

# **Coverdell Education Savings Custodial Account Adoption Agreement**

Do not use this form to open a Traditional, Roth, SEP-IRA or SIMPLE-IRA account. A Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) is a federally sponsored, tax advantaged custodial account set up to pay for qualified education expenses. Coverdell ESAs can be opened for any student who is under the age of 18 years. NOTE: If you are transferring an existing Coverdell ESA to us, please fill out a Coverdell ESA Transfer of Assets Form as well. For information and to request forms, call: 1-800-442-3814, Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, ET or visit www.BaronCapitalGroup.com. See section 10 for mailing and wiring instructions. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT

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 and other information that will allow us to identify you. This information will be verified to ensure the identity of all individuals opening a mutual fund account. Any documents that we request (i.e., driver's license) will be used solely to attempt to establish your identity. Please make sure to provide all the required information. Incomplete documentation will delay your investment. The Funds will not process your investment until all required information has been provided and this form has been signed.

The undersigned, by signing this Custodial Adoption Agreement, hereby establishes a Baron Capital® Coverdell Education Savings Account (the "Account") for the benefit of the Student with UMB Bank, N.A. as Custodian (the "Custodian"). The terms of the Account are contained in the document entitled "Baron Capital® Coverdell Education Savings Account Information Kit" (which is incorporated by reference) and this Adoption Agreement. The Account will be effective upon acceptance by the Custodian.

### 1. Initial Investment

ne <b>minimum</b> initial investment is \$2,000 per fund or \$500 per fund if you be our Automatic Investment Plan (see page 5).	The Funds are offered and sold to any pe identification number.	erson with a valid SSN/U.S. ta
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2. Please Check One:

use our Automatic Investment Plan (see page 5).		identification number.		
n which Fund(s) would you like to invest?		□ U.S.	. CITIZEN	☐ RESIDENT ALIEN
☐ Baron Asset Fund (585) BARAX	\$	3. Account Registr	ation – Paguir	red
■ Baron Discovery Fund (572) BDFFX	\$	•	•	eu
■ Baron Durable Advantage Fund (5005) BDAFX	\$	Student Information (Se	ee Instructions)	
■ Baron Emerging Markets Fund (575) BEXFX	\$			
Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund (579) BFTHX	\$	Owner's name (First, M.I., Last) –	Required	
■ Baron FinTech Fund (5008) BFINX	\$			
■ Baron Focused Growth Fund (578) BFGFX	\$	Owner's SSN/U.S. Tax ID – Re	quired	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) - Required
■ Baron Global Advantage Fund (573) BGAFX	\$			
☐ Baron Growth Fund (587) BGRFX	\$	Street (P.O. Box not acceptable, with	the exception of APO/FP	O) – Required
■ Baron Health Care Fund (5007) BHCFX	\$	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		., .,
■ Baron International Growth Fund (577) BIGFX	\$	Other Information (Suite, Attent	Li \	
☐ Baron India Fund (5009) BINRX	\$	Other information (Suite, Attent	tion, etc.)	
■ Baron Opportunity Fund (580) BIOPX	\$			
■ Baron Partners Fund (586) BPTRX	\$	City – Required	State – Required	Zip – Required
■ Baron Real Estate Fund (576) BREFX	\$			
■ Baron Real Estate Income Fund (5006) BRIFX	\$	Daytime phone		Evening phone
■ Baron Small Cap Fund (583) BSCFX	\$			
■ Baron Technology Fund (5035) BTEEX	\$	Email Address		
■ Baron WealthBuilder Fund TA Shares (5034) BWBTX	\$	☐ Student is a Special Needs	s Student	
TOTAL	\$	Adult Information (See Instructions — Only	one adult should h	ne listed)
Note: The Funds do not accept cash, credit carc checks, starter checks, third-party checks or be kind or in any amount. (See Section 10 for mailir	arer-form securities of any	☐ Mother ☐ Fat	ther 🖵 Gua	rdian*
How would you like to fund your account?				
Check enclosed payable to Baron Funds.®		Adult's name (First, M.I., Last) –	Required	
One-time initial electronic withdrawal (from the	bank account listed in Section 8).	ridate 3 flattle (First, M.I., East,	Required	
■ Wired funds payable to Baron Funds® (Please ca an account number before wiring funds).	ll us at 1-800-442-3814 to obtain	Adult's SSN/U.S. Tax ID – Req	quired Date	of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) – Required
Transfer or Rollover from another custodian Coverdell ESA Transfer Form).	1 (must fill out Baron Capital®	Street (P.O. Box not acceptable, w	vith the exception of AP	O/FPO) – Required
Custodian's Annual Fee: The custodian charge:	s an annual maintenance			

over \$10,000 at the time the fee is assessed.

