



RETIREMENT PLAN SELECTION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS

Please complete both sides of form.

Section 1 — Personal Data (please print or type)

Name _____
First Middle Last

Social Security number _____ Gender Male Female

Address _____
Street address City State ZIP code

Home phone (_____) _____ Work phone (_____) _____
Area code Area code

Email address _____ Cell phone (_____) _____
Area code

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____
Month Day Year City County State Country

I understand that it is my responsibility to keep STRS Ohio informed of any changes to the information I have provided on this form (e.g., name change or change of address).

Section 2 — Retirement Plan Choice

IMPORTANT: Please select only one retirement plan choice below.

- Choose only **ONE** plan.
- Defined Benefit Plan** — I understand that by selecting the Defined Benefit Plan my selection is irrevocable and I will not have the option to reselect. This plan entitles me to service retirement, disability and survivor benefits upon meeting eligibility requirements. Access to the STRS Ohio Health Care Program will be available to members who meet health care eligibility conditions upon retirement. **If you selected this plan, proceed to Section 3.**
- OR**
- Defined Contribution Plan** — I understand my member contributions and employer contributions are deposited to an individual account on my behalf. I may not withdraw any employer contributions or earnings unless I have been an STRS Ohio member for at least 12 consecutive months. I acknowledge that I will not be eligible for STRS Ohio disability or survivor benefits while teaching, nor STRS Ohio health care coverage at retirement. **If you selected this plan, proceed to your Investment Election below.**
- OR**
- Combined Plan** — I understand that a portion of member contributions are deposited to an individual account on my behalf and that the balance of member contributions and employer contributions fund a defined benefit portion of the plan that includes service retirement, disability and survivor benefits. Access to the STRS Ohio Health Care Program will be available to members who meet health care eligibility conditions upon retirement. **If you selected this plan, proceed to your Investment Election below.**

Investment Election (if you selected the Defined Contribution Plan or Combined Plan)

This investment election will apply to all contributions made on my behalf. I hereby authorize all amounts contributed by me (and my employer if electing the Defined Contribution Plan) to be allocated as follows:

Asset Class	STRS Ohio Choices (Investment Options)	Percentage allocated to each choice
Allocate among choices below to equal 100%		
Cash	STRS Money Market Choice	%
Bonds	STRS Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Universal Bond Index Choice	%
Large-Cap	STRS Large-Cap Core Choice	%
Large-Cap	STRS Russell 1000 Index Choice	%
Mid-Cap	STRS Russell Midcap Index Choice	%
Small-Cap	STRS Russell 2000 Index Choice	%
International	STRS MSCI World ex USA Index Choice	%
International	STRS MSCI ACWI ex USA Index Choice	%
Real Estate	STRS REIT Index Choice	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2025	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2030	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2035	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2040	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2045	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2050	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2055	%
Blend	STRS Target Choice 2060	%
Total (must equal 100%)		%

Section 3 — Acknowledgment of Member

I understand that the laws of Ohio give me the right to choose one of the retirement plans offered by STRS Ohio and that it is my responsibility to decide which plan best meets my needs and the needs of my family. I understand that if I choose the Defined Benefit Plan, my retirement plan selection is final and irrevocable. If I choose the Defined Contribution or Combined Plan, I understand that I will have an opportunity to reselect one of the three plans by June 1, following the fourth anniversary of my first day of paid service and that if I do not make a written election at that time, I will remain in my current plan. I also understand that, if I choose the Defined Contribution or Combined Plan, I am not eligible for joint retirement with other Ohio public retirement systems. I have reviewed all of the information supplied by STRS Ohio and have made use of other resources (such as STRS Ohio Member Services, outside financial and/or legal advisers) to make an informed and binding decision. I understand that my plan selection will be confirmed within two weeks of receipt by STRS Ohio, and, if I do not receive a written confirmation, I should contact STRS Ohio immediately.

Signature _____ Date _____



Section 4 — Family Data*

Spouse _____
 First name Middle name Last name Maiden name (if applicable) Birth date (month/day/year)

Child 1 _____
 First name Middle name Last name Birth date (month/day/year)

Child 2 _____
 First name Middle name Last name Birth date (month/day/year)

Child 3 _____
 First name Middle name Last name Birth date (month/day/year)

Mother _____
 First name Middle name Last name Birth date (month/day/year)

Father _____
 First name Middle name Last name Birth date (month/day/year)

*This information is not for beneficiary designation. The family data information will assist STRS Ohio in working with your survivors should the need occur.

Section 5 — Designation of Beneficiaries

Upon becoming a member of STRS Ohio, the beneficiary of your account is automatically provided under the succession of beneficiaries described below. If this order of succession does not meet your needs, you may designate beneficiaries through your Online Personal Account via the STRS Ohio website at www.strsoh.org. If you prefer, you may call toll-free 888-227-7877 to request a beneficiary designation form.

If you do not designate beneficiaries after becoming a member of this system and before your retirement, the automatic succession of beneficiaries at the time of your death will be:

Defined Benefit Plan Participants

1. Spouse (and qualified dependent children in spouse's care)
2. Qualified dependent children, if monthly benefits are elected
3. Nondependent children, who share equally in a withdrawal of the STRS Ohio account
4. Dependent parent, if monthly benefits are elected
5. Parents, who share equally in a withdrawal of the STRS Ohio account
6. Estate

Defined Contribution or Combined Plan Participants

1. Spouse
2. Children, share and share alike
3. Parents, share and share alike
4. Estate

The succession of beneficiaries is desirable in nearly all instances. It applies if the member:

- Has not previously filed a beneficiary designation form with STRS Ohio, OPERS or SERS.
- Has not filed a beneficiary designation form after any one of the following: marriage; birth or adoption of a child; divorce, marriage dissolution or legal separation; or withdrawal of account.
- Is not survived by a named beneficiary.
- Designates succession of beneficiaries.
- Has changed retirement plan after filing a beneficiary designation with STRS Ohio, OPERS or SERS.

Section 6 — Membership Record

RECORD OF PREVIOUS OHIO TEACHING SERVICE

School year in which last employed in Ohio _____ – _____ Employer _____
 School district or college/university County

Did you withdraw your account from STRS Ohio after your last service prior to this year? Yes No

If so, what was your last name at the time you withdrew? _____

Any other last name(s) since your first employment as a teacher in Ohio? _____

RECORD OF OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE

If you have ever been employed in OHIO by the state; a city, county or township; a public library; a board of education; or public college/university, BEFORE THIS SCHOOL YEAR in a non-STRS Ohio-covered position, please provide the information below.

Employed by _____
 Employer Position County Dates (year–year)

If you have ever been a member, or are now a member, of any other Ohio state or municipal retirement system, please provide the name of the system:

If you are now receiving a benefit payment from any Ohio retirement system, please provide the name of the system:

If you have had private school teaching service anywhere in the United States; public school teaching service or other public service in other states, in territories of the United States or the District of Columbia; or federal, civilian or military service, please provide:

Type of Service	State	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____