



Utah Educational Savings Plan[®]

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Niels Holch
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Dear Mr. Holch,

Your report, the Coalition of Mutual Fund Investors' *Comparison of Investor Fees and Costs in Section 529 College Savings Plans*, was of great interest to me as the Executive Director of a direct-sold 529 plan. The thorough analysis your report provides is an excellent resource for college savers searching for the best savings vehicle to meet their needs.

While the report compared only the plans of states that offer both direct- and advisor-sold 529 plans, I would like to introduce you to Utah's nonprofit, direct-sold 529 college savings program, the Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP). UESP's portfolios and fees further support the report's conclusion that direct-sold 529 plans charge lower fees than advisor-sold programs.

UESP offers 12 investment options, with total annual fees ranging from 0.00% to 0.26% for pre-set portfolios. UESP account owners can also create custom allocations and glide paths for their investments using UESP's Customized Static and Customized Age-Based investment options. Total annual fees for the customized portfolios range from 0.20% to 0.59%, depending on the underlying funds selected by the account owner. The asset-weighted total expense ratio for these 12 investment options is 0.24%.

An annual maintenance fee of \$3 per \$1,000 of an account balance (capped at \$15) is assessed to non-Utah resident account owners but is waived if the account owner opts to receive their UESP communications electronically rather than in the mail. This fee is waived for all Utah resident account owners.

Over a period of 10 years, a \$10,000 initial investment results in a cost of \$0 (Utah residents are assessed no fees for a certain portfolio) to \$339 for pre-set portfolios and between \$262 and \$757 for the customized investment options. In addition, UESP requires no minimum or ongoing contributions.

For more plan details, you can access UESP's Program Description at the following web address:
http://www.uesp.org/pdfs/Program_Description.aspx

Please feel free to contact me at 801.321.7157 if you have any questions or would like more information.

Best regards,

Lynne Ward, CPA
Executive Director

