

West Virginia College Prepaid Tuition and Savings Program

A Program of the State of West Virginia Administered by the Office of the West Virginia State Treasurer

Quarterly Status Report Period Ending September 30, 2018

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Per W. Va. Code §18-30-10 the West Virginia College Prepaid Tuition and Savings Program is herewith submitting a quarterly report on the status of the program, including the trust funds and the administrative account, to the West Virginia Legislative Librarian in compliance with S.B. 477 which amended W. Va. Code §4-1-23.

Savings Plan Trust Fund

During the quarter, the SMART529 Savings Plan added 1,094 accounts ending the period with 117,969 active nationwide accounts. The assets are valued at \$2,611,463,131.

Of the nationwide accounts, 33,293 are West Virginia resident accounts with a total value of \$546,207,471.

Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund

The West Virginia Prepaid Tuition Plan ended this period with 2,468 active accounts with assets valued at \$39,122,513. During the quarter, there were \$3,696,570 in qualified tuition benefit distributions and receipts of \$7,958. Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund investments earned \$128,588 during the quarter.

Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund Escrow Account

The Prepaid Tuition Trust Escrow Account was created to guarantee payment of Prepaid Tuition Plan contracts. The Escrow Account will receive transfers of up to one million dollars from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund each year there is an actuarially determined unfunded liability in the Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund.

	Las	t Quarter	This Quarter	Fiscal Year to Date
Market Value	\$22	2,302,446	\$23,442,608	\$23,442,608
Change from previous quarter/year	\$	102,773	\$ 1,140,162	\$ 2,276,147

Administrative Account

The Administrative Account established in the State Treasurer's Office is used for the purpose of implementing, operating, and maintaining the Trust Funds and the Program. It may receive funds from a variety of sources including fees, charges, and penalties collected by the Board.

Beginning balance	\$2,720,384
Receipts from Savings Plan Trust (WV Administrative Charge)	\$ 380,912
Expense Disbursements	\$ (273,818)
Ending Balance	\$2,827,478

Community Outreach

The When I Grow Up Essay Contest awards banquet was held in September at the Culture Center. The grand prize winner was drawn randomly from fifteen regional winners. Drew Tarrant from Middle Creek Elementary in Ohio County was the winner of a \$2,500 SMART529 college savings account. In addition to the student winners, Amanda Freeman, a teacher at Kanawha City Elementary in Kanawha County won a \$2,500 prize in the teacher's essay contest.

Additional SMART529 activities include West Virginia Summit for Educational Excellence held in Morgantown & Charleston; Morgantown Kid's Day; Hancock County, Wetzel County, and Putnam County *Back to School* Fairs; Montgomery General Health and Safety Fair; West Virginia State Fair; Martinsburg West Virginia Treasury Money Conference; and, the Raleigh County Community Baby Shower.