

Please complete this application to establish a new SIMPLE IRA. 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 Counterpoint Funds at **1-844-273-8637** or go to [www.counterpointfunds.com](http://www.counterpointfunds.com).

**Instructions**

1. If you are requesting a transfer or direct rollover of current plan assets (held by another custodian) you must complete the Transfer of Assets Form in addition to this form.
2. Mail this application to:  
**Counterpoint Funds**  
**PO Box 46707**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45246**  
Overnight Delivery:  
**Counterpoint Funds**  
**225 Pictoria Dr, Suite 450**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45246**
3. Retain a copy for your records.

**Counterpoint Funds Privacy Policy Statement**

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

The Fund collects 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 Fund does not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our current or former shareholders to nonaffiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. For example, the Fund is permitted by law to disclose all of the information collected, as described above, to our transfer agent to process your transactions. Furthermore, the Fund restricts access to your nonpublic personal information to those persons who require such information to provide products or services to you. The Fund maintains 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 Fund 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.

For questions about these policies, or for additional copies of the Counterpoint Funds Privacy Policy Statement, please contact the Fund at **1-844-273-8637** or [www.counterpointfunds.com](http://www.counterpointfunds.com) or contact us at PO Box 46707, Cincinnati, OH 45246.

I, the person signing this Adoption Agreement (hereinafter called the "Owner"), established a Individual Retirement Account (IRA), which is a SIMPLE IRA, as indicated below, (the "Account") with Constellation Trust Company as Custodian ("Custodian"). A SIMPLE IRA operates under Internal Revenue Code Section 408(a). I agree to the terms of my Account, which are contained in the applicable provisions of the document entitled Constellation Trust Company Individual Retirement Account Custodial Agreement and this Adoption Agreement. I certify the accuracy of the information in this Adoption Agreement. My Account will be effective upon acceptance by Custodian.

## 1. PARTICIPANT ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Social Security Number
Street Address	Date of Birth
City, State, ZIP	Cell Phone Number
Email Address	Alternate Telephone

Please send mail to the address below. Please provide your primary legal address above, in addition to any mailing address (if different).

Street Address	City, State, ZIP
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## 2. DUPLICATE STATEMENTS (For Dealers, Financial Planners, Interested Parties)

Name	Company
Street Address	City, State, ZIP
Email Address	Daytime Telephone
Broker/Dealer Code	Branch (if applicable)

**Please mark the appropriate box:**

Interested Party      Broker/Dealer      Financial Planner      Trust Administrator

## 3. TYPE OF SIMPLE IRA ACCOUNT Check either (a) or (b)

- a) New account in connection with a SIMPLE IRA Plan maintained by your employer.
- b) Transfer from another SIMPLE IRA, which was part of a SIMPLE IRA Plan maintained by a current or previous employer. Complete the following:

1. Amount to be transferred:

**(You must also complete the Individual Retirement Transfer of Assets Form)**

2. Date of first contribution to Participant's prior SIMPLE IRA Plan:

#### 4. EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name of Current Employer  Contact Name (including title)

Employer's Street Address  Contact's Phone Number

City, State, ZIP  Email Address

<sup>1</sup> Type of Employer SIMPLE IRA Plan: "Non-DFI Plan". Under a "Non-DFI Plan" (which may be established using IRS Form 5304-SIMPLE), eligible employees establish a SIMPLE IRA with the financial institution of their choice. Contributions are transmitted by the employer to each eligible employee's SIMPLE IRA.

#### 5. INVESTMENT SELECTION (Refer to the Fund's prospectus for minimum investment amounts and subsequent investment requirements.)

This investment, as well as all future contributions, will be invested as directed below. I am aware that I am allowed to change this designation according to the terms of my employer's plan, and that I must notify my employer directly of these changes.

Name	Amount	Share Class		
Counterpoint Tactical Income Fund	<input type="text" value="\$"/>	Class A	Class C	Class I
Counterpoint Tactical Equity Fund	<input type="text" value="\$"/>	Class A	Class C	Class I
Counterpoint Tactical Municipal Fund	<input type="text" value="\$"/>	Class A	Class C	Class I
Total:	<input type="text" value="\$"/>			

If opening an A or C Class account, section 10 must be completed.

I acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my investment choices and that I have received a current prospectus for each Fund and class I select. Please read the prospectus of the Funds selected before investing.

**Third Party checks are not accepted. Automated Clearing House (ACH) cannot be used for the initial purchase.**

**6. REDUCED SALES CHARGE** (Complete this section if you qualify for a reduced sales charge. See Prospectus for Terms & Conditions.)

**Letter of Intent**

You can reduce the sales charge you pay on Class A shares by investing a certain amount over a 13-month period. Please indicate the total amount you intend to invest over the next 13-months.

\$25,000      \$50,000      \$100,000      \$250,000  
\$500,000      \$1,000,000

**Rights of Accumulation**

If you already own Class A shares of the Counterpoint Funds, you may already be eligible for a reduced sales charge on Class A share purchases. Please provide the account number(s) below to qualify (if eligible).

Account No.  
  
Account No.

Net Asset Value (NAV). I have read the prospectus and qualify for a complete waiver of the sales charge on Class A shares. Registered representatives may complete the Dealer Information section as proof of eligibility.

Reason for Waiver:

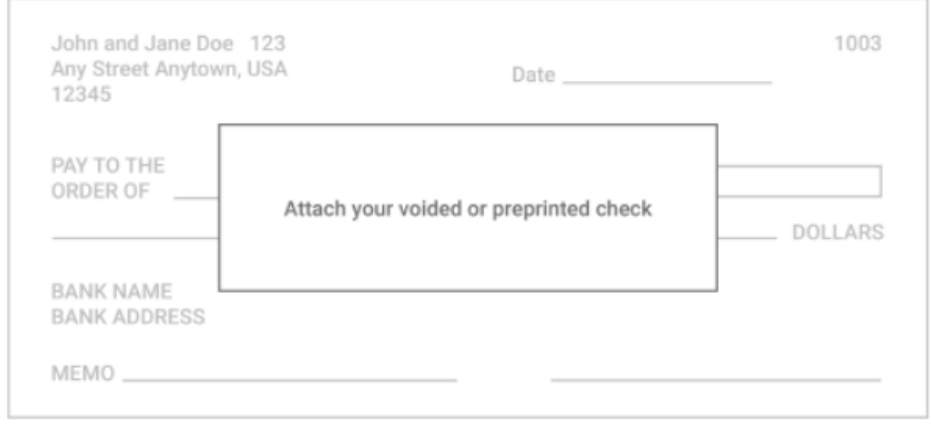
**7. BANK INFORMATION**

I authorize the Fund to purchase and redeem shares via the ACH network, of which my bank is a member.

**Important Note:** At least one name on the bank account must match a named shareholder.

Type of Account:      Checking      Savings

**Please attach a voided check from your bank account.  
A bank account will not be added without a voided check or without bank verification.**



**8. TELEPHONE PRIVILEGES**

Telephone privileges, as described in the prospectus, automatically apply unless this box is checked.

No, I do not want telephone privileges

**9. BENEFICIARY(IES)**

As Owner, I hereby make the following designation of beneficiary in accordance with the Constellation Trust Company Traditional Individual Retirement Custodial Account or Roth Individual Retirement Custodial Account:

In the event of my death, pay any interest I may have under my Account to the following Primary Beneficiary or Beneficiaries who survive me. Make payment in the proportions specified below (or in equal proportions if no different proportions are specified). If any Primary Beneficiary predeceases me, his share is to be divided among the Primary Beneficiaries who survive me in the relative proportions assigned to each such surviving Primary Beneficiary. If none of the Primary Beneficiaries survives me, pay any interest I may have under my Account to the following Contingent Beneficiary or Beneficiaries who survive me. Make payment in the proportions specified below (or in equal proportions if no different proportions are specified). If any Contingent Beneficiary predeceases me, his share is to be divided among the Contingent Beneficiaries who survive me in the relative proportions assigned to each such surviving Contingent Beneficiary. If more than one primary beneficiary is designated and no distribution percentages are indicated, the beneficiaries will be deemed to own equal share percentages in the account(s). Multiple contingent beneficiaries with no share percentage indicated will also be deemed to share equally.

