



**Beneficiary Designation  
401(a) Plan**

**Pennsylvania State Employees' Defined Contribution Plan**

**98978-03**

**For My Information**

- For questions regarding this form, visit the website at <http://sers.empower-retirement.com> or contact Service Provider at 1-866-737-7457.
- Use black or blue ink when completing this form.

**A Participant Information**

Account extension, if applicable, identifies funds transferred to a beneficiary due to participant's death, alternate payee due to divorce or a participant with multiple accounts.

Account Extension

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Social Security Number (Must provide all 9 digits)

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Date of Birth

(The name provided MUST match the name on file with Service Provider.)

- Married       Unmarried

**B Beneficiary Designation (Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)**

**Primary Beneficiary Designation (Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)**

- See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate.

%		/	/
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary Name <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number	Date of Birth or Trust Date
( )	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		

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**Contingent Beneficiary Designation (Contingent beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)**

%		/	/
% of Account Balance	Contingent Beneficiary Name <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number	Date of Birth or Trust Date
( )	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
M.I.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number

**B Beneficiary Designation** *(Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)*

**Contingent Beneficiary Designation** *(Contingent beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)*

%	/	/
% of Account Balance ( _____ )	Contingent Beneficiary Name <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner	
		Date of Birth or Trust Date

**C Participant Consent for Beneficiary Designation** *(Please sign on the 'Participant Signature' line below.)*

I have completed, understand and agree to all pages of this Beneficiary Designation form. Subject to the terms of the Plan, I am making the above beneficiary designations for my vested account in the event of my death. I acknowledge and agree that it is my responsibility to monitor the beneficiary designations in my account and to update the beneficiary designations as I deem necessary upon a change in marital status, death of a beneficiary or any other change that may impact my beneficiary designations.

If I have more than one primary beneficiary, the account will be divided as specified. If a primary beneficiary predeceases me, his or her benefit will be allocated to the surviving primary beneficiaries. Contingent beneficiaries will receive a benefit only if there is no surviving primary beneficiary, as specified. If a contingent beneficiary predeceases me, his or her benefit will be allocated to the surviving contingent beneficiaries. If I fail to designate beneficiaries, amounts will be paid pursuant to the terms of the Plan or applicable law. This designation is effective upon execution and delivery to Service Provider. If any information is missing, additional information may be required prior to recording my designation.

This designation supersedes all prior designations. Beneficiaries will share equally if percentages are not provided and any amounts unpaid upon death will be divided equally. **Primary and contingent beneficiaries must separately total 100%. The percentages can be divided up to two decimal points (Example: 33.33%).**

Any person who presents a false or fraudulent claim is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**Participant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date (Required)** \_\_\_\_\_

*A handwritten signature is required on this form. An electronic signature will not be accepted and will result in a significant delay.*

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After all signatures have been obtained, this form can be

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**EXAMPLE BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS**

**Example 1: Multiple Individuals as Beneficiaries**

<b>B Beneficiary Designation</b> <i>(Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)</i>			
<b>Primary Beneficiary Designation</b> <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
• See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate.			
33.33 %	John M. Doe	XXX-XX-XXXX	01/06/1954
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number	Date of Birth or Trust Date
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		
33.33 %	Don M. Doe	XXX-XX-XXXX	01/06/1954
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number	Date of Birth or Trust Date
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
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33.34 %	Michelle L. Doe	XXX-XX-XXXX	01/06/1957
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number	Date of Birth or Trust Date
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		

**Example 2: Trust as Beneficiary**

<b>B Beneficiary Designation</b> <i>(Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)</i>			
<b>Primary Beneficiary Designation</b> <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
• See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate.			
100 %	Trust of Jane Doe	XX-XXXXXXXX	06/30/2015
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number	Date of Birth or Trust Date
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
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**Example 3: Estate as Beneficiary**

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<b>Primary Beneficiary Designation</b> <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
• See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate.			
100 %	Estate of Anne Doe		/ /
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number	Date of Birth or Trust Date
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		

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**Example 4: Charity as Beneficiary**

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<b>Primary Beneficiary Designation</b> <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate.</li> </ul>			
100	%	ABC Charity	XX-XXXXXXX / /
% of Account Balance		Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number
(XXX) XXX-XXXX		Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>	
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