

Form 5498-ESA

General Information

Form 5498-ESA is used to report contributions, rollovers and trustee-to-trustee transfers for Coverdell Education Savings Accounts (ESAs).

The information provided on Form 5498-ESA is electronically submitted to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You should keep this form with your other important tax documents. You do not need to file this form with the IRS.

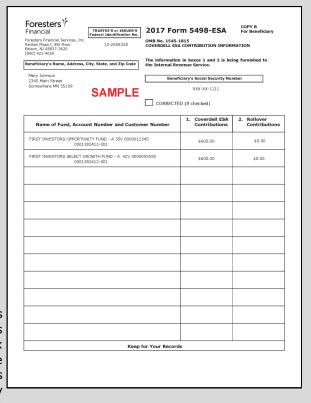
Reporting Considerations

• Form 5498-ESA is mailed to customers by April 30, 2018.

Note: Form 5498-ESA will be mailed to all Education Savings Account (ESA) Beneficiaries who received an ESA contribution in 2017. A beneficiary will only receive Form 5498-ESA when a contribution, rollover or trustee-to-trustee transfer has been made to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA). Neither the beneficiary nor the IRS will receive Form 5498-ESA if there were no contributions, rollovers or trustee-to-trustee transfers for their Coverdell Education Savings Accounts (ESAs).

Important Information Regarding Excess Contributions

An excess contribution occurs when a customer contributes more than the annual allowable amount into an ESA. Unless the excess is removed before June 1st of the following tax year, an annual excess contribution penalty of 6% will be assessed to the excess for each year until the excess contribution is either removed or re-designated. (The penalty is paid by the customer when he/she files his/her tax return.)



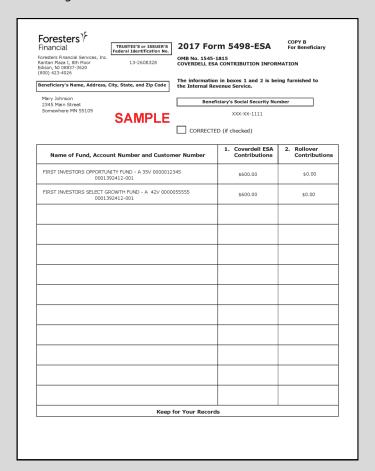
To remove an excess contribution, the customer should complete the ESA Distribution Request form.

Once removed, the customer will <u>not</u> receive an amended Form 5498-ESA. Instead, IRS Form 1099-Q will be issued to report the removal of the excess contribution.



IRS Resource Information

- Phone Numbers:
 - (800) 829-1040 (General Inquiries)
 - (800) 829-4059 (Hearing Impaired)
 - (800) 829-3676 (to order forms/publications)
- Website
 - www.irs.gov



- **Box 1 ESA contributions.** Shows Coverdell ESA contributions. This amount does not include rollover or trustee-to-trustee transfer amounts. The amounts should <u>not</u> be deducted on the Responsible Individuals' or beneficiary's income tax return.
- **Box 2 Rollover contributions.** Shows any rollover, including a direct rollover. Generally, any amount rolled over from one Coverdell ESA to another Coverdell ESA for the benefit of the named beneficiary or a member of the beneficiary's family who is under age 30 (except a beneficiary with special needs) is <u>not</u> taxable.