**Primary Beneficiaries**

Primary Beneficiary Name (First, Middle, Last)	Share %	Relationship	Date of Birth
Primary Beneficiary Name (First, Middle, Last)	Share %	Relationship	Date of Birth
Primary Beneficiary Name (First, Middle, Last)	Share %	Relationship	Date of Birth

**Contingent Beneficiaries**

Contingent Beneficiary Name (First, Middle, Last)	Share %	Relationship	Date of Birth
Contingent Beneficiary Name (First, Middle, Last)	Share %	Relationship	Date of Birth
Contingent Beneficiary Name (First, Middle, Last)	Share %	Relationship	Date of Birth

This Designation of Beneficiary may have important tax or estate planning effects. If you cannot accomplish your estate planning objectives by using this Section to designate your beneficiary(ies) (for example, if you wish to provide that the surviving children of a beneficiary who predeceases you should take that beneficiary's share by right of representation), you may submit another form of written beneficiary designation to the Custodian.

**Any amount remaining in the Account that is not disposed of by a proper Designation of Beneficiary will be distributed to your estate (unless otherwise required by the laws of your state of residence). You may change the beneficiary(ies) named above at anytime by filing a new Designation of Beneficiary with the Custodian. Any subsequent Designation filed with the Custodian will revoke all prior Designations, even if the subsequent designation does not dispose of your entire Account.**

**Spousal Consent\***

I am the spouse of the above-named Owner. I acknowledge that I have received a full and reasonable disclosure of my spouse's property and financial obligations. Due to any possible consequences of giving up my community or marital property interest in this IRA, I have been advised to see a tax professional or legal advisor. I hereby consent to the beneficiary designation(s) indicated above. I assume full responsibility for any adverse consequence that may result. No tax or legal advice was given to me by the Custodian, Counterpoint Funds, or the investment advisor.

Signature of Spouse

Date

\* This section should be reviewed if the Owner is married and designates a beneficiary other than the spouse. It is the Owner's responsibility to determine if this section applies. The Owner may need to consult with legal counsel. Neither the Custodian, Counterpoint Funds, nor the investment advisor are liable for any consequences resulting from a failure of the Owner to provide proper spousal consent.

## 10. 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

Address

City, State, ZIP

Telephone Number

Email Address

### REPRESENTATIVE'S BRANCH OFFICE

Address

City, State, ZIP

Rep Telephone Number

Rep ID Number

Rep Email Address

Branch ID Number

Branch Telephone Number (if different than Rep Phone Number)

## 11. UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LAWS

Unclaimed property legislation, which varies by state, generally requires deemed abandoned or ownerless personal property, including your account and any unclaimed monies, to be transferred to the state of your last known address. Common reasons for your assets to be deemed eligible for being reported as unclaimed property include, though are not limited to, the absence of recent account activity, returned mail, obtainment of the RMD age and evidence of death. To preserve your assets and prevent them from being turned over as unclaimed property, you are encouraged to contact us annually and to promptly inform us of any change in your address.

## 12. TRUSTED CONTACT

Designating a trusted contact is not required and does not authorize the named individual to make trades in your account or to make changes to your account, but it does authorize us to communicate with the trusted contact regarding the account.

By providing the information in this section, I authorize Counterpoint Funds to contact the person listed below and to disclose information about me and the account in the following circumstances: to prevent the presumption of abandonment, to address possible financial exploitation, to confirm the specifics of my current contact information, health status, or the identity of any legal guardian, executor, trustee, or holder of a power of attorney or as otherwise permitted by federal law

**Note:**

- There can be only be one trusted contact per account.
- Your trusted contact should not be the financial professional on record.

Full Name of Trusted Contact

Mailing Address (Including apartment or P.O. Box number)

City State ZIP

Foreign Routing or Postal Code Country of Residence if outside the U.S.

Cell Phone Number Email Address

Relationship to Account Owner

### 13. SIGNATURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

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.

By signing below, under penalties of perjury, I certify that: 1) The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number, and 2) I am not subject to back up withholding because; (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) 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 (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, 3) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien), and 4) I am exempt from FATCA reporting. I have received and read a current prospectus for Counterpoint Funds and agree to be bound by the terms contained therein. I release the Fund and their agents and representatives from all liability and agree to indemnify them from any and all losses, damages or costs for acting in good faith in accordance with instructions, including telephone instructions, believed to be genuine. I certify that I have the authority to establish this account and the information provided herein is accurate and complete. I agree to notify the Counterpoint Funds promptly in writing if any information contained in this application changes.

I have received and read the applicable sections of the IRA Disclosure Statements relating to this Account, the Custodial Agreement, and this Adoption Agreement. I understand that my Account will be charged an applicable IRA Fee as set forth in the attached IRA Custodial Booklet. I understand that I have the right to revoke this Individual Retirement Account within seven (7) days of receiving the IRA Disclosure Statements by notifying the Counterpoint Funds in writing.

I acknowledge that it is my sole responsibility to report all contributions to or withdrawals from the Account correctly on my tax returns, and to keep necessary records of all my IRAs (including any that may be held by another custodian or trustee) for tax purposes. All forms must be acceptable to the Custodian and dated and signed by me.

If Fund shares are being purchased on behalf of an Investment Company (as that term is defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("the 1940 Act"), including investment companies that are not required to register under the 1940 Act pursuant to section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) exemptions), I hereby certify that said Investment Company will limit its ownership to 3% or less of the Fund's outstanding shares.

***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

Date

### 14. CUSTODIAN ACCEPTANCE

Constellation Trust Company will accept appointment as Custodian of the Owner's Account. However, this Agreement is not binding upon the Custodian until the Owner has received a statement confirming the initial transaction for the Account. Receipt by the Owner of a confirmation of the purchase of the Fund shares indicated above will serve as notification of Constellation Trust Company's acceptance of appointment as Custodian of the Owner's Account.

#### TO CONTACT US:

##### **By Telephone**

Toll-free: **1-844-273-8637**

Fax: **402-963-9094**

##### **In Writing**

**Counterpoint Funds**

PO Box 46707

Cincinnati, OH 45246

or

Via Overnight Delivery

225 Pictoria Dr, Suite 450

Cincinnati, OH 45246

##### **Internet**

[www.counterpointfunds.com](http://www.counterpointfunds.com)

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**PRIVACY NOTICE**

**FACTS** **WHAT DOES NORTHERN LIGHTS FUND TRUST III 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
- Assets
- Retirement Assets
- Transaction History
- Checking Account Information
- Purchase History
- Account Balances
- Account Transactions
- Wire Transfer Instructions

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 Northern Lights Fund Trust III chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

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

**Questions?** Call (402) 493-4603

## Who we are

**Who is providing this notice?** Northern Lights Fund Trust III

## What we do

**How does Northern Lights Fund Trust III 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.

Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.

**How does Northern Lights Fund Trust III collect my personal information?** We collect your personal information, for example, when you

- Open an account
- Provide account information
- Give us your contact information
- Make deposits or withdrawals from your account
- Make a wire transfer
- Tell us where to send the money
- Tells us who receives the money
- Show your government-issued ID
- Show your driver's license

We also collect your personal information from other companies.

**Why can't I limit all sharing?**

Federal law gives you the right to limit only

- Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness
- Affiliates from using your information to market to you
- Sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you

State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

## Definitions

**Affiliates** Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- *Northern Lights Fund Trust III does not share with our affiliates.*

**Nonaffiliates** Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies

- *Northern Lights Fund Trust III does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.*

**Joint marketing** A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.

- *Northern Lights Fund Trust III doesn't jointly market.*

# SIMPLE INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

Form 5305-SA under section 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FORM (Rev. April 2017)

The participant named on the application is establishing a savings incentive match plan for employees of small employers individual retirement account (SIMPLE IRA) under sections 408(a) and 408(p) to provide for his or her retirement and for the support of his or her beneficiaries after death.

The custodian named on the application has given the participant the disclosure statement required by Regulations section 1.408-6.

The participant and the custodian make the following agreement:

## ARTICLE I

The custodian will accept cash contributions made on behalf of the participant by the participant's employer under the terms of a SIMPLE IRA plan described in section 408(p). In addition, the custodian will accept transfers or rollovers from other SIMPLE IRAs of the participant and, after the two-year period of participation defined in section 72(t)(6), transfers or rollovers from any eligible retirement plan (as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B)) other than a Roth IRA or a designated Roth account. No other contributions will be accepted by the custodian.

