

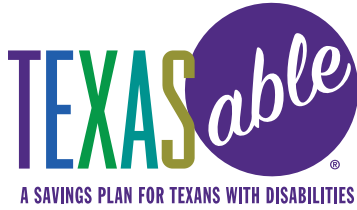
# TEXAS *able*

A SAVINGS PLAN FOR TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES



**A NEW WAY TO SAVE:**  
Helping Individuals with Disabilities  
Secure More Financial Stability





The Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE®) Program encourages and assists individuals and families to save and pay for disability-related expenses to maintain an eligible individual's health, independence and quality of life.

Under this Program, eligible individuals with disabilities can save up to \$15,000 per year<sup>1</sup> up to a lifetime maximum of \$500,000, and funds up to \$100,000 are generally disregarded for purposes of determining eligibility to receive government assistance or benefits.<sup>2</sup> Any earnings on the account grow free from federal taxes.

The Texas ABLE Program is made possible through the federal ABLE Act, which was signed into law in December 2014. The Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, with assistance from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, administers the Program.



## Eligibility<sup>3</sup>

Eligible individuals are Texas residents who became disabled or blind before the age of 26, and:

- (a) are currently entitled to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or
- (b) a licensed physician provides a written diagnosis that the person is either blind or has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that results in marked and severe limitations either expected to result in death or has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months, or
- (c) the person has a condition listed on the Social Security Administration's list of Compassionate Allowances Conditions.<sup>4</sup>

An eligible individual can have only one active ABLE account, except with respect to pending rollovers and program-to-program transfers.

<sup>1</sup> Annual contributions to an ABLE account cannot exceed the individual gift tax exclusion for that given year unless the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 applies.

<sup>2</sup> Exceptions apply. See the Program Disclosure Statement for information and details.

<sup>3</sup> Eligibility requirements are subject to change. The designated beneficiary or, if one has been named, their authorized legal representative, is responsible for notifying the Program if the designated beneficiary ceases to be an eligible individual.

<sup>4</sup> The Social Security Administration's list of Compassionate Allowances Conditions can be found here: <https://www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm>



# START SAVING TODAY!

Open an account online today at [TexasABLE.org](http://TexasABLE.org). If you have questions, please see our online Frequently Asked Questions or call us at **1-844-489-2253**.

The minimum initial contribution to open an account is \$50, and there is a minimum of \$25 for subsequent contributions. There is no enrollment fee.



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### What is an ABLE account?

ABLE accounts are 529A tax-advantaged savings accounts for eligible individuals with disabilities.

### About Texas ABLE®

The Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE®) Program is a new tax-advantaged savings program that encourages and assists individuals and families to save and pay for disability-related expenses to maintain an eligible individual's health, independence and quality of life.



*The Program is administered by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board through the Texas Comptroller's Office.*

### Benefits

Texas ABLE accounts allow Texans with disabilities the ability to save up to \$15,000\* per year for disability-related expenses without losing eligibility under SSI, Medicaid and certain other means-tested public benefits.



Withdrawals are tax-free if used to pay for Qualified Disability Expenses, and any earnings on your investments grow tax-free.

*\* The expanded contribution for working individuals with disabilities under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act may apply.*



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### Eligibility

The Program is open to Texas residents who have the onset of a disability before the age of 26 and meet one of the following criteria:



- Are entitled to receive benefits through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) based on disability, or
- Have a condition on the Social Security Administration's list of Compassionate Allowances Conditions, or
- Have a physician's diagnosis of blindness or of a physical or mental impairment that meets program requirements.

### Highlights

- An eligible individual or their Authorized Legal Representative (a parent, legal guardian or other fiduciary) can open and manage the account.
- Anyone can contribute to the account — an eligible individual, family, friend, trust, etc.
- Account funds can be accessed and monitored online.
- You can maintain control of your account and choose how you want your funds invested.
- Except with respect to rollovers and program-to-program transfers, eligible individuals may only have one ABLE account.



## Using an ABLÉ Account

Funds in an ABLÉ account can be used to pay for Qualified Disability Expenses that relate to the beneficiary's blindness or disability and are used to maintain or improve his or her health, independence or quality of life.

Any available funds remaining in an ABLÉ account after the beneficiary's death could be subject to a state of Texas reimbursement claim for medical assistance paid by Medicaid for the beneficiary during the period that their ABLÉ account was open.

## Qualified Disability Expenses may include:

Education, housing,\* transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology and personal support services, health, prevention and wellness, financial management and administrative services, legal fees, oversight and monitoring, funeral and burial and other expenses identified by the IRS.

*\* A distribution from an ABLÉ account for housing is an allowable expense. The withdrawal is disregarded for means-tested benefits as long as the distribution from the account and payment occur in the same month.*

## Investment Options

The Program offers four different Investment Options. Three are Managed Allocation Options – Aggressive, Moderate and Moderately Conservative – and one is a Bank Savings Account Option, which will invest in an omnibus savings account insured by the FDIC.

## Contributions

Annual contributions are limited to \$15,000, and the maximum contribution limit is \$500,000.



Funds up to \$100,000 are generally disregarded for purposes of determining eligibility to receive government assistance or benefits.\*

Annual contributions to an ABLÉ account cannot exceed the individual gift tax exclusion for that given year unless the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act applies.

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