

The North Country Funds

# COVERDELL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT ("ESA")

Please complete this application to establish a new Education Savings Account. This application must be preceded or accompanied by a current Disclosure Statement and Custodial Agreement.

#### For Additional Copies or Assistance

If you need additional copies of this application, or would like assistance completing it, please call The North Country Funds at **(888) 350-2990.** 

#### **Instructions**

- 1. If you are requesting a transfer of current plan assets (held elsewhere) to The North Country Funds ESA, complete the Transfer Request form. You should complete this form **in addition** to the ESA Application.
- Mail this application to: The North Country Funds PO Box 541150 Omaha, NE 68154
- 3. Retain a copy for your records.

#### **Custody Fee**

The Custody Fee is \$15 annually per account. The Custody Fee may be increased in the future. You will be notified in writing 90 days prior to any fee increases.

#### The North Country Funds Privacy Policy Statement

Your privacy is important to us. The North Country Funds is committed to maintaining the confidentiality, integrity and security of your personal information. When you provide personal information, the Funds believe that you should be aware of policies to protect the confidentiality of that information.

The Funds collect the following nonpublic personal information about you:

- Information we receive from you on or in applications or other forms, correspondence, or conversations, including, but not limited to, your name, address, phone number, social security number, assets, income and date of birth; and
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others, including, but not limited to, your account number and balance, payments history, parties to transactions, cost basis information, and other financial information.

The Funds do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our current or former shareholders to nonaffiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. For example, the Funds are permitted by law to disclose all of the information we collect, as described above, to our transfer agent to process your transactions. Furthermore, the Funds restrict access to your nonpublic personal information to those persons who require such information to provide products or services to you. The Funds maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard your nonpublic personal information.

In the event that you hold shares of the Funds through a financial intermediary, including, but not limited to, a broker-dealer, bank, or trust company, the privacy policy of your financial intermediary would govern how your nonpublic personal information would be shared with nonaffiliated third parties.

#### **Anti-Money Laundering**

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account.

What this means for you: When you open an account, we will ask for your name, address, date of birth, social security number/ Tax ID number and other information that will allow us to identify you. We may also ask to see other identifying documents. Until you provide the information or documents we need, we may not be able to open an account or effect any additional transactions for you.

When opening an account for a foreign business, enterprise or a non-U.S. person that does not have an identification number, we require alternative government-issued documentation certifying the existence of the person, business or enterprise.

For questions about these policies, or for additional copies of The North Country Funds Privacy Policy Statement, please contact the Fund at **(888) 350-2990**, <a href="https://www.northcountryfunds.com">www.northcountryfunds.com</a> or contact The North Country Funds at P.O. Box 541150 Omaha, NE 68154.

1. DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY	
(The account generally cannot accept contributions after the	e beneficiary's 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
Name (First, Middle, Last)	Social Security Number
Street Address	Date of Birth
City, State, Zip	<u> </u>
$\hfill \square$ Please send mail to the address below. Please provide your prima	ary legal address above, in addition to any mailing address (if different).
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
2. RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL	
(Must be a parent or guardian of the Designated Beneficiary	y. If guardian is selected, you must provide proof of guardianship).
☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian	
Name (First, Middle, Last)	Social Security Number
Street Address	Date of Birth
City, State, Zip	Daytime Telephone
Email Address	Evening Telephone
3. DONOR INFORMATION	
3. DONOR INFORMATION (To be completed if donor is not the Responsible Individual i	identified in Section 2 above).
Name (First, Middle, Last)	Social Security Number
Street Address	Date of Birth
City, State, Zip	Daytime Telephone
Email Address	Evening Telephone

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT
(You may select any of the below provisions by marking the corresponding box. These provisions change the standard provisions contained in the Custodial Agreement. Please refer to your Custodial Agreement)
<ul> <li>The Responsible Individual shall have authority to change the Designated Beneficiary at any time to a Family Member of the Designated Beneficiary.</li> </ul>
The Responsible Individual shall continue to serve as the Responsible Individual for the Coverdell ESA account after the Designate Beneficiary attains the age of majority under state law and until such time as all assets have been distributed from the Coverdell ESA account and the Coverdell ESA account terminates. If the Responsible Individual becomes incapacitated or dies after the Designated Beneficiary reaches the age of majority under state law, the Responsible Individual shall be the Designated Beneficiary.
5. <b>INITIAL INVESTMENT</b> (The minimum initial investment in the Fund is \$500. The minimum subsequent investment is \$100.)
(*Maximum annual contribution to an ESA is \$2,000 per year, per child, subject to certain income limitations).
The North Country Large Cap Equity Fund \$
Total: \$
□ Contribution for tax year * Amount \$
☐ I am enclosing a check for \$ representing a rollover (within 60 days) from another ESA.
☐ Transfer of Assets from an existing ESA. <i>(Complete the separate Transfer of Assets Form).</i>
6. AUTOMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN (AIP)
AIP allows you to add regularly to your investment by authorizing us to deduct money directly from your checking or savings account every month. Your bank must be a member of the Automated Clearing House (ACH). <b>Attach a voided check</b> .
Please transfer \$ (\$100 minimum) from my bank account:

☐ Monthly	☐ Quarterly	on the	day of the month	Beginning:		_/
Important Notes business day.	: If the AIP date falls	s on a holiday or weeke	nd the deduction from your checki	ng or savings acc	count will occ	ur on the next
Name on Bank A	Account		Account Number	r		
Bank Name			Bank Routing/Al	3A Number		
Signature of Ban	nk Account Holder		Signature of Join	nt Owner		

#### 7. DEALER/REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISOR INFORMATION

If opening your account through a Broker/Dealer or Registered Investment Advisor, please have them complete this section.