## ARTICLE II

The participant's interest in the balance in the custodial account is nonforfeitable.

## ARTICLE III

1. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the assets of the custodial account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund (within the meaning of section 408(a)(5)).
2. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of section 408(m)) except as otherwise permitted by section 408(m)(3), which provides an exception for certain gold, silver, and platinum coins, coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

## ARTICLE IV

1. Notwithstanding any provision of this agreement to the contrary, the distribution of the participant's interest in the custodial account shall be made in accordance with the following requirements and shall otherwise comply with section 408(a)(6) and the regulations thereunder, the provisions of which are herein incorporated by reference.
2. The participant's entire interest in the custodial account must be, or begin to be, distributed not later than the participant's required beginning date, April 1 following the calendar year in which the participant reaches age 70½. By that date, the participant may elect, in a manner acceptable to the custodian, to have the balance in the custodial account distributed in:
  - (a) A single sum or
  - (b) Payments over a period not longer than the life of the participant or the joint lives of the participant and his or her designated beneficiary.
3. If the participant dies before his or her entire interest is distributed to him or her, the remaining interest will be distributed as follows:
  - (a) If the participant dies on or after the required beginning date and:
    - (i) the designated beneficiary is the participant's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the surviving spouse's life expectancy as determined each year until such spouse's death, or over the period in paragraph

(a)(iii) below if longer. Any interest remaining after the spouse's death will be distributed over such spouse's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year of the spouse's death and reduced by one for each subsequent year, or, if distributions are being made over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below, over such period.

(ii) the designated beneficiary is not the participant's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the beneficiary's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year following the death of the participant and reduced by one for each subsequent year, or over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below if longer.

(iii) there is no designated beneficiary, the remaining interest will be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of the participant as determined in the year of the participant's death and reduced by one for each subsequent year.

(b) If the participant dies before the required beginning date, the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraph (i) below or, if elected or there is no designated beneficiary, in accordance with paragraph (ii) below:

(i) the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above (but not over the period in paragraph (a)(iii), even if longer), starting by the end of the calendar year following the year of the participant's death. If, however, the designated beneficiary is the participant's surviving spouse, then this distribution is not required to begin before the end of the calendar year in which the participant would have reached age 70½. But, in such case, if the participant's surviving spouse dies before distributions are required to begin, then the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) above (but not over the period in paragraph (a)(iii), even if longer), over such spouse's designated beneficiary's life expectancy, or in accordance with paragraph (ii) below if there is no such designated beneficiary.

(ii) the remaining interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the participant's death.

4. If the participant dies before his or her entire interest has been distributed and if the designated beneficiary is not the participant's surviving spouse, no additional contributions may be accepted in the account.

5. The minimum amount that must be distributed each year, beginning with the year containing the participant's required beginning date, is known as the "required minimum distribution" and is determined as follows:

(a) the required minimum distribution under paragraph 2(b) for any year, beginning with the year the participant reaches age 70½, is the participant's account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the distribution period in the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. However, if the participant's designated beneficiary is his or her surviving spouse, the required minimum distribution for a year shall not be more than the participant's account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the number in the joint and last survivor table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. The required minimum distribution for a year under this paragraph (a) is determined using the participant's (or, if applicable, the participant and spouse's) attained age (or ages) in the year.

(b) the required minimum distribution under paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i) for a year, beginning with the year following the year of the participant's death (or the year the participant would have reached age 70½, if applicable under paragraph 3(b)(i)) is the account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the life expectancy (in the single life table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9) of the individual specified in such paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i).

(c) the required minimum distribution for the year the participant reaches age 70½ can be made as late as April 1 of the following year. The required minimum distribution for any other year must be made by the end of such year.

6. The owner of two or more IRAs (other than Roth IRAs) may satisfy the minimum distribution requirements described above by taking from one IRA the amount required to satisfy the requirement for another in accordance with the regulations under section 408(a)(6).

## ARTICLE V

1. The participant agrees to provide the custodian with all information necessary to prepare any reports required by sections 408(i) and 408(l)(2) and Regulations sections 1.408-5 and 1.408-6.

2. The custodian agrees to submit to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and participant the reports prescribed by the IRS.

3. The custodian also agrees to provide the participant's employer the summary description described in section 408(l)(2) unless this SIMPLE IRA is a transfer SIMPLE IRA.

## ARTICLE VI

Notwithstanding any other articles which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through III and this sentence will be controlling. Any additional articles inconsistent with sections 408(a) and 408(p) and the related Regulations will be invalid.

## ARTICLE VII

This agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the related regulations. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signatures appear on the application.

## ARTICLE VIII

8.01 **Definitions** – In this part of this agreement (Article VIII), the words “you” and “your” mean the participant. The words “we,” “us,” and “our” mean the custodian. The word “Code” means the Internal Revenue Code, and “regulations” means the Treasury regulations.

8.02 **Notices and Change of Address** – Any required notice regarding this SIMPLE IRA will be considered effective when we send it to the intended recipient at the last address that we have in our records. Any notice to be given to us will be considered effective when we actually receive it. You, or the intended recipient, must notify us in writing of any change of address.

8.03 **Representations and Responsibilities** – You represent and warrant to us that any information you have given or will give us with respect to this agreement is complete and accurate. Further, you agree that any directions you give us or action you take will be proper under this agreement, and that we are entitled to rely upon any such information or directions. If we fail to receive directions from you regarding any transaction, if we receive ambiguous directions regarding any transaction, or if we, in good faith, believe that any transaction requested is in dispute, we reserve the right to take no action until further clarification acceptable to us is received from you or the appropriate government or judicial authority. We will not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from your directions to us or your actions or failures to act, and you agree to reimburse us for any loss we may incur as a result of such

directions, actions, or failures to act. We will not be responsible for any penalties, taxes, judgments, or expenses you incur in connection with your SIMPLE IRA. We have no duty to determine whether your contributions or distributions comply with the Code, regulations, rulings, or this agreement.

We may permit you to appoint, through written notice acceptable to us, an authorized agent to act on your behalf with respect to this Agreement (e.g., attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, investment manager, etc. collectively referred to as “Investment Advisor”), however, we have no duty to determine the validity of such appointment or any instrument appointing such Investment Advisor. We shall accept all investment or other instructions from your Investment Advisor as having been authorized by you. We shall not be responsible for and you shall indemnify us from all losses of any kind that may result from directions, actions or failures to act by you or your Investment Advisor, and you agree to reimburse us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions or failures to act by you or your Investment Advisor. You may at any time remove an Investment Advisor from your account by providing us written notice, provided, however that the removal will not have the effect of canceling any notice, instruction or action taken by us prior to Investment Advisor's removal from your account.

You will have 60 days after you receive any documents, statements, or other information from us to notify us in writing of any errors or inaccuracies reflected in these documents, statements, or other information. If you do not notify us within 60 days, the documents, statements, or other information will be deemed correct and accurate, and we will have no further liability or obligation for such documents, statements, other information, or the transactions described therein.

By performing services under this agreement we are acting as your agent. You acknowledge and agree that nothing in this agreement will be construed as conferring fiduciary status upon us. We will not be required to perform any additional services unless specifically agreed to under the terms and conditions of this agreement, or as required under the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to SIMPLE IRAs. You agree to indemnify and hold us harmless for any and all claims, actions, proceedings, damages, judgments, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees arising from or in connection with this agreement.

To the extent written instructions or notices are required under this agreement, we may accept or provide such information in any other form permitted by the Code or applicable regulations including, but not limited to, electronic communication.

8.04 **Disclosure of Account Information** – We may use agents and/or subcontractors to assist in administering your SIMPLE IRA. We may release nonpublic personal information regarding your SIMPLE IRA to such providers as necessary to provide the products and services made available under this agreement, and to evaluate our business operations and analyze potential product, service, or process improvements.

