



A New Way To Save For Retirement With Arkansas School for Math & Science

Arkansas School for Math & Science has introduced the Roth option effective September 1, 2011 as another way to contribute to your 403(b) plan(s). With this option, you may:

- Contribute after-tax dollars.
- Enjoy tax-free distributions, without penalty, when you are age 59½ or older and you take a distribution five years after you made the first Roth contribution to the contract. Withdrawals of earnings prior to age 59½ are subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% penalty may apply.
- Roll over assets into a Roth IRA, or from another Roth 403(b) plan that accepts such assets. (Rollovers and withdrawals are subject to the provisions of your retirement plan.)

How Will I Benefit From Making Roth 403(b) Contributions

It depends. If you expect your tax rate to be higher in retirement than it is now, then the Roth 403(b) can provide you with significant tax advantages. On the other hand, if you expect your tax rate to be higher now than in retirement, the pretax 403(b) option may be the right choice for you.

The chart below shows the benefits of contributing to the Roth 403(b) option.

You May Benefit From Contributing to the Roth 403(b) if you:	Benefits
Are not eligible to make Roth IRA contributions because of high income.	The Roth 403(b) does not have adjusted gross income (AGI) limits.
Want to make Roth contributions greater than the Roth IRA limit.	Roth 403(b) contribution limits are higher than those of the Roth IRA, allowing you to maximize your after-tax retirement savings.
Are near retirement and believe you will have more savings than required to meet your immediate needs for retirement income.	Assets may be passed along to your beneficiaries income tax free.
Believe that your income tax rates are likely to rise in the future.	You may enjoy a tax-free benefit at retirement when you expect a higher tax rate. However, you give up the immediate tax benefit of making pretax contributions now.
Want tax diversification of retirement assets.	Having both pretax and after-tax assets in your retirement accounts allows you to hedge against the uncertainty of future tax rates.
Are just starting out and in a lower tax bracket.	By making after-tax contributions that are based on a lower income, you pay less taxes now rather than at retirement when you are more likely to be earning more. Also, the earlier you start, the more time you give your money to work for you.

Now that your retirement plan offers two savings options, pretax and Roth 403(b), your contribution choices are:

- Roth after-tax contributions to your 403(b) plan.
- Pretax contributions to your 403(b) plan.
- Both pretax and Roth after-tax contributions to your 403(b) plan.

Roth 403(b) contributions are included in your maximum contribution limits, plus any catch-up limits, if applicable.

Getting Started

Adding the Roth contributions to your 403(b) plan is easy. You simply need to complete and submit a new Salary Reduction Agreement. If you are enrolling for the first time, you will also need to complete an enrollment application. For more information, please see your benefits office or log in to www.tiaa-cref.org/asma to review your investment choices and performance information.

To learn more about the advantages of the Roth 403(b) option:

Call TIAA-CREF at 800 842-2252, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (ET) or visit www.tiaa-cref.org/asma. We look forward to helping you as you plan for - and live well in - retirement.

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