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THIS NEW YEAR, FIND SERENITY IN SAVING.

Between holidays, school activities, and time with family, end-of-year schedules are often filled to the brim. So, when the new year comes, it's refreshing to take a deep breath and refocus on the future. One way to start off strong in 2023? Review your Bloomwell 529 account.

A quick check-in with your advisor can go a long way in helping plan and grow your investment in the new calendar year. An easy New Year's resolution is to set up automatic contributions to your Bloomwell 529 account. You can select the frequency (monthly, quarterly, or annually) in which the funds are automatically deducted from your bank account and contributed to your Bloomwell 529 account. This allows you the peace of mind to not have to mail a check each month and keeps your contributions on track. Cheers to the new year — we hope it will be a wonderful one as you help your loved one soar toward their educational goals.

CHIP AWAY AT YOUR TAX SEASON TO-DOS.

TAKE THESE STEPS TO GET AN EARLY START

Don't want tax season to sneak up on you? As a Bloomwell 529 account owner, you may need to fill out a few extra forms before you file. Stay a step ahead by familiarizing yourself with the most common ones:

- ▶ **NEBRASKA FORM 1040N SCHEDULE I:** If you're an account owner, or parent/guardian listed as the custodian on a UGMA/UTMA account, and you contributed up to a maximum of \$10,000 (\$5,000 if married, filing separately) in 2022, you may claim a state tax deduction.¹ List your contribution amount on Line 16.
- ▶ **IRS FORM 1099-Q:** Did you make a withdrawal in 2022? Watch for this form, which should arrive in early February 2023.
- ▶ **IRS FORM 709:** Discuss this form with your tax professional if your account beneficiary received gifts over \$16,000 (\$32,000 for a married couple splitting gifts). Note: The annual gift exclusion beginning 2023 is \$17,000 (\$34,000 for a married couple splitting gifts).

For more assistance, talk to your tax and financial professionals.

“WHY I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE” WRITING SWEEPSTAKES RETURNS.

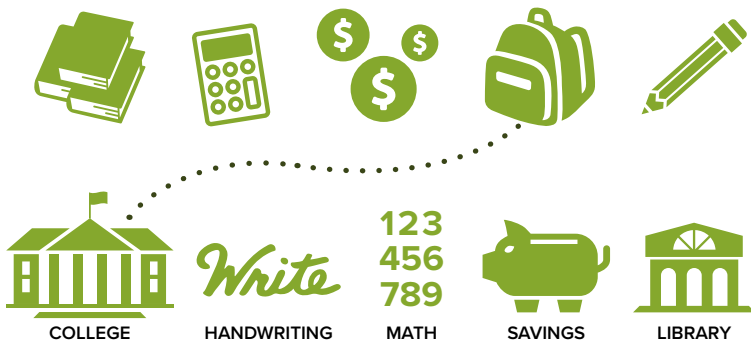
WINNERS RECEIVE UP TO \$2,000 IN THEIR BLOOMWELL 529 ACCOUNT

It's back, and we're super excited! Through the “Why I Want to Go to College” writing sweepstakes, sponsored by the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office and the Omaha Storm Chasers, 7th and 8th graders can submit an essay sharing why higher education is important to them and how it will help them reach their dreams. The winners will receive up to a \$2,000 contribution to their Bloomwell 529 account.

Learn more and enter at Bloomwell529.com/EssaySweepstakes.

LITTLE SAVERS ACTIVITY: MATCHING GAME

Draw a line from the things in the top row to the items they match in the bottom row.



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FIND THESE ON THE RESOURCES TAB OF [BLOOMWELL529.COM](https://Bloomwell529.com)

Savings Calculator

You may not be able to predict the future, but by entering a bit of basic information, you can still plan for it.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

If you have a question about 529 accounts, odds are you aren't the only one who's asked it. Find helpful answers at Bloomwell529.com/FAQs.

Form Information

At Bloomwell529.com/Forms, we outline the forms you might need if you own a 529 account — and make it easy to view, download, and print them.

View Past Newsletters

Maybe we're just sentimental, but we like to keep our newsletters around. Visit the archives at Bloomwell529.com/News-Updates.

Don't forget — you can always visit our website to make contributions, or schedule them in advance, by logging in to Bloomwell529.com.

An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses associated with municipal fund securities before investing. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses and the Bloomwell 529 Education Savings Plan Program Disclosure Statement (issuer's official statement), which can be obtained at Bloomwell529.com and should be read carefully before investing. You can lose money by investing in an Investment Option. Each of the Investment Options involves investment risks, which are described in the Program Disclosure Statement.

An investor should consider, before investing, whether the investor's or beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for investments in such state's 529 plan. Investors should consult their tax advisor, attorney, and/or other advisor regarding their specific legal, investment, or tax situation.

The Bloomwell 529 Education Savings Plan (the “Plan”) is sponsored by the State of Nebraska, administered by the Nebraska State Treasurer, and the Nebraska Investment Council provides investment oversight. Union Bank and Trust Company serves as Program Manager for the Plan. The Plan offers a series of Investment Options within the Nebraska Educational Savings Plan Trust (the “Trust”), which offers other investment options not affiliated with the Plan. The Plan is intended to operate as a qualified tuition program.

Neither the principal contributed to an account, nor earnings thereon, are guaranteed or insured by the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Treasurer, the Nebraska Investment Council, the Trust, the Plan, any other state, any agency or instrumentality thereof, Union Bank and Trust Company, the FDIC, or any other entity. Investment returns are not guaranteed. Account owners in the Plan assume all investment risk, including the potential loss of principal.

¹Account owners may deduct for Nebraska income tax purposes contributions they make to their own account (and any other accounts they own in the Nebraska Educational Savings Plan Trust) up to an overall maximum of \$10,000 (\$5,000 if married, filing separately). Contributions in excess of \$10,000 cannot be carried over to a future year. For a minor owned or UGMA/UTMA 529 account, the minor is considered the account owner for Nebraska state income tax deduction purposes. The minor must file a Nebraska tax return for the year their contributions are made to be eligible for a tax deduction for their own contributions. In the case of a UGMA/UTMA 529 account, contributions by the parent/guardian listed as the Custodian on the UGMA/UTMA Plan account are also eligible for a Nebraska state tax deduction.

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