8.05 **Service Fees** – We have the right to charge an annual service fee or other designated fees (e.g., a transfer, rollover, or termination fee) for maintaining your SIMPLE IRA. In addition, we have the right to be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses, including legal expenses, we incur in connection with the administration of your SIMPLE IRA. We may charge you separately for any fees or expenses, or we may deduct the amount of the fees or expenses from the assets in your SIMPLE IRA at our discretion. We reserve the right to charge any additional fee upon 30 days notice to you that the fee will be effective. You agree that fees such as subtransfer agent fees, shareholder servicing fees and/or commissions may be paid to us by

third parties for assistance in performing certain transactions with respect to this SIMPLE IRA. In addition, you understand and agree that certain of our affiliates may receive investment advisory fees or other servicing fees from investments made by you, including investments made in certain mutual funds and money market funds.

Any brokerage commissions attributable to the assets in your SIMPLE IRA will be charged to your SIMPLE IRA. You cannot reimburse your SIMPLE IRA for those commissions.

If publicly-traded securities are to be included in the specified investments, orders shall be executed through a securities broker/dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 designated by you upon such form as we may prescribe. Any brokerage account maintained in connection herewith shall be in our name for your benefit. We shall be authorized to honor transactions within the brokerage account without obligation to verify prior authorization of same by you or your authorized agent. Any cash received by the brokerage account, whether as income or proceeds of transactions, shall be held by the brokerage account pending directions, and we shall have no obligation to direct the broker to remit such cash until directed to do so, but may receive remittances without direction if the same are made by the broker. Investment directions may be given directly to the designated broker by you or your authorized agent (in such manner as the broker may require) and the broker shall be responsible for the execution of such orders. When securities are purchased within the brokerage account requiring that funds be remitted by the Custodian to make settlement, you agree to notify or instruct the broker to notify us on the trade date of the pending securities transaction, and to request delivery of the custodial account assets necessary to settle the trade. You agree to hold us harmless for any losses resulting from your failure to notify us of the pending trade and request for settlement in the above prescribed manner.

**8.06 Investment of Amounts in the SIMPLE IRA** – You have exclusive responsibility for and control over the investment of the assets of your SIMPLE IRA. All transactions will be subject to any and all restrictions or limitations, direct or indirect, that are imposed by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws; any and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; the rules, regulations, customs, and usages of any exchange, market, or clearing house where the transaction is executed; our policies and practices; and this agreement. After your death, your beneficiaries will have the right to direct the investment of your SIMPLE IRA assets, subject to the same conditions that applied to you during your lifetime under this agreement (including, without limitation, Section 8.03 of this article). We will have no discretion to direct any investment in your SIMPLE IRA. We assume no responsibility for rendering investment advice with respect to your SIMPLE IRA, nor will we offer any opinion or judgment to you on matters concerning the value or suitability of any investment or proposed investment for your SIMPLE IRA. In the absence of instructions from you, or if your instructions are not in a form acceptable to us, we will have the right to hold any uninvested amounts in cash, and we will have no responsibility to invest uninvested cash unless and until directed by you. We will not exercise the voting rights and other shareholder rights with respect to investments in your SIMPLE IRA.

You will select the investment for your SIMPLE IRA assets from those investments that we are authorized by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws to offer and do in fact offer for SIMPLE IRAs (e.g., term share accounts, passbook accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts). We may in our sole discretion make available to you additional investment offerings, which will be limited to publicly traded securities, mutual funds, money market instruments, and other investments that are obtainable by us and that we are capable of holding in the ordinary course of our business.

We shall retain in cash so much of the custodial account as you or your Investment Advisor directs or until other instructions are received and we are authorized to place such cash held in the custodial account in an interest-bearing instrument or money market fund as determined appropriate in our sole discretion.

**8.07 Beneficiaries** – If you die before you receive all of the amounts in your SIMPLE IRA, payments from your SIMPLE IRA will be made to your beneficiaries. We have no obligation to pay to your beneficiaries until such time we are notified of your death by receiving a valid death certificate.

You may designate one or more persons or entities as beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during your lifetime. Each beneficiary designation you file with us will cancel all previous designations. The consent of your beneficiaries will not be required for you to revoke a beneficiary designation. If you have designated both primary and contingent beneficiaries and no primary beneficiary survives you, the contingent beneficiaries will acquire the designated share of your SIMPLE IRA. If you do not designate a beneficiary or if all of your primary and contingent beneficiaries predecease you, your estate will be the beneficiary.

A spouse beneficiary will have all rights as granted under the Code or applicable regulations to treat your SIMPLE IRA as his or her own.

We may allow, if permitted by state law, an original SIMPLE IRA beneficiary (the beneficiary who is entitled to receive distributions from an inherited SIMPLE IRA at the time of your death) to name successor beneficiaries for the inherited SIMPLE IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during the original SIMPLE IRA beneficiary's lifetime. Each beneficiary designation form that the original SIMPLE IRA beneficiary files with us will cancel all previous designations. The consent of a successor beneficiary will not be required for the original SIMPLE IRA beneficiary to revoke a successor beneficiary designation. If the original SIMPLE IRA beneficiary does not designate a successor beneficiary, his or her estate will be the successor beneficiary. In no event will the successor beneficiary be able to extend the distribution period beyond that required for the original SIMPLE IRA beneficiary.

If we so choose, for any reason (e.g., due to limitations of our charter or bylaws), we may require that a beneficiary of a deceased SIMPLE IRA owner take total distribution of all SIMPLE IRA assets by December 31 of the year following the year of death.

**8.08 Required Minimum Distributions** – Your required minimum distribution is calculated using the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. However, if your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary and is more than 10 years younger than you, your required minimum distribution is calculated each year using the joint and last survivor table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9.

If you fail to request your required minimum distribution by your required beginning date we can, at our complete and sole discretion, do any one of the following.

- Make no distribution until you give us a proper withdrawal request
- Distribute your entire SIMPLE IRA to you in a single sum payment
- Determine your required minimum distribution from your SIMPLE IRA each year based on your life expectancy, calculated using the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9, and pay those distributions to you until you direct otherwise

We will not be liable for any penalties or taxes related to your failure to take a required minimum distribution.