fee of \$12 per Coverdell ESA. This fee will be deducted from your Coverdell ESA if not paid separately. Make check payable to BARON FUNDS®. The per Plan Type maintenance fee is waived if the assets of the Coverdell ESA are

City – Required	State – Required	Zip – Required	INVEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACCOUNT AS FOLLOW NAME OF FUND	/S:  AMOUNT (\$ or % of Assets)	
Daytime phone		Evening phone	<ul> <li>□ Baron Asset Fund (585) BARAX</li> <li>□ Baron Discovery Fund (572) BDFFX</li> <li>□ Baron Burgh Is Advantage Fund (5005) BDAFY</li> </ul>	\$ \$	
Email Address			<ul><li>□ Baron Durable Advantage Fund (5005) BDAFX</li><li>□ Baron Emerging Markets Fund (575) BEXFX</li></ul>	\$ \$	
			■ Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund (579) BETHX	•	
in Articles I–X of the Custo		s the "Responsible Individual"	☐ Baron FinTech Fund (5008) BFINX	\$	
	· ·		☐ Baron Focused Growth Fund (578) BFGFX	\$	
Donor Information (See	Instructions)		☐ Baron Global Advantage Fund (573) BGAFX	\$	
			☐ Baron Growth Fund (587) BGRFX	\$	
Full Name of Donor – Requi	ired Date	of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) — Required	Baron Health Care Fund (5007) BHCFX	\$	
			<ul><li>□ Baron International Growth Fund (577) BIGFX</li><li>□ Baron India Fund (5009) BINRX</li></ul>	\$	
Donor's SSN/U.S. Tax ID -	Required		☐ Baron Opportunity Fund (580) BIOPX	\$	
			☐ Baron Partners Fund (586) BPTRX	\$	
Street (P.O. Box not acceptable	e, with the exception of APO/FPO	O) – Required	☐ Baron Real Estate Fund (576) BREFX	\$	
			☐ Baron Real Estate Income Fund (5006) BRIFX	\$	
City – Required	State - Required	Zip – Required	Baron Small Cap Fund (583) BSCFX	\$	
			<ul><li>□ Baron Technology Fund (5035) BTEEX</li><li>□ Baron WealthBuilder Fund TA Shares</li></ul>	\$	
Name of Corporate Entity	/Contact Donor	Daytime Phone	(5034) BWBTX	\$	
Name of corporate Entry	, contact bonor	buy time i none	Total	\$	
	dell Education Sa	vings Account	The undersigned acknowledges having sole responsivestment choices and having received a current		
A Annual Contribution	For contr	ibutions sent between January	selected. I have been advised to read the prosp		
		rrent or preceding calendar year.	selected carefully before investing.		
Only qualified investo	ors may contribute to a Co	verdell ESA. Please see disclosure	6. Designation of Beneficiary		
statement for maxim	um permitted income and	contribution amounts.	Use the space below to indicate the designated bene	ficiary for the Account. See	
B Rollover or Transfer	of Existing Education Savin	gs Account	the Instructions for important information about The Student may change the beneficiary(ies) desi		
<ul> <li>□ Transfer of existing Education Savings Account. Complete the separate Transfer of Education Savings Account Assets Form and return it with this form.</li> <li>□ Rollover of distribution from existing Education Savings Account to Student within 60 days after distribution. The requirements for a valid rollover are complex. Please read the Education Savings Account Disclosure Statement</li> </ul>		after the Account is established by filing a new Designated Belowat any time after the Account is established by filing a new Designation of Beneficiary with Baron Capital® and the Custodian. Any such subsequentDesignation of Beneficiary will revoke all prior Designations. If the persondesignated as primary beneficiary does not survive the Student, the Accountwill pass to the alternate beneficiary (if any) named below if he or shesurvives the Student. If no designated beneficiary survives the Student, theAccount will pass to the Student's estate (unless otherwise required underthe laws of the state of the Student's residence). If you wish to designatemultiple primary or alternate			
☐ Same person	)		Name	ti a nahin	
☐ Spouse	)		Name Rela	tionship	
☐ Child or Step-child	)		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) SSN	/U.S. Tax ID	
□ Sibling	)		Secondary Beneficiary:		
☐ Parent	)	Spouse of one of the foregoing			
☐ Step-parent	)		Name Rela	tionship	
☐ Grandparent	)		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) SSN	/U.S. Tax ID	
Or	,				
_			7. Telephone/Online Authorization	&	
☐ First cousin			Redemption Options	, _ =	
□ Other			You may make subsequent investments or exchange sha another Baron Fund® by telephone/online and redeem st decline the option below. The maximum amount that ma is \$100,000 per Fund per day. Please see the prospectus(	nares by telephone, unless you ay be redeemed by telephone	