Dealer Name	Representative's Last Name,	First Name
DEALER HEAD OFFICE	REPRESENTATIVE'S BRANCH OF	FICE
Address	Address	
City, State, ZIP	City, State, ZIP	
Telephone Number	Rep Telephone Number	Rep ID Number
Email Address	Rep Email Address	
	Branch ID Number	
	Branch Telephone Number (if differer	nt than Rep Phone Number)

#### 8. STATE ESCHEATMENT LAWS

Escheatment laws adopted by various states require that personal property that is deemed to be abandoned or ownerless, including mutual fund shares and bank deposits, be transferred to the state. Under such laws, ownership of your Fund shares may be transferred to the appropriate state if no activity occurs in your account within the time period specified by applicable state law. The Fund retains a search service to track down missing shareholders and will escheat an account only after several attempts to locate the shareholder have failed. To avoid this from happening to your account, please keep track of your account and promptly inform the Fund of any change in your address.

#### 9. SIGNATURES & CERTIFICATIONS

I hereby certify that I understand the eligibility requirements for an Education Savings Account ("ESA") and I qualify to establish an ESA. I have received a copy of the Application, Custodial Agreement and Disclosure Statement. I understand that the terms and conditions, which apply to this Coverdell ESA are contained in this Application and Custodial Agreement(s) and I agree to be bound by those terms and conditions. I hereby appoint and authorize Glens Falls National Bank as the Custodian and Gemini Fund Services, LLC to act as the Custodian's agent. I agree to indemnify Glens Falls National Bank and Gemini Fund Services, LLC when making distributions in accordance with my beneficiary designation on file or in accordance with the Custodial Account Agreement absent such designation. I understand that within seven (7) days from the date I open this Coverdell ESA, I may revoke it without penalty by mailing or delivering written notice to the Custodian's agent. I have received a copy of the Prospectus and understand that this investment is not FDIC insured.

I assume complete responsibility for:

- 1) Determining that I am eligible for a Coverdell ESA;
- 2) Ensuring that all contributions I make are within the limits set forth by the tax laws; and
- 3) The tax consequences of any contribution (including rollover contributions) and distributions.
- 4) I have received and read a current prospectus for The North Country Funds and agree to be bound by the terms contained therein.
- The information contained on this ESA Account Application is complete and accurate.

#### W-9 Certification: Under penalty of perjury:

- (a) I certify that the number shown on this form is my/our current Social Security number(s) or Taxpayer Identification number(s).
- (b) I am not subject to backup withholding because; (1) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (2) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of failure to report all interest or dividends, or (3) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.

- (c) I am a U.S. person (including a resident alien.) The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certification required to avoid backup withholding.
- (d) I am exempt from FATCA reporting.

**Certification Instructions.** You must cross out item (b) above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Responsible Individual	Date
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Signature of Donor	Date
Authorized Signature of Custodian	Date
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#### **TO CONTACT US:**

By Telephone
Toll-free (888) 350-2990
Fax 402-963-9094

In Writing
The North Country Funds
PO Box 541150
Omaha, NE 68154
Or
Via Overnight Delivery
4221 N. 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100
Elkhorn, NE 68022

#### Website

www.northcountryfunds.com

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## **FACTS**

# WHAT DO THE NORTH COUNTRY FUNDS DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

## Why?

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

### What?

The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number and wire transfer instructions
- account transactions and transaction history
- investment experience and purchase history

When you are *no longer* our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

How?

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons The North Country Funds ("The Funds") choose to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Do The Funds share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes— such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes— to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your transactions and experiences	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
For our affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share
For nonaffiliates to market to you	No	We don't share

Questions?

Who we are		
Who is providing this notice?	The North Country Funds	
What we do		
How do The Funds protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings. We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you.	
How do The Funds collect my personal information?	we collect your personal information, for example, when you     open an account or deposit money     direct us to buy securities or direct us to sell your securities     seek advice about your investments We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.	
Why can't I limit all sharing?	<ul> <li>Federal law gives you the right to limit only</li> <li>sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>sharing for non-affiliates to market to you</li> <li>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</li> </ul>	
Definitions		
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.  Our affiliates include financial companies such as Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company and North Country Investment Advisers.	
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.  • The Funds do not share with nonaffiliates so they can market you.	
Joint marketing	A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.  The Funds do not jointly market.	