- 8.09 Termination of Agreement, Resignation, or Removal of Custodian –** Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other. We can resign as custodian at any time effective 30 days after we send written notice of our resignation to you. Upon receipt of that notice, you must make arrangements to transfer your SIMPLE IRA to another financial organization. If you do not complete a transfer of your SIMPLE IRA within 30 days from the date we send the notice to you, we have the right to transfer your SIMPLE IRA assets to a successor SIMPLE IRA trustee or custodian that we choose in our sole discretion, or we may pay your SIMPLE IRA to you in a single sum. We will not be liable for any actions or failures to act on the part of any successor trustee or custodian, nor for any tax consequences you may incur that result from the transfer or distribution of your assets pursuant to this section.
- If this agreement is terminated, we may charge to your SIMPLE IRA a reasonable amount of money that we believe is necessary to cover any associated costs, including but not limited to one or more of the following.
- Any fees, expenses, or taxes chargeable against your SIMPLE IRA
  - Any penalties or surrender charges associated with the early withdrawal of any savings instrument or other investment in your SIMPLE IRA
- If we are a nonbank custodian required to comply with Regulations section 1.408-2(e) and we fail to do so or we are not keeping the records, making the returns, or sending the statements as are required by forms or regulations, the IRS may require us to substitute another trustee or custodian.
- We may establish a policy requiring distribution of the entire balance of your SIMPLE IRA to you in cash or property if the balance of your SIMPLE IRA drops below the minimum balance required under the applicable investment or policy established.
- 8.10 Successor Custodian –** If our organization changes its name, reorganizes, merges with another organization (or comes under the control of any federal or state agency), or if our entire organization (or any portion that includes your SIMPLE IRA) is bought by another organization, that organization (or agency) will automatically become the trustee or custodian of your SIMPLE IRA, but only if it is the type of organization authorized to serve as a SIMPLE IRA trustee or custodian.
- 8.11 Amendments –** We have the right to amend this agreement at any time. Any amendment we make to comply with the Code and related regulations does not require your consent. You will be deemed to have consented to any other amendment unless, within 30 days from the date we send the amendment, you notify us in writing that you do not consent.
- 8.12 Withdrawals or Transfers –** All requests for withdrawal or transfer will be in writing on a form provided by or acceptable to us. The method of distribution must be specified in writing or in any other method acceptable to us. The tax identification number of the recipient must be provided to us before we are obligated to make a distribution. Withdrawals will be subject to all applicable tax and other laws and regulations, including but not limited to possible early distribution penalty taxes, surrender charges, and withholding requirements.
- 8.13 Transfers From Other Plans –** We can receive amounts transferred or rolled over to this SIMPLE IRA from the trustee or custodian of another SIMPLE IRA. We reserve the right not to accept any transfer or rollover.
- 8.14 Liquidation of Assets –** We have the right to liquidate assets in your SIMPLE IRA if necessary to make distributions or to pay fees, expenses, taxes, penalties, or surrender charges properly chargeable against your SIMPLE IRA. If you fail to direct us as to which assets to liquidate, we will decide, in our complete and sole discretion, and you agree to not hold us liable for any adverse consequences that result from our decision.
- 8.15 Restrictions on the Fund –** Neither you nor any beneficiary may sell, transfer, or pledge any interest in your SIMPLE IRA in any manner whatsoever, except as provided by law or this agreement.
- The assets in your SIMPLE IRA will not be responsible for the debts, contracts, or torts of any person entitled to distributions under this agreement.
- 8.16 What Law Applies –** This agreement is subject to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. If it is necessary to apply any state law to interpret and administer this agreement, the law of Nebraska will govern.
- If any part of this agreement is held to be illegal or invalid, the remaining parts will not be affected. Neither your nor our failure to enforce at any time or for any period of time any of the provisions of this agreement will be construed as a waiver of such provisions, or your right or our right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.
- 8.17 Summary Description Requirements –** Notwithstanding Article V above, we will be deemed to have satisfied our summary description reporting requirements under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 408(l)(2) if either
- a. we provide a summary description directly to you, or
  - b. we provide our name, address and withdrawal procedures to you, and your employer provides you with all other required information.
- 8.18 Arbitration –** YOU AGREE THAT ALL CLAIMS AND DISPUTES OF EVERY TYPE AND MATTER WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO BINDING ARBITRATION BEFORE A PANEL OF ARBITRATORS (AS DESCRIBED BELOW), OF AND PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION (“AAA”). SUCH ARBITRATION HEARINGS AND PROCEEDINGS SHALL TAKE PLACE ONLY IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA OR ANOTHER SITE SELECTED BY US IN OUR SOLE DISCRETION AND THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION AND THE ARBITRATION SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE AAA PURSUANT TO AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED UNDER THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT (TITLE 9 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE) (“FAA”). IF THE FAA IS INAPPLICABLE FOR ANY REASON, SUCH ARBITRATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA LAW. THERE SHALL BE NO CLASS ACTION, CLASS OR CONSOLIDATED ARBITRATION AND THE PREVAILING PARTY IN ANY CLAIM OR DISPUTE OF ANY TYPE SHALL RECOVER REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ARBITRATION FILING FEES, ARBITRATORS’ FEES, AND OTHER ARBITRATION FEES. ANY ARBITRATION PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY A PANEL OF THREE NEUTRAL ARBITRATORS SELECTED BY THE PARTIES UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE OTHERWISE. IF ARBITRATION IS REQUESTED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, BOTH YOU AND US EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO INSTITUTE OR CONDUCT LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION BEFORE ANY OTHER BODY OR TRIBUNAL. THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE THAT IF A PARTY IS REQUIRED TO ENFORCE THIS ARBITRATION AGREEMENT AGAINST THE OTHER PARTY AND/OR TO COMPEL THE OTHER PARTY TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTY SHALL RECOVER FROM THE OTHER PARTY REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES SO INCURRED. ARBITRATION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING UPON THE PARTIES.

8.19 **Limitation of Liability** – WE SHALL BE UNDER NO DUTIES WHATSOEVER EXCEPT SUCH DUTIES AS ARE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT. WE SHALL BE FULLY PROTECTED IN ACTING UPON ANY INSTRUMENT, CERTIFICATE, OR PAPER BELIEVED BY US TO BE GENUINE AND TO BE SIGNED OR PRESENTED BY THE PROPER PERSON OR PERSONS, AND THE WE SHALL BE UNDER NO DUTY TO MAKE ANY INVESTIGATION OR INQUIRY AS TO ANY STATEMENT CONTAINED IN ANY SUCH WRITING BUT MAY ACCEPT THE SAME AS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF THE TRUTH AND ACCURACY OF THE STATEMENTS THEREIN CONTAINED. YOU SHALL AT ALL TIMES INDEMNIFY AND HOLD US HARMLESS FROM ANY LIABILITY WHICH MAY ARISE HEREUNDER EXCEPT LIABILITY ARISING FROM OUR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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*Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.*

### PURPOSE OF FORM

Form 5305-SA is a model custodial account agreement that meets the requirements of sections 408(a) and 408(p). However, only Articles I through VII have been reviewed by the IRS. A SIMPLE individual retirement account (SIMPLE IRA) is established after the form is fully executed by both the individual (participant) and the custodian. This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the participant and his or her beneficiaries.

**Do not** file Form 5305-SA with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records.

For more information on SIMPLE IRAs, including the required disclosures the custodian must give the participant, see Pub. 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*; Pub. 590-B, *Distributions from Traditional Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*; and Pub. 560, *Retirement Plans for Small Business (SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans)*.

### DEFINITIONS

**Participant** – The participant is the person who establishes the custodial account.

**Custodian** – The custodian must be a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in section 408(n), or any person who has the approval of the IRS to act as custodian.

### TRANSFER SIMPLE IRA

This SIMPLE IRA is a “transfer SIMPLE IRA” if it is not the original recipient of contributions under any SIMPLE IRA plan. The summary description requirements of section 408(l)(2) do not apply to transfer SIMPLE IRAs.

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## SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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**Article IV** – Distributions made under this article may be made in a single sum, periodic payment, or a combination of both. The distribution option should be reviewed in the year the participant reaches age 70½ to ensure that the requirements of section 408(a)(6) have been met.

**Article VIII** – Article VIII and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the participant and custodian to complete the agreement. They may include, for example, definitions, investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of the custodian, custodian’s fees, state law requirements, beginning date of distributions, accepting only cash, treatment of excess contributions, prohibited transactions with the participant, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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# DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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## RIGHT TO REVOKE YOUR SIMPLE IRA

You have the right to revoke your SIMPLE IRA within seven (7) days of the receipt of the disclosure statement. If revoked, you are entitled to a full return of the contribution you made to your SIMPLE IRA. The amount returned to you would not include an adjustment for such items as sales commissions, administrative expenses, or fluctuation in market value. You may make this revocation only by mailing or delivering a written notice to the custodian at the address listed on the application.

If you send your notice by first class mail, your revocation will be deemed mailed as of the postmark date.

If you have any questions about the procedure for revoking your SIMPLE IRA, please call the custodian at the telephone number listed on the application.

## REQUIREMENTS OF A SIMPLE IRA

- A. **Cash Contributions** – Your contribution must be in cash, unless it is a rollover contribution.
- B. **Maximum Contribution** – The only contributions that may be made to your SIMPLE IRA are employee elective deferrals under a qualified salary reduction agreement, employer contributions, and other contributions allowed by the Code or related regulations, that are made under a SIMPLE IRA plan maintained by your employer. Employee elective deferrals may not exceed the lesser of 100 percent of your compensation for the calendar year or \$13,000 for 2019 and \$13,500 for 2020, with possible cost-of-living adjustments each year thereafter. Your employer may make additional contributions to your SIMPLE IRA within the limits prescribed in Internal Revenue Code Section (IRC Sec.) 408(p). Your employer is required to provide you with information that describes the terms of its SIMPLE IRA plan.
- C. **Catch-Up Contributions** – If you are age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, you may make an additional contribution to your SIMPLE IRA. The maximum additional contribution is \$3,000 for 2019 and 2020, with possible cost-of-living adjustments each year thereafter.
- D. **Nonforfeitable** – Your interest in your SIMPLE IRA is nonforfeitable.
- E. **Eligible Custodians** – The custodian of your SIMPLE IRA must be a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or a person or entity approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.
- F. **Commingling Assets** – The assets of your SIMPLE IRA cannot be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.
- G. **Life Insurance** – No portion of your SIMPLE IRA may be invested in life insurance contracts.
- H. **Collectibles** – You may not invest the assets of your SIMPLE IRA in collectibles (within the meaning of IRC Sec. 408(m)). A collectible is defined as any work of art, rug or antique, metal or gem, stamp or coin, alcoholic beverage, or other tangible personal property specified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). However, specially minted United States gold and silver coins, and certain state-issued coins are permissible investments. Platinum coins and certain gold, silver, platinum or palladium bullion (as described in IRC Sec. 408(m)(3)) also are permitted as SIMPLE IRA investments.
- I. **Required Minimum Distributions** – You are required to take minimum distributions from your SIMPLE IRA at certain times in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.408-8. Below is a summary of the SIMPLE IRA distribution rules.

