

## Unlock the Full Potential of Your ISave 529 Account

Your education savings can go further than you think!

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### Message from Treasurer Smith

ISave 529™ is a powerful tool that empowers you to help manage educational expenses, but some may not realize how flexible it can be. Beyond tuition, ISave 529 can cover a range of qualified costs and even study abroad programs. Whether your student is living on or off campus, studying internationally or purchasing necessary supplies, understanding what's covered can help you make the most of your ISave 529 account. Maximize account savings while ensuring their education dreams come true.

Sincerely,

Roby Smith  
Iowa State Treasurer

### Account Owner Tip: Successor Account Owner

Account owners can designate a successor account owner to take over as the account owner in the event of your death. To add or change a successor account owner, you can submit the information [online](#), [call](#) our education specialists or mail the [Account Information Change Form \(PDF\)](#). Successor account owners are specific to each student, so if you have more than one, make sure to check all beneficiary accounts!



Successor account owner fields have recently been updated to include additional information, including their address, email and Social Security number. If you added a successor account owner in the past, it's a great idea to revisit and make sure we have their contact information.

### ISave 529 Covers So Much More Than Tuition

When it comes to using your ISave 529 account wisely, knowing what expenses qualify is key. Ensure your funds are working to their full potential and supporting your student's goals.

#### Higher Education

- ✓ Tuition and fees at two- and four-year institutions, including graduate school
- ✓ Books and supplies
- ✓ Computers, computer software and internet access (used primarily by the beneficiary) during enrollment at an eligible educational institution
- ✓ Fees, books, supplies and equipment in certified apprenticeship programs

#### K-12 Education

- ✓ Tuition expenses for K-12 public, private or religious school (up to \$10,000 per year)

#### Student Loan Repayment

- ✓ Repayment of any qualified education loan of the beneficiary or a sibling of the beneficiary (up to \$10,000 in a lifetime)

### Roth IRA Rollover

- ✓ Rollover up to \$35,000 to a Roth IRA in the name of the beneficiary

### ABLE Rollover

- ✓ Rollover to an ABLE plan, like IAble.

On January 1, 2026, more individuals with disabilities will become eligible as IAble expands eligibility. [See IAble.gov](https://www.able.gov) for more information.

Learn more in Part VII of the Program Description (PDF)

## Room & Board Costs

Use your ISave 529 account to cover the costs of room and board for students attending eligible higher education institutions. Funds can be used for either on-campus or off-campus housing expenses, as long as the student is enrolled at least half-time and the costs are incurred during a school term. Here's what you need to know:

### On-Campus Housing

If your child lives in a dorm or university-owned housing, the cost is considered a qualified expense.

### Off-Campus Housing

If your child chooses to live in an apartment or rental home, expenses can be covered—up to the school's published cost for room and board – and be considered a qualified expense.

### What's included in room & board expenses?

- ✓ Housing fees
- ✓ Meal plans or food
- ✓ Utilities like electricity and water for off-campus housing



Remember, the total of all these costs must fall within the published cost of room and board.

### What isn't included?

- ✗ Security deposits
- ✗ Furniture or household items
- ✗ Travel expenses

Consult your tax or legal professional for questions about your specific situation.

## Study Abroad Adventures

Studying abroad can be an incredible educational and life experience! If your child has dreams of studying abroad, here's how ISave 529 funds can support those opportunities.

ISave 529 account funds can be used at any accredited postsecondary educational institution abroad participating in U.S. Department of Education student financial-aid programs. For more information on which schools abroad participate, visit [Studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/colleges](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/colleges). In addition to tuition and fees, funds can be used for required textbooks and room and board expenses for the educational term, just as they would for schools in the U.S.



Other costs, such as passport or visa fees, an international phone plan and travel are not qualified expenses.

### **ABLE Rollover + ABLE Expanded Eligibility**

IAble, administered by State Treasurer Roby Smith, allows individuals with disabilities and their support systems the opportunity to save, invest and spend their money for qualified disability expenses on a tax-advantaged basis. All this without risking essential federal government benefits.

Beginning January 1, the age of onset of the disability to have an IAble account will increase from 26 to 46 years old. [Sign up](#) to receive more information and a reminder when it goes live.

For additional details about the Plan, read the [Program Description \(PDF\)](#).

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For additional details about IAble, review the [Plan Disclosure Booklet \(PDF\)](#).