5. Investments

## If you DO NOT want telephone/online privileges, check the box below: ☐ I do not want telephone/online privileges. (I understand that to make any transactions in my account, I will need to contact Baron by mail.) Baron Capital® employs reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone/online are genuine and is not liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. Please see the prospectus(es) for more information on the telephone/online exchange and telephone redemption privileges. Please note: If you check the above box, you will not have the option to make online REDEMPTION OPTIONS You may also select one or more of the following methods of receiving your proceeds: ☐ We will mail a check to the address to which your account is registered. ☐ We will transmit the proceeds by Electronic Funds Transfer to a pre- authorized bank account (usually a two banking day process).\* ☐ We will wire the proceeds to a pre-authorized bank account for a \$10.00 fee (usually a next banking day process). \*Your bank may assess an additional charge. \* YOU MUST ENCLOSE YOUR VOIDED BANK CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP AND FILL OUT SECTION 8 TO ESTABLISH TELEPHONE/ ONLINE INVESTMENT AND/OR REDEMPTION OPTIONS TO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT. 8. Banking Information Please complete the following information if you would like assets transferred electronically between your bank checking/savings account and the Funds. Checking Savings **Bank Name** City State ABA Routing Number\* Account Number\* Name(s) on Account \*Please attach a voided check or savings account deposit slip - Required 9. Electronic Delivery and Online Account Access Remember to log onto our website at www.BaronCapitalGroup.com. You can sign up to receive quarterly reports, Fund prospectuses, special announcements, and proxies via electronic delivery. You can also access your account information online. **10.Mailing and Wiring Instructions** Please mail the completed adoption agreement with your contribution to: Regular Mail: BARON CAPITAL®, P.O. BOX 219946, KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9946

### Overnight delivery:

BARON CAPITAL®, 801 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SUITE 219946, KANSAS CITY, MO 64105-1307

☐ Wired funds payable to Baron Funds®:

UMB Bank, N.A.

ABA NO. 1010-0069-5

FBO BARON FUNDS®

ACCOUNT NO. 98-7037-101-4

OWNER'S NAME

OWNER'S ACCOUNT NO.

SPECIFY FUND NAME

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ACCOUNT, PLEASE CALL 1-800-442-3814, MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9:00AM - 5:00PM ET.

## 11. Certifications and Signatures

If this is a Rollover Coverdell ESA, the undersigned certifies that any assets transferred in kind are the same assets received in the distribution being rolled over; that no other rollover from the transferring Coverdell ESA has been made within the one-year period immediately preceding this rollover; and further that the assets being rolled over into this Account were not previously rolled over into the transferring Coverdell ESA within the oneyear period immediately preceding this rollover; that such distribution was received within 60 days of making the rollover to this Account; and that the Student identified in Item 3 above is either the person for whose benefit the prior Coverdell ESA was maintained or a member of such person's family (within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code Section 529(e)(2)).