- 1. If you were born before July 1, 1949, you are required to take a minimum distribution from your SIMPLE IRA for the year in which you reach age 70½ and for each year thereafter. You must take your first distribution by your required beginning date, which is April 1 of the year following the year you attain age 70½. If you were born on or after July 1, 1949, you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA for the year in which you reach age 72 and for each year thereafter. You must take your first distribution by your required beginning date, which is April 1 of the year following the year you attain age 72. The minimum distribution for any taxable year is equal to the amount obtained by dividing the account balance at the end of the prior year by the applicable divisor.
- 2. The applicable divisor generally is determined using the Uniform Lifetime Table provided by the IRS. If your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary for the entire calendar year, and is more than 10 years younger than you, the required minimum distribution is determined each year using the actual joint life expectancy of you and your spouse obtained from the Joint Life Expectancy Table provided by the IRS, rather than the life expectancy divisor from the Uniform Lifetime Table.

We reserve the right to do any one of the following by your required beginning date.

- (a) Make no distribution until you give us a proper withdrawal request
- (b) Distribute your entire SIMPLE IRA to you in a single sum payment
- (c) Determine your required minimum distribution each year based on your life expectancy calculated using the Uniform Lifetime Table, and pay those distributions to you until you direct otherwise

If you fail to remove a required minimum distribution, an additional penalty tax of 50 percent is imposed on the amount of the required minimum distribution that should have been taken but was not. You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to report and remit any additional taxes to the IRS.

- J. **Beneficiary Distributions** – Upon your death, your beneficiaries are required to take distributions according to IRC Sec. 401(a)(9) and Treasury Regulation 1.408-8. These requirements are described below.
  - 1. **Death of SIMPLE IRA Owner Before January 1, 2020** – Your designated beneficiary is determined based on the beneficiaries designated as of the date of your death, who remain your beneficiaries as of September 30 of the year following the year of your death.

If you die on or after your required beginning date, distributions must be made to your beneficiaries over the longer of the single life expectancy of your designated beneficiaries, or your remaining life expectancy. If a beneficiary other than a person or qualified trust as defined in the Treasury Regulations is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If there is no designated beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA, distributions will commence using your single life expectancy, reduced by one in each subsequent year.



If you die before your required beginning date, the entire amount remaining in your account will, at the election of your designated beneficiaries, either

- (a) be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, or
- (b) be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of your designated beneficiaries.

If your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary, he or she must elect either option (a) or (b) by the earlier of December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, or December 31 of the year life expectancy payments would be required to begin. Your designated beneficiaries, other than a spouse who is the sole designated beneficiary, must elect either option (a) or (b) by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. If no election is made, distribution will be calculated in accordance with option (b). In the case of distributions under option (b), distributions must commence by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. Generally, if your spouse is the designated beneficiary, distributions need not commence until December 31 of the year you would have attained age 72 (age 70½ if you would have attained age 70½ before 2020), if later. If a beneficiary other than a person or qualified trust as defined in the Treasury Regulations is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If there is no designated beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA, the entire SIMPLE IRA must be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death.

2. **Death of SIMPLE IRA Owner On or After January 1, 2020** – The entire amount remaining in your account will generally be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the tenth anniversary of your death unless you have an eligible designated beneficiary or you have no designated beneficiary for purposes of determining a distribution period. This requirement applies to beneficiaries regardless of whether you die before, on, or after your required beginning date.

If your beneficiary is an eligible designated beneficiary, the entire amount remaining in your account may be distributed (in accordance with the Treasury Regulations) over the remaining life expectancy of your eligible designated beneficiary (or over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of such beneficiary).

An eligible designated beneficiary is any designated beneficiary who is

- your surviving spouse,
- your child who has not reached the age of majority,
- disabled (A physician must determine that your impairment can be expected to result in death or to be of long, continued, and indefinite duration.),
- an individual who is not more than 10 years younger than you, or
- chronically ill (A chronically ill individual is someone who (1) is unable to perform (without substantial assistance from another individual) at least two activities of daily living for an indefinite period due to a loss of functional capacity, (2) has a level of disability similar to the level of disability described above requiring assistance with daily living based on loss of functional capacity, or (3) requires substantial supervision to protect the individual from threats to health and safety due to severe cognitive impairment.)

Note that certain trust beneficiaries (e.g., certain trusts for disabled and chronically ill individuals) may take distribution of the entire amount remaining in your account over the remaining life expectancy of the trust beneficiary.

Generally, life expectancy distributions to an eligible designated beneficiary must commence by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. However, if your spouse is the eligible designated beneficiary, distributions need not commence until December 31 of the year you would have attained age 72, if later. If your eligible designated beneficiary is your minor child, life expectancy payments must begin by December 31 of the year following the year of your death and continue until the child reaches the age of majority. Once the age of majority is reached, the beneficiary will have 10 years to deplete the account.

If a beneficiary other than a person (e.g., your estate, a charity, or a certain type of trust) is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If you die before your required beginning date and there is no designated beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA, the entire SIMPLE IRA must be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death. If you die on or after your required beginning date and there is no designated beneficiary of your SIMPLE IRA, distributions will commence using your single life expectancy, reduced by one in each subsequent year.

A spouse beneficiary will have all rights as granted under the Code or applicable Treasury Regulations to treat your SIMPLE IRA as his or her own.

If we so choose, for any reason (e.g., due to limitations of our charter or bylaws), we may require that a beneficiary of a deceased SIMPLE IRA owner take total distribution of all SIMPLE IRA assets by December 31 of the year following the year of death.

If your beneficiary fails to remove a required minimum distribution after your death, an additional penalty tax of 50 percent is imposed on the amount of the required minimum distribution that should have been taken but was not. Your beneficiary must file IRS Form 5329 along with his or her income tax return to report and remit any additional taxes to the IRS.

- K. **Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contracts and RMDs** – A qualifying longevity annuity contract (QLAC) is a deferred annuity contract that, among other requirements, must guarantee lifetime income starting no later than age 85. The total premiums paid to QLACs in your IRAs must not exceed 25 percent (up to \$125,000) of the combined value of your IRAs (excluding Roth IRAs). The \$125,000 limit is subject to cost-of-living adjustments each year.

When calculating your RMD, you may reduce the prior year end account value by the value of QLACs that your SIMPLE IRA holds as investments.

For more information on QLACs, you may wish to refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

- L. **Waiver of 2020 RMD** – In spite of the general rules described above, if you are a SIMPLE IRA owner age 70½ or older, you are not required to remove an RMD for calendar year 2020. This RMD waiver also applies to SIMPLE IRA owners who attained age 70½ in 2019 but did not take their first RMD before January 1, 2020. In addition, no beneficiary life expectancy payments are required for calendar year 2020. If the five-year rule applies to a SIMPLE IRA with respect to any decedent, the five-year period is determined without regard to calendar year 2020. For example, if a SIMPLE IRA owner died in 2017, the beneficiary's five-year period ends in 2023 instead of 2022.

## INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING A SIMPLE IRA

**A. Deductibility for SIMPLE IRA Contributions** – You may not take a deduction for the amounts contributed to your SIMPLE IRA as either employee elective deferrals or employer contributions. However, employee elective deferrals to a SIMPLE IRA will reduce your taxable income. Further, employer SIMPLE IRA contributions, including earnings, will not be taxable to you until you take a distribution from your SIMPLE IRA.

Participation in your employer’s SIMPLE IRA plan renders you an active participant for purposes of determining whether or not you can deduct contributions to a Traditional IRA.

