**Tax Advantages of 529 Accounts**

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Filing taxes? A great time to consider future tax savings

**(April XX, 2023, LOCATION)** – Saving money in either a traditional 529 college savings account or in a 529a (ABLE) account can result in tax benefits {INSERT LOCAL WORD LIKE HOOSIERS} can rely upon year after year when filing their taxes.

When investing in any 529 or ABLE account, these tax benefits can be realized by account owners:

* All withdrawals are exempt from federal income tax when used for qualified expenses.
* All money grows free from federal and state income-tax.
* Many states also tax-exempt withdrawals from state income-tax for qualified expenses.

Learn about more of the advantages to investing in a 529 account by visiting: <https://www.collegesavings.org/plan-advantages/>.

As of December 2022, over 16 million 529 accounts are being invested in throughout the United States and over 137,000 ABLE accounts are giving Americans living with a disability more financial freedom and autonomy.

{INSERT STATE SPECIFIC 529 or ABLE TAX ADVANTAGES}

A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged investment plan designed to help families save for a beneficiary’s future higher education expenses and in some states: K-12 and certain technical and career college programs. While commonly referred to as 529 plans, they are formally known as “Qualified Tuition Programs,” as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and are administered by state agencies.

ABLE accounts foster person-centered independence, build self-reliance, encourage employment, and improve quality of life. Contributions to ABLE accounts can come from earnings, family, friends, and other sources. Earnings on ABLE accounts are tax-deferred, and withdrawals are tax-free if they are used for qualified expenses.

To learn more about either of these programs and the impact investing in them can have on your taxes, please contact {INSERT STATE STAFF CONTACT}.

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