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# Pathfinder By the Numbers

As of June 30, 2025

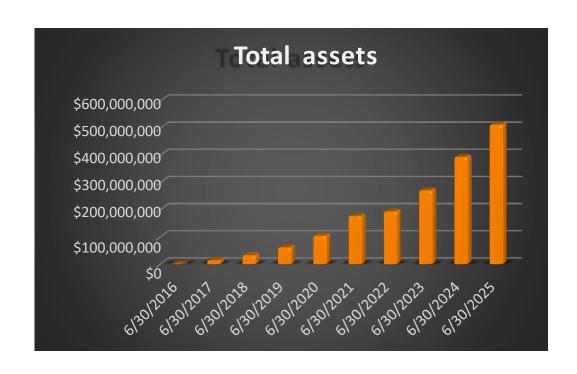
24,309 participants

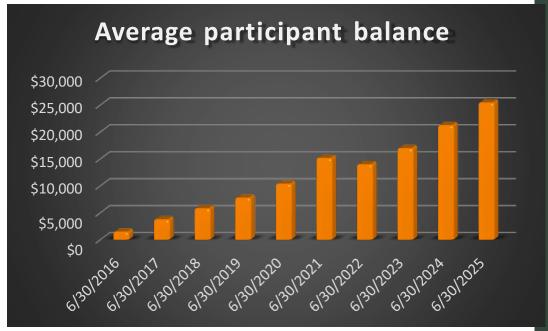
- ➤ Active 15,428
- ➤ Inactive 8,881

\$25K average account balance

\$513 million total assets

# Pathfinder Assets and Participant Balances





# SoonerSave By the Numbers

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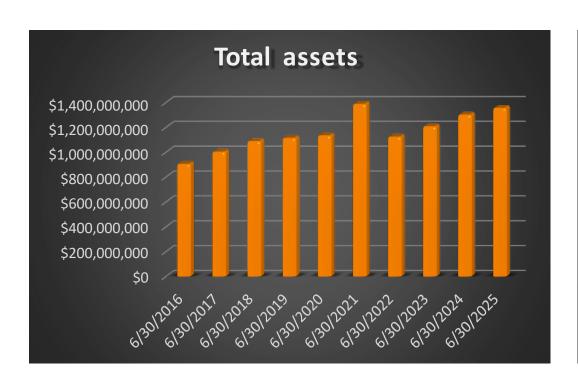
27,336 participants

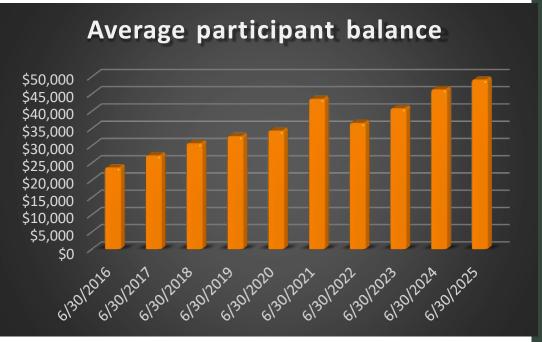
- ➤ Active 12,681
- ➤ Inactive 14,655

\$49K average account balance

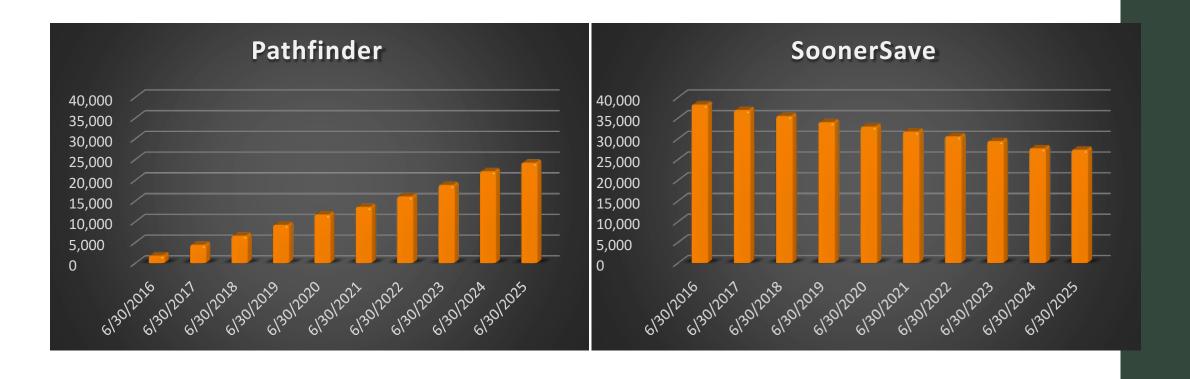
\$1.36 billion total assets

# SoonerSave Assets and Participant Balances





# Total DC Plan Participants



# Pathfinder Survey Results

#### • Key takeaways:

- Participants largely feel unprepared to manage their investments.
- 32% of participants have not/don't know they should/don't know how to register their account.
- Participants want educational opportunities about retirement and their plan.
- Participants prefer to be contacted by email.

# Save More Campaign

#### **April 2025**

Email/Postcard Campaign 17,700 Recipients

62% Open rate

343 participants increased their contribution

~200 more Pathfinder participants signed into there account for the first time in April





#### Saving a little more is a step in the right direction

#### Want a little more for your financial future? We can show you the way.

SoonerSave is an excellent way to get your financial future on the right track. With automatic payroll deductions, tax advantages and an additional state contribution, SoonerSave can help show you the way to a brighter tomorrow.

#### Point your attention toward SoonerSave

By contributing the minimum amount of \$25 per paycheck to SoonerSave, you're taking a step in the right direction. But to close the gap between your retirement dreams and reality, you may need to save more.





#### The 7% employer match can point your savings in the right direction

Want a little more for your financial future? We can show you the way.

You're on the right path with your automatic 4.5% contribution and 6% employer match to your 401(a) account. Now consider saving an additional 2.5% to your 457(b) plan to earn an extra 1% employer match to your 401(a) account.\frac{1}{2}

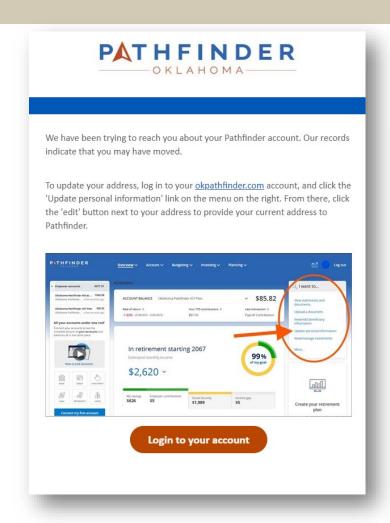
Contributing 7% on your own can get you another 7% for retirement. That's a total of 14% working for your financial future.

Meet the match in your Oklahoma Pathfinder account today!

# Update your Address

**July 2025** 

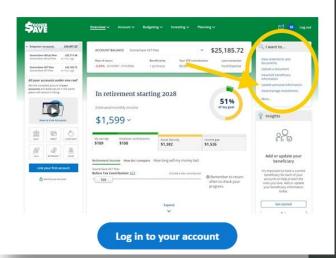
Email/Letters Campaign 4,000 Recipients





We have been trying to reach you about your SoonerSave account. Our records indicate that you may have moved.

To update your address, log in to your <u>soonersave.com</u> account, and click the 'Update personal information' link on the menu on the right. From there, click the 'edit' button next to your address to provide your current address to SoonerSave.



# Beneficiary Campaign

# SOONER AVE

#### August 2025

#### Email/Postcard Campaign 13,600 Recipients 51% Open rate





## Choose the correct course - name your beneficiary today

#### Protecting your loved ones only takes a moment - we can show you the way

You have not named a beneficiary for your Oklahoma Pathfinder retirement account. It's an important step in ensuring your savings go to those who matter most if something happens to you.

Certain life events - like a change in marital status or expanding your family - can affect your financial plans and beneficiary information. As your life changes, it's important to review and update your beneficiaries on your accounts.

#### Take an important step for your loved ones

Your beneficiary doesn't have to be a family member. It could be an individual,



#### a step in the right direction for your loved ones

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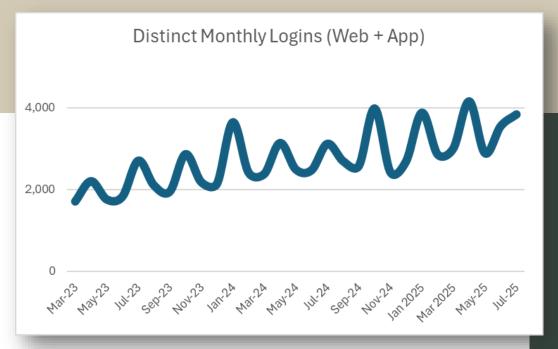
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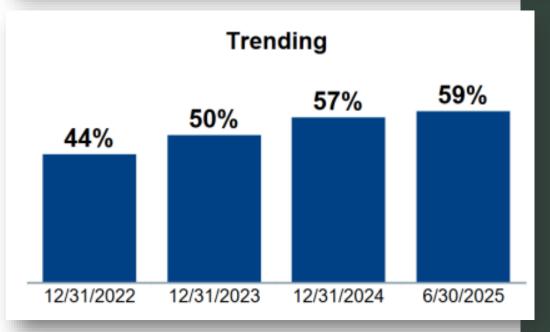
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# PF Welcome Emails

#### Goals:

- Register account
- Meet their match
- Explore tools and Education





# Enrollment







## Pathfinder Enrollments

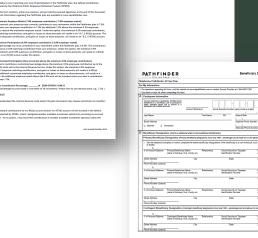
#### Workday

- Pathfinder enrollment completed in Workday
- New employees must make insurance selections before completing retirement
- Contribution defaults to the minimum if no selection made can change on participant website at okpathfinder.com once enrolled

#### Non-Core