**B. Contribution Deadline** – SIMPLE IRA deferral contributions must be deposited into the SIMPLE IRA as soon as administratively possible, but in no event later than 30 days following the month in which you would have otherwise received the money. Employer matching or nonelective contributions must be deposited no later than the due date for filing the employer’s tax return, including extensions.

**C. Tax Credit for Contributions** – You may be eligible to receive a tax credit for your SIMPLE IRA deferrals. This credit may not exceed \$1,000 in a given year. You may be eligible for this tax credit if you are

- age 18 or older as of the close of the taxable year,
- not a dependent of another taxpayer, and
- not a full-time student.

The credit is based upon your income (see chart below), and will range from 0 to 50 percent of eligible contributions. In order to determine the amount of your contributions, add all of the deferrals made to your SIMPLE IRA and reduce these contributions by any distributions that you may have taken during the testing period. The testing period begins two years prior to the year for which the credit is sought and ends on the tax return due date (including extensions) for the year for which the credit is sought. In order to determine your tax credit, multiply the applicable percentage from the chart below by the amount of your contributions that do not exceed \$2,000.

2019 Adjusted Gross Income*			Applicable Percentage
Joint Return	Head of a Household	All Other Cases	
\$1–38,500	\$1–28,875	\$1–19,250	50
\$38,501–41,500	\$28,876–31,125	\$19,251–20,750	20
\$41,501–64,000	\$31,126–48,000	\$20,751–32,000	10
Over \$64,000	Over \$48,000	Over \$32,000	0

2020 Adjusted Gross Income*			Applicable Percentage
Joint Return	Head of a Household	All Other Cases	
\$1–39,000	\$1–29,250	\$1–19,500	50
\$39,001–42,500	\$29,251–31,875	\$19,501–21,250	20
\$42,501–65,000	\$31,876–48,750	\$21,251–32,500	10
Over \$65,000	Over \$48,750	Over \$32,500	0

\*Adjusted gross income (AGI) includes foreign earned income and income from Guam, America Samoa, North Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico. AGI limits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments each year.

**D. Tax-Deferred Earnings** – The investment earnings of your SIMPLE IRA are not subject to federal income tax until distributions are made (or, in certain instances, when distributions are deemed to be made).

**E. Excess Contributions** – If you defer more than the maximum allowable limit for the tax year, you have an excess deferral and must correct it. Excess deferrals, adjusted for earnings, must be distributed from your SIMPLE IRA.

If your employer mistakenly contributes too much to your SIMPLE IRA as an employer contribution, your employer may effect distribution of the employer excess amount, adjusted for earnings through the date of distribution. The amount distributed to the employer is not includible in your gross income.

**F. Income Tax Withholding** – Any withdrawal from your SIMPLE IRA is subject to federal income tax withholding. You may, however, elect not to have withholding apply to your SIMPLE IRA withdrawal. If withholding is applied to your withdrawal, not less than 10 percent of the amount withdrawn must be withheld.

**G. Early Distribution Penalty Tax** – If you receive a SIMPLE IRA distribution before you attain age 59½, an additional early distribution penalty tax of 10 percent (25 percent if less than two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer) will apply to the taxable amount of the distribution unless one of the following exceptions apply. **1) Death.** After your death, payments made to your beneficiary are not subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. **2) Disability.** If you are disabled at the time of distribution, you are not subject to the additional 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. In order to be disabled, a physician must determine that your impairment can be expected to result in death or to be of long, continued, and indefinite duration. **3) Substantially equal periodic payments.** You are not subject to the additional 10 percent early distribution penalty tax if you are taking a series of substantially equal periodic payments (at least annual payments) over your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary. You must continue these payments for the longer of five years or until you reach age 59½. **4) Unreimbursed medical expenses.** If you take payments to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses that exceed a specified percentage of your adjusted gross income, you will not be subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. For further detailed information and effective dates you may obtain IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, from the IRS. The medical expenses may be for you, your spouse, or any dependent listed on your tax return. **5) Health insurance premiums.** If you are unemployed and have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks under a federal or state program, you may take payments from your SIMPLE IRA to pay for health insurance premiums without incurring the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. **6) Higher education expenses.** Payments taken for certain qualified higher education expenses for you, your spouse, or the children or grandchildren of you or your spouse, will not be subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. **7) First-time homebuyer.** You may take payments from your SIMPLE IRA to use toward qualified acquisition costs of buying or building a principal residence. The amount you may take for this reason may not exceed a lifetime maximum of \$10,000. The payment must be used for qualified acquisition costs within 120 days of receiving the distribution. **8) IRS levy.** Payments from your SIMPLE IRA made to the U.S. government in response to a federal tax levy are not subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. **9) Qualified reservist distributions.** If you are a qualified reservist member called to active duty for more than 179 days or an indefinite period, the payments you take from your SIMPLE IRA during the active duty period are not subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. **10) Qualified birth or adoption.** Payments from your SIMPLE IRA for the birth of your child or the adoption of an eligible adoptee will not be subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax if the distribution is taken during the one-year period beginning on the date of birth of your child or the date on which your legal adoption of an eligible adoptee is finalized. An eligible adoptee means any individual (other than your spouse’s child) who has not attained age 18 or is physically or mentally incapable of self-support. The aggregate amount you may take for this reason may not exceed \$5,000 for each birth or adoption.

You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to the IRS to report and remit any additional taxes or to claim a penalty tax exception.

H. **Rollovers and Conversions** – Your SIMPLE IRA may be rolled over to another SIMPLE IRA, Traditional IRA, or an eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan of yours, may receive rollover contributions, or may be converted to a Roth IRA, provided that all of the applicable rollover and conversion rules are followed. Rollover is a term used to describe a movement of cash or other property to your SIMPLE IRA from another SIMPLE IRA, Traditional IRA, or from your employer's qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity plan, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan provided a two-year period has been satisfied. The amount rolled over is not subject to taxation or the additional 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. Conversion is a term used to describe the movement of SIMPLE IRA assets to a Roth IRA. A conversion generally is a taxable event. The general rollover and conversion rules are summarized below. These transactions are often complex. If you have any questions regarding a rollover or conversion, please see a competent tax advisor.

1. **SIMPLE IRA-to-SIMPLE IRA Rollovers.** Assets distributed from your SIMPLE IRA may be rolled over to a SIMPLE IRA of yours if the requirements of IRC Sec. 408(d)(3) are met. A proper SIMPLE IRA-to-SIMPLE IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received. In the case of a distribution for a first-time homebuyer where there was a delay or cancellation of the purchase, the 60-day rollover period may be extended to 120 days.

You are permitted to roll over only one distribution from an IRA (Traditional, Roth, or SIMPLE) in a 12-month period, regardless of the number of IRAs you own. A distribution may be rolled over to the same IRA or to another IRA that is eligible to receive the rollover. For more information on rollover limitations, you may obtain IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

2. **Traditional IRA-to-SIMPLE IRA Rollovers.** Assets distributed from your Traditional IRA may be rolled over to a SIMPLE IRA if the requirements of IRC Sec. 408(d)(3) are met and two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer. A proper Traditional IRA-to-SIMPLE IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received. In the case of a distribution for a first-time homebuyer where there was a delay or cancellation of the purchase, the 60-day rollover period may be extended to 120 days.

You are permitted to roll over only one distribution from an IRA (Traditional, Roth, or SIMPLE) in a 12-month period, regardless of the number of IRAs you own. A distribution may be rolled over to the same IRA or to another IRA that is eligible to receive the rollover. For more information on rollover limitations, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

3. **Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan-to-SIMPLE IRA Rollovers.** You may roll over, directly or indirectly, any eligible rollover distribution from an eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan to a SIMPLE IRA provided two years have passed since you first participated in the SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer. An eligible rollover distribution is defined generally as any distribution from a qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan, or federal Thrift Savings Plan unless it is a required minimum

distribution, hardship distribution, part of a certain series of substantially equal periodic payments, corrective distributions of excess contributions, excess deferrals, excess annual additions and any income allocable to the excess, deemed loan distribution, dividends on employer securities, the cost of life insurance coverage, or a distribution of Roth elective deferrals from a 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457(b), or federal Thrift Savings Plan.

If you elect to receive your rollover distribution prior to placing it in a SIMPLE IRA, thereby conducting an indirect rollover, your plan administrator generally will be required to withhold 20 percent of your distribution as a payment of income taxes. When completing the rollover, you may make up out of pocket the amount withheld, and roll over the full amount distributed from your employer-sponsored retirement plan. To qualify as a rollover, your eligible rollover distribution generally must be rolled over to your SIMPLE IRA not later than 60 days after you receive the distribution. In the case of a plan loan offset due to plan termination or severance from employment, the deadline for completing the rollover is your tax return due date (including extensions) for the year in which the offset occurs. Alternatively, you may claim the withheld amount as income, and pay the applicable income tax, and if you are under age 59½, the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax (unless an exception to the penalty applies).

As an alternative to the indirect rollover, your employer generally must give you the option to directly roll over your employer-sponsored retirement plan balance to a SIMPLE IRA. If you elect the direct rollover option, your eligible rollover distribution will be paid directly to the SIMPLE IRA (or other eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan) that you designate. The 20 percent withholding requirements do not apply to direct rollovers.

4. **SIMPLE IRA-to-Traditional IRA Rollovers.** Assets distributed from your SIMPLE IRA may be rolled over to your Traditional IRA without IRS penalty tax, provided two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer. As with SIMPLE IRA-to-SIMPLE IRA rollovers, the requirements of IRC Sec. 408(d)(3) must be met. A proper SIMPLE IRA-to-Traditional IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received.

You are permitted to roll over only one distribution from an IRA (Traditional, Roth, or SIMPLE) in a 12-month period, regardless of the number of IRAs you own. A distribution may be rolled over to the same IRA or to another IRA that is eligible to receive the rollover. For more information on rollover limitations, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

5. **SIMPLE IRA-to-Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan Rollovers.** You may roll over, directly or indirectly, any eligible rollover distribution from a SIMPLE IRA to an employer's qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan, provided two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer. The employer-sponsored retirement plan, however, must allow for such rollover contributions.

6. **SIMPLE IRA-to-Roth IRA Conversions.** You are eligible to convert all or any portion of your existing SIMPLE IRA(s) into your Roth IRA(s), provided two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer. If you convert to a Roth IRA, the amount of the conversion from your SIMPLE IRA to your Roth IRA will be treated as a distribution for income tax purposes, and is includable in your gross income. Although the

conversion amount generally is included in income, the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax will not apply to conversions from a SIMPLE IRA to a Roth IRA, regardless of whether you qualify for any exceptions to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. If you are required to take a required minimum distribution for the year, you must remove your required minimum distribution before converting your SIMPLE IRA.

7. **Rollover of IRS Levy.** If you receive a refund of eligible retirement plan assets that had been wrongfully levied, you may roll over the amount returned up until your tax return due date (not including extensions) for the year in which the money was returned.
  8. **Repayment of Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution.** If you have taken a qualified birth or adoption distribution, you may generally repay all or a portion of the aggregate amount of such distribution to a SIMPLE IRA, provided two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer, as permitted by the IRS. For further information, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) on the Internet.
  9. **Written Election.** At the time you make a rollover to a SIMPLE IRA, you must designate in writing to the custodian your election to treat that contribution as a rollover. Once made, the rollover election is irrevocable.
- I. **Recharacterizations** – You may not recharacterize a Roth IRA conversion back to a SIMPLE IRA.

## LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- A. **Deduction of Rollovers and Transfers** – A deduction is not allowed for rollover or transfer contributions.
- B. **Gift Tax** – Transfers of your SIMPLE IRA assets to a beneficiary made during your life and at your request may be subject to federal gift tax under IRC Sec. 2501.
- C. **Special Tax Treatment** – Capital gains treatment and 10-year income averaging authorized by IRC Sec. 402 do not apply to SIMPLE IRA distributions.
- D. **Prohibited Transactions** – If you or your beneficiary engage in a prohibited transaction with your SIMPLE IRA, as described in IRC Sec. 4975, your SIMPLE IRA will lose its tax-deferred status, and you must include the value of your account in your gross income for that taxable year. The following transactions are examples of prohibited transactions with your SIMPLE IRA. (1) Taking a loan from your SIMPLE IRA (2) Buying property for personal use (present or future) with SIMPLE IRA assets (3) Receiving certain bonuses or premiums because of your SIMPLE IRA.
- E. **Pledging** – If you pledge any portion of your SIMPLE IRA as collateral for a loan, the amount so pledged will be treated as a distribution and will be included in your gross income for that year.

## OTHER

- A. **IRS Plan Approval** – Articles I through VII of the agreement used to establish this SIMPLE IRA have been approved by the IRS. The IRS approval is a determination only as to form. It is not an endorsement of the plan in operation or of the investments offered.
- B. **Additional Information** – For further information on SIMPLE IRAs, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, or Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, by calling 800-TAX-FORM, or by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) on the Internet.

C. **Important Information About Procedures for Opening a New Account** – To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial organizations to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. Therefore, when you open a SIMPLE IRA, you are required to provide your name, residential address, date of birth, and identification number. We may require other information that will allow us to identify you.

D. **Qualified Reservist Distributions** – If you are an eligible qualified reservist who has taken penalty-free qualified reservist distributions from your SIMPLE IRA or retirement plan, you may recontribute those amounts to an IRA generally within a two-year period from your date of return.

E. **Disaster Related Relief** – If you qualify (for example, you sustained an economic loss due to, or are otherwise considered affected by, certain disasters designated by Congress), you may be eligible for favorable tax treatment on distributions, rollovers, and other transactions involving your SIMPLE IRA. Qualified disaster relief may include penalty-tax free early distributions made during specified timeframes for each disaster, the ability to include distributions in your gross income ratably over multiple years, the ability to roll over distributions to an eligible retirement plan without regard to the 60-day rollover rule, and more. For additional information on specific disasters, including a complete listing of disaster areas, qualification requirements for relief, and allowable disaster-related SIMPLE IRA transactions, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

F. **Coronavirus-Related Distributions (CRDs)** – If you qualify, you may withdraw up to \$100,000 in aggregate from your IRAs and eligible retirement plans as a CRD, without paying the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. You are a qualified individual if you (or your spouse or dependent) is diagnosed with the COVID-19 disease or the SARS-CoV-2 virus in an approved test; or if you have experienced adverse financial consequences as a result of being quarantined, being furloughed or laid off or having work hours reduced due to such virus or disease, being unable to work due to lack of child care due to such virus or disease, closing or reduced hours of a business owned or operated by you due to such virus or disease, or other factors as determined by the IRS. A CRD must be made on or after January 1, 2020, and before December 31, 2020.

CRDs will be taxed ratably over a three-year period, unless you elect otherwise, and may be repaid over three years beginning with the day following the day a CRD is made. Repayments may be made to an eligible retirement plan or IRA.

An eligible retirement plan is defined as a qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan, or an IRA.

# IRA FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

The value of your IRA will be dependent solely upon the performance of any investment instrument used to fund your IRA. Therefore, no projection of the growth of your IRA can reasonably be shown or guaranteed.

Terms and conditions of the IRA that affect your investment are listed below.

## INVESTMENT OPTIONS

You may direct the investment of your funds within this IRA into any investment instrument offered by or through the Custodian. The Custodian will not exercise any investment discretion regarding your IRA, as this is solely your responsibility.

## FEES

There are certain fees and charges connected with your IRA investments. These fees and charges may include the following.

- Sales Commissions
- Investment Management Fees
- Distribution Fees
- Set Up Fees
- Annual Maintenance Fees
- Surrender or Termination Fees

To find out what fees apply, refer to the investment prospectus or contract.

There may be certain fees and charges connected with the IRA itself. *(Select and complete as applicable.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Custodial Service Fee | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Distribution       | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wire Fee                     | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Out Fee             | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Explain)</i>       | _____    |
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We reserve the right to change any of the above fees after notice to you, as provided in your IRA agreement.

## EARNINGS

The method for computing and allocating annual earnings (e.g., interest, dividends) on your IRA will differ based on the nature and issuer of the investments chosen. Refer to the investment prospectus or contract for the methods used for computing and allocating annual earnings.

## OTHER

Other terms or conditions that apply to your IRA include the following.