0.10%	None
Moderately Conservative	0.09%	None	0.09%	None
Conservative	0.07%	None	0.07%	None
College	0.07%	None	0.07%	None
<b>SINGLE FUND PORTFOLIOS</b>				
Large Cap Index Portfolio	0.20%	None	0.20%	None
Mid Cap Index Portfolio	0.20%	None	0.20%	None
Small Cap Index Portfolio	0.20%	None	0.20%	None
International Equity Index Portfolio	0.05%	None	0.05%	None
Bond Index Portfolio	0.02%	None	0.02%	None
Short Term Bond Index Portfolio	0.04%	None	0.04%	None
TIPS Bond ETF Portfolio	0.04%	None	0.04%	None
Ultra Short-Term Bond Portfolio	0.24%	None	0.24%	None
Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio	0.15%	None	0.15%	None
Bank Deposit Portfolio	None	None	None	None

1. For Target Allocation Portfolios, the figures listed in the above tables are based on a weighted average of each Underlying Fund's total net operating expense ratio as reported for the most prospectus or recent shareholder report, in accordance with the Portfolio's asset allocation among the Underlying Funds as of December 31, 2023.
2. This total is assessed against assets over the course of the year. **Please refer to the table below under "Expense Examples" for the approximate cost of investing in the Portfolio over 1-, 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods.**
3. Note that, because the asset allocations among the Target Allocation Portfolios under the Age-Based Portfolio Options will change over time, the annual asset-based fees under each risk track of the Age-Based Portfolio Options will also change to reflect the current Portfolio allocation.

## Expense Examples

The following table compares the approximate cost of investing over different periods of time in each Portfolio. Actual costs may be higher or lower. The table is based on the following assumptions:

- A \$10,000 investment invested for the time periods shown.
- A 5% annually compounded rate of return on the net amount invested throughout each period shown.
- Total annual asset-based fees remain the same as those shown in the fee table above.
- No transaction fees are incurred.

Future Scholar Portfolios	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>TARGET ALLOCATION &amp; AGE-BASED PORTFOLIOS</b>				
Aggressive Growth Portfolio Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 0-3	\$15	\$48	\$85	\$192
Growth Portfolio Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 4-5 Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 0-3	14	45	79	179
Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 6-7 Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 4 -5 Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 0 – 3	12	39	68	154
Moderate Growth Portfolio Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 8 – 9 Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 6 -7 Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 4 – 5	11	35	62	141
Moderate Portfolio Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 10 – 11 Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 8 -9 Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 6 – 7	10	32	56	128
Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 12 – 13 Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 10 -11 Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 8 – 9	9	29	51	115
Moderately Conservative Portfolio Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 14-15 Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 12 -13 Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 10 -11	9	29	51	115
Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 16 – 17 Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 14 -15 Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 12 -13	8	26	45	103
Conservative Portfolio Age - Based Aggressive Track Ages 18+ Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 16 -17 Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 14 -15	7	23	40	90
College Portfolio Age - Based Moderate Track Ages 18+ Age - Based Conservative Track Ages 16+	7	23	40	90

Future Scholar Portfolios	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>SINGLE FUND PORTFOLIOS</b>				
Large Cap Index Portfolio	\$20	\$64	\$113	\$255
Mid Cap Index Portfolio	20	64	113	255
Small Cap Index Portfolio	20	64	113	255
International Equity Index Portfolio	5	16	28	64
Bond Index Portfolio	2	6	11	26
Short Term Bond Index Portfolio	4	13	23	51
TIPS Bond ETF Portfolio	4	13	23	51
Ultra Short Term Bond Portfolio	25	77	135	306
Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio	15	48	85	192
Bank Deposit Portfolio	None	None	None	None

## Underlying Fund Expenses

The table below provides the total annual operating expense ratio of the class of each of the Underlying Funds that are mutual funds and ETFs and in which the Portfolios expect to invest, as reported in the most recent financial statements or prospectus of such Underlying Fund available prior to the date of this Supplemental Booklet to the Program Description.

Name of Underlying Mutual Fund	Total Annual Operating Expenses of the Underlying Fund
Columbia Large Cap Index Fund	0.20%
Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund	0.20%
Columbia Small Cap Index Fund	0.20%
SPDR® Portfolio S&P 600 Small Cap ETF	0.03%
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	0.05%
Vanguard Emerging Markets Index Fund	0.10%
Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund	0.02%
Vanguard Mortgage-Backed Securities ETF	0.04%
Vanguard Intermediate Term Corp Bond ETF	0.04%
Schwab US TIPS ETF	0.04%
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund	0.04%
Columbia Ultra Short-Term Bond Fund Institutional 3	0.24%
Invesco Optm Yd Divers Commodity Strategy	0.51%
SPDR® Portfolio High Yield Bond ETF	0.05%
SPDR® Bloomberg Convertible Securities ETF	0.40%
Vanguard EM Government Bond ETF	0.20%
Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund	0.11%
Columbia Government Money Market Fund Inst 2 (1)	0.21%

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