

Use this form if you are currently receiving a lifetime monthly benefit as the result of a deceased CalSTRS member having selected an option. As an option beneficiary payee, you may name a beneficiary, beneficiaries, or trust to receive, upon your death, any remaining contributions and unpaid accrued benefits in the retiree's account. Your beneficiary, beneficiaries or trust will not receive a monthly benefit.

SECTION 1: DECEASED MEMBER INFORMATION

Enter the deceased member's full name and social security number or Client Identification (CID) number.

SECTION 2: OPTION PAYEE INFORMATION

Enter your social security number, birth date, full name, telephone number and complete mailing address.

SECTIONS 3 & 4: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY BENEFICIARY, BENEFICIARIES OR TRUST

You may name any living person, an estate, a trust, a corporation, a charitable or parochial institution or a public entity as your recipient or recipients.

Person or persons – Provide their social security number, full name, relationship, birth date, address and telephone number.

Estate – To designate your estate, enter the phrase "My Estate" instead of the beneficiary or beneficiaries' name or names. Upon your death, if your estate is not subject to probate, CalSTRS will pay benefits pursuant to California Probate Code 13050.

Trust – If you want a trust to be a payee, DO NOT list a beneficiary or beneficiaries. Enter the name of the trust, the trustee's address and the date the trust was created instead of a birth date. CalSTRS will contact the trustee and pay benefits to the trust. It is not necessary to provide the trust document at this time.

Organization – If you wish to designate an organization, enter the name, address of the organization and the organization's tax identification number.

SECTION 5: ADDITIONAL BENEFICIARY OR BENEFICIARIES

To designate more beneficiaries, additional space is provided in Section 5 of the form. Indicate whether you are designating a primary or secondary beneficiary or beneficiaries by checking the appropriate box.

SECTION 6: OPTION PAYEE SIGNATURE

The option payee's signature and date must be on the form to be valid.

IMPORTANT FACTS

A completed Option Payee's Beneficiary Designation form must be received and accepted by CalSTRS prior to your death to be valid.

The Option Payee's Beneficiary Designation form remains in effect until a new form is filed.

Designating a beneficiary, beneficiaries or trust is optional. If you do not submit a designation form, any benefits payable will be distributed to your estate.

If your designated primary beneficiary or beneficiaries predeceases you, any benefit due will be paid to your secondary beneficiary, beneficiaries or trust unless you file a new Option Payee's Beneficiary Designation form. If CalSTRS is unable to locate your designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, the benefit will be distributed to the best of our ability, according to the laws in existence at the time of your death.

PROCESSING

Valid forms will be processed and imaged. Please retain a copy for your records.

Option Payee's Beneficiary Designation Instructions continued



SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORMS TO:

CalSTRS PO Box 15275, MS 43 Sacramento, CA 95851-0275

QUESTIONS

Go online to calstrs.com/contact-us or call us at 800-228-5453.

OPTION PAYEE'S BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION SB 0816 REV 03/23



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SECTION 1: DECEASED MEMBER INFORMATION	
Provide either your Client ID or Social Security number CLIENT ID	er. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
SECTION 2: OPTION PAYEE INFORMATION	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)
LASTNAME	FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite no.)	
CITY STATE ZII	P CODE
EMAILADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER



Client ID:	OR SSI

SECTION 2: OPTION PAYEE INFORMATION CONTINUED

I hereby revoke previous designation(s) and designate the following primary beneficiary, beneficiaries, or trust to share and share alike, unless otherwise specified herein, or the survivor or survivors among them, as beneficiary or beneficiaries for any benefit payable under the Teachers' Retirement Law at the time of my death. This form does not designate a beneficiary, beneficiaries, or trust to receive a continuing retirement option benefit. In the event I survive the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries designated below, then I designate the following secondary beneficiary, beneficiaries, or trust to share and share alike unless otherwise specified, or the survivor or survivors, as beneficiary or beneficiaries for any benefit payable under the Teachers' Retirement Law at the time of my death. I further understand that should I survive all of my named beneficiaries, then any benefits payable at the time of my death under said law will be paid to my estate.

SECTION 3: PRIMARY BENEFICIA	RY, BENEFIC	CIARIES OR TRUST
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	·	DATE OF BIRTH/TRUST DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
LASTNAME		FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite	no.)	
CITY	STATE	RELATIONSHIP
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER LAST NAME		DATE OF BIRTH/TRUST DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite	no.)	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE RELATIONSHIP

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OR SSN:

SECTION 4: SECONDARY BENEFICIARY, BENEFICIARIES OR TRUST

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH/TRUST DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
LASTNAME	FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite no.)	
CITY STATE	ZIP CODE RELATIONSHIP
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH/TRUST DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
LASTNAME	FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite no.)	
CITY STATE	ZIP CODE RELATIONSHIP
SECTION 5: ADDITIONAL BENEFICIARY, BEN ☐ PRIMARY OR ☐ SECONDARY	EFICIARIES OR TRUST
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH/TRUST DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
LASTNAME	FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite no.)	

CI	ient	ID

OR SSN:

SECTION 5: ADDITIONAL BENEFICIARY, BENEFICIARIES OR TRUST CONTINUED CITY STATE ZIP CODE RELATIONSHIP

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE RELATIONSHIP
☐ PRIMARY OR ☐ SECONDARY		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		DATE OF BIRTH/TRUST DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
LASTNAME		FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite r	10.)	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE RELATIONSHIP
☐ PRIMARY OR ☐ SECONDARY		
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		DATE OF BIRTH/TRUST DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
LASTNAME		FIRST NAME
ADDRESS (number, street, apt or suite r	10.)	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE RELATIONSHIP
SECTION 6: OPTION PAYEE SIGNATURE OF OPTION PAYEE	ATURE	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)