If this is an Annual Contribution Coverdell ESA, the undersigned certifies that the Student is less than 18 years old or is a Special-Needs Student and that all Contributions made on the Student's behalf to this or any other Coverdell ESAs do not exceed \$2,000 in a single tax year. If this is a Transfer or Rollover of an existing Coverdell ESA, the undersigned certifies that the Student is less than 30 years old or is a Special-Needs Student and that the relationship indicated in Section 4 is correct.

The undersigned acknowledges having received and read the "Baron Capital® Coverdell Education Savings Account Disclosure Statement" relating to this Account (including the Custodian's fee schedule), the Baron Capital® Coverdell Education Savings Custodial Account Agreement and the "Instructions" pertaining to this Adoption Agreement. (All of the above mentioned documents are contained within the Baron Capital® Coverdell Education Savings Account Information Kit).

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Baron Capital® Coverdell Savings Custodial Account Agreement and the Baron Capital® Coverdell Savings Account Disclosure Statement at least 7 days before the date of signature (as indicated below) and acknowledges that there is no further right of revocation.

If this is a contribution from a corporate entity, the undersigned represents that he/she has the requisite authority to sign this Adoption Agreement on behalf of such entity and that the establishment of the Account and contribution thereto have been duly approved by all requisite corporate actions.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she must provide accurate information in this Adoption Agreement, and that he/she may incur extra taxes and/or penalties if the information is not accurate. Accordingly, the undersigned certifies the accuracy of such information. All forms must be acceptable to the Custodian and dated and signed by the undersigned.

Custodian Acceptance. UMB Bank, N.A. will accept appointment as Custodian of the Account. However, this Agreement is not binding upon the Custodian until the Student has received a statement of the transaction. Receipt by the Student of a confirmation of the purchase of the Fund shares indicated above will serve as notification of UMB Bank, N.A. acceptance of appointment as Custodian of the Account.

UMB BANK, N.A., CUSTODIAN

If the Student is a minor under the laws of Student's state of residence, acceptance by the Custodian of the contribution to this Account is expressly conditioned upon the agreement of the Parent (identified in Section 3) to be responsible for all requirements of the Student under the documents governing the Account, and to exercise the powers and duties of the Student, with respect to the operation of the Account. Upon reaching the age of majority in the state in which the Student then resides, the Student may advise the Custodian in writing (accompanied by such supporting documentation as the Custodian may require) that he or she is assuming sole responsibility to exercise all powers and duties associated with the administration of the Account. Absent such written notice by Student, Custodian shall have no responsibility to acknowledge Student's exercise of such powers and duties of administration. (If guardian, provide a copy of letters of appointment)

Signature of Adult

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The SSN/U.S. tax ID number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number and
- 2.1 am not subject to backup 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 a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- ☐ Check here if you are subject to backup withholding.
- 3. Please check one:
- ☐ I am a United States Citizen or Resident Alien (SSN or Tax ID provided)
- □ I am a non-resident alien with a U.S. SSN or Tax ID. (A form W-8 will be mailed to you. Please complete it and return it to us along with a copy of your passport or government issued ID card.)

If not a U.S. citizen, please indicate the country in which you permanently

reside:

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DOES NOT REQUIRE YOUR CONSENT TO ANY PROVISION OF THIS DOCUMENT OTHER THAN THE CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED ABOVE.

By signing this application, I/we also certify that:

• I have received and read the prospectus(es) for the Fund(s), and I agree to the terms. I have the authority and legal capacity to purchase mutual fund shares, am of legal age and believe each investment to be suitable for me.

- I understand that the Funds are not a bank, and Fund shares are not backed or guaranteed by any bank nor insured by the FDIC.
- I ratify any instructions, including telephone instructions, given on this account. I understand that the Funds or DST will employ reasonable procedures to verify my identity and to confirm the genuineness of my instructions. I agree that neither the Fund(s) nor DST will be liable for any loss, cost or expense for following the Funds' anti-money laundering procedures and/or following reasonable procedures designed to prevent unauthorized transactions.
- I am not involved in any money laundering schemes, and the source of this investment is not derived from any unlawful criminal activities. The information provided on this form and the documents submitted are true and correct.

Signature of Student

(If Student has attained the age of majority in his/her state of residence.)

Signature of Adult

(If Student has not attained the age of majority in his/her state of residence.)

Signature of Donor

Oate (MM/DD/YYYY)

(or Representative of Corporate Entity)

APPLICATIONS THAT ARE UNSIGNED OR INCOMPLETE WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT THE ACCOUNT BEING ESTABLISHED.



## **Automatic Investment Plan Enrollment Form**

Fill out this form only if you are establishing an Automatic Investment Plan with Baron Capital®. The Automatic Investment Plan is not available for entities. For information and to request forms, call: 1-800-442-3814 Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 5:00PM ET, or visit www.BaronCapitalGroup.com. Please mail a completed form to: Regular Mail: Baron Capital®, P.O. Box 219946, Kansas City, MO 64121-9946. Overnight Address: Baron Capital®, 801 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 219946, Kansas City, MO 64105-1307.

The undersigned authorizes Baron Capital® to start an Automatic Investment Plan for the account indicated below:

For any account starting with less than \$2000, a \$50 **monthly** minimum is required until the account reaches \$2000.

STEP 1. In shares of:

■ Baron Asset Fund (585) BARAX	\$
☐ Baron Discovery Fund (572) BDFFX	\$
☐ Baron Durable Advantage Fund (5005) BDAFX	\$
☐ Baron Emerging Markets Fund (575) BEXFX	\$
☐ Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund (579) BFTHX	\$
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☐ Baron International Growth Fund (577) BIGFX	\$
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☐ Baron Real Estate Fund (576) BREFX	\$
☐ Baron Real Estate Income Fund (5006) BRIFX	\$
☐ Baron Small Cap Fund (583) BSCFX	\$
☐ Baron Technology Fund (5035) BTEEX	\$
☐ Baron WealthBuilder Fund TA Share Class (5034) BWBTX	\$
TOTAL	\$
Begin my investments on:	
Date (MM	/DD/YYYY)
STEP 2. Indicate the number of times/days per mo	onth for each investment:
(1) day(2) day(3) day	(4) day
STEP 3. Indicate the month(s) of the year for your	investment:
month (1) month (2) month (3)	month (4)
(or) ☐ monthly (required if initial investment is un	nder \$2000)
□ every other month □ quarterly □ sem	i-annually 🖵 annually
<b>NOTE:</b> Coverdell ESA contributions will be made funless otherwise indicated.	for the current tax year
*If the day is a weekend or holiday or if the day is t that day is not in a selected month (e.g., there is	he 20th 30th or 31st and

Savings

State

**ABA Routing Number** 

If you are adding or changing banking instructions to an existing account, a Medallion Signature Guarantee is required (see below). You can obtain a Medallion Signature Guarantee from most securities firms or banks, but not from a notary public.

#### **MEDALLION SIGNATURE GUARANTEE REQUIRED**

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Title
JARANTEE STAMP
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Upon receipt of this enrollment form, United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A. and DST Systems, Inc. ("DST") are authorized to credit the Baron Capital® account named above and to debit the bank account as indicated above. The undersigned understands that this service is governed by the provisions of the Baron Funds® prospectus and the rules of the Automated Clearing House ("ACH"), as amended from time to time, and is established solely for the convenience of the account owner. The undersigned further understands that this service may be terminated or modified at any time without notice by Baron Capital®, DST or United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A. The account owner releases Baron Capital®, their affiliates, their agents and representatives from all liability and agrees to indentify the same from any and all losses, damages or costs for acting in good faith in accordance with the privilege selected herein. In no event shall the Funds or their agents or representatives be liable for consequential damages. All terms shall be binding upon the heirs, representatives and assigns of the account owners.

This authorization shall continue until terminated by any account owner by written or telephonic notification to DST. Termination will be effective as soon as DST has had reasonable time to act upon it following receipt. Cancellation of an Automatic Investment Plan must be received at least six business days prior to the next scheduled purchase date. We may not be able to stop your systematic purchase if your request is not received at least six business days prior to your next scheduled purchase.

Adult/Student/Donor

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

### PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF A VOIDED CHECK



Distributed by: Baron Capital, Inc. 767 Fifth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY 10153 212-583-2100, 1-800-99-BARON, www.BaronCapitalGroup.com

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Name of Institution

Account Number

Street

City

Checking

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