

RETIREMENT PLAN ELECTION FORM

(For employees hired/eligible on or after Aug. 1, 2005)

You will have **120 days** from the starting date of your employment to complete and return this election form to the Human Resources Department at your institution. If you want to become a member of an Ohio state retirement system, simply check the appropriate box in Section 2 below. If you want to participate in an alternative retirement plan (ARP) offered by a private plan provider, check the appropriate box in Section 2 below and select one of the plans. If you do not elect to participate in an ARP or do not return this form within the prescribed time period, you will be enrolled in the applicable state retirement system.

Section 1 — Biographical Information (Please print or type.)

Name _____ Social Security no. _____
First Middle initial Last
Address _____ Phone number () _____
City State ZIP code
Date of birth _____ Gender _____
Employee identification number _____ Hire date _____
If applicable
Are you receiving a retirement benefit from one of these Ohio retirement systems: HPRS, OPERS, OP&F, SERS or STRS Ohio? Yes No
If "Yes," which system? _____ Effective date of retirement _____

Section 2 — Election (Choose only one.)

I elect to participate in the state retirement system for which I am eligible.

- OPERS*
- SERS
- STRS Ohio*

I understand that I may not change my election to participate in the state retirement system after my election period expires and that my election will be **irrevocable** while I am continuously employed in a position at my current college or university.

*Eligible employees may be able to participate in a defined contribution plan. Contact your applicable retirement system for more information about these plans and eligibility.

I elect to participate in an ARP: (Select only one of the following ARP carriers. You must contact your chosen carrier to enroll.)

- AIG VALIC Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
- AIG SunAmerica Life Assurance Co. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
- AXA Equitable Life Insurance Co. Nationwide Life Insurance Co.
- Fidelity Investments TIAA-CREF
- Great American Life Insurance Co. The Hartford
- ING Life Insurance and Annuity Co. The Travelers Companies, Inc.

I understand that by electing to participate in an ARP I am **irrevocably** waiving my right to participate in the eligible state retirement system while I am continuously employed in a position at my college or university. I also understand that by electing to participate in an ARP offered by a private plan provider, I will be forever barred from claiming or purchasing service credit or participating in other plans offered by any state retirement system for the period that an election to participate in an ARP is effective.

Section 3 — Authorization

I hereby certify the election chosen above in Section 2. I understand that I will be able to make an election to participate in another ARP or Ohio public retirement system if I cease to be continuously employed or am subsequently employed full time by another Ohio public institution of higher education in a position for which a retirement election is available.

Employee's signature

Date

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For ARP Elections Only

Contributions made to the applicable state system during the election period to be forwarded to the ARP provider:

Amount

Employee contributions

Total employer contributions

Less supplemental contributions

Employer contributions to ARP provider

Date of last payroll report with employee contributions to applicable state system

Applicable state system OPERS SERS STRS Ohio

Annual compensation

Date election form received by college/university

First date eligible to participate in an ARP

Certified by

Title

College/University

Employer code

