

INVESTING FOR COLLEGE

The importance of a college education continues to grow, but ever-increasing costs can make reaching this goal quite difficult. The first step is to start an investment plan. Fortunately, there are many investment vehicles to choose from, which can help investors make every dollar count. The table below compares UGMA/UTMA Custodial Accounts and Coverdell ESAs.


	UGMA/UTMA Custodial Accounts	Coverdell ESAs
Can you invest in Ave Maria Mutual Funds through this investment vehicle?	Yes - Directly with the Funds or through many other financial services firms including Schwab, Fidelity, TDAmeritrade, etc.	Yes - Directly with the Funds or through many other financial services firms including Schwab, Fidelity, etc.
Is there a contribution limit?	No	Yes (\$2,000 per year)
What's included in "qualified expenses?"	Any costs that benefit the minor for education-related or other costs	Tuition, fees, books, school equipment, school supplies, room & board for all levels of education
Are qualified expenses taxed?	Yes (Investment income is subject to federal income tax, possibly at child rate)	No (Federal tax-free, State taxes may apply)
Can you change the beneficiary?	No	Yes
Are there any income limit restrictions?	No	Yes (Ineligible if your Adjusted Gross Income is \$95,000-110,000 for single filer; and \$190,000-220,000 for joint filers)
How is the account treated for estate tax purposes?	The value of the account is included in the custodian's taxable estate	Contributions are treated as completed gifts from the contributor to the beneficiary

There are tax implications if the Coverdell ESA is not used for education purposes. Non-qualified distributions from the Coverdell ESA may be subject to additional percentage penalty tax. There is no guarantee that the account types mentioned will meet the investors' education savings goals.

This information is general in nature and is not intended as tax or legal advice. Please note that tax laws are subject to change. For more information, please contact your legal or tax advisor.

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Ave Maria Mutual Funds may be invested in through many types of accounts. In addition to UGMA/UTMA accounts and Coverdell ESA accounts for educational goals, the Funds can be purchased in Traditional IRA, Roth IRA and general investment accounts, either directly or through many other financial services firms.



Fund Name & Ticker	Category	Goal	Investment Focus	Lead & Co-Manager(s)	Inception Date
Growth Focused* AVEAX	Mid-Cap Growth	Long-term capital appreciation	Companies of all sizes offering high earnings growth potential.	Chadd M. Garcia, CFA	5/1/20
Value Focused* AVERX	Mid-Cap Blend	Long-term capital appreciation	Companies of all sizes offering high earnings growth potential at a reasonable price.	Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA George P. Schwartz, CFA	1/1/84
World Equity AVEWX	World Large Stock	Long-term capital appreciation	Companies of all capitalizations from around the world.	Anthony W. Gennaro, CFA, CPA Sean C. Gaffney, CFA	4/30/10
Growth AVEGX	Large-Cap Growth	Long-term capital appreciation	Mid-cap and larger companies offering above-average potential for growth in revenues, profits and cash flow.	Adam P. Gaglio, CFA Chadd M. Garcia, CFA	5/1/03
Value AVEMX	Mid-Cap Blend	Long-term capital appreciation	Companies of all capitalizations that are believed to be undervalued relative to their intrinsic worth.	Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA Ryan M. Kuyawa, CFA	5/1/01
Rising Dividend AVEDX	Large Blend	Long-term capital appreciation and a rising stream of dividend payments	Dividend-paying common stocks.	Brandon S. Scheitler George P. Schwartz, CFA	5/2/05
Bond AVEFX	Intermediate-Term Bond	Preservation of principal with a reasonable level of current income	Primarily domestic investment-grade debt of government and corporate issuers. May invest up to 20% of its assets in equity securities.	Brandon S. Scheitler James T. Peregoy, CFA	5/1/03

* Prior to April 28, 2025, the Ave Maria Growth Focused Fund was named the Ave Maria Focused Fund and the Ave Maria Value Focused Fund was named the Schwartz Value Focused Fund.

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