**529 Plans, Flexibility and Future Scholar**

There’s no denying that it’s impossible to predict what the future will bring. But having a smart plan can help you influence just how bright the future will be for you and your family.

If your vision for your family includes a child’s future education, investing in the [Future Scholar 529 Plan](https://futurescholar.com/), South Carolina’s state-sponsored 529 plan, will provide the flexibility you need to help you achieve that important goal.

Flexible, how? Let’s take a look:

**1. Flexible in *How You Contribute***

With Future Scholar, there’s no minimum amount necessary to open an account, and you can make contributions as your family’s budget allows.

Anyone, including parents, grandparents, as well as other family and friends, can contribute to an account, and contributions can be made by check, through a one-time bank draft or by setting up a recurring payment from your bank account.

**2. Flexible in *the Way You Invest***

Future Scholar offers [three convenient ways to invest](https://futurescholar.com/savings-plans/future-scholar-direct-plan/) – age-based, target allocation and single-fund options – so you’re sure to have an option that’s simple to use and fits your needs and objectives perfectly.

**3. Flexible in *Where You Use the Funds***

While you can plan ahead for your child’s education, you can’t always predict what your child’s dreams and goals will be. That’s why Future Scholar provides the flexibility to use your funds at any accredited school in the country and many international schools, including two-year and four-year colleges and universities, technical schools and graduate programs.

Is it your child’s dream to create mouth-watering gastronomical delights? Then, use Future Scholar savings for your budding chef’s culinary school tuition and supplies. Or perhaps you’d like to use your savings on a qualified apprenticeship that teaches specific skills your child hopes to master.

**4. Flexible in *How You Use the Funds***

Not only can you use your funds *where* you want, but you’re also able to leverage them *how*you want. In addition to college tuition and fees, the money you save in your plan can be used to cover qualified educational expenses, such as:

* The cost of housing and meals
* Books, equipment, and other supplies (including computers) required for enrollment
* Expenses required to participate in a registered apprenticeship program

The flexibility of Future Scholar begins when you open an account. Enroll in Future Scholar and start saving by visiting [**futurescholar.com/enroll**](https://futurescholar.com/enroll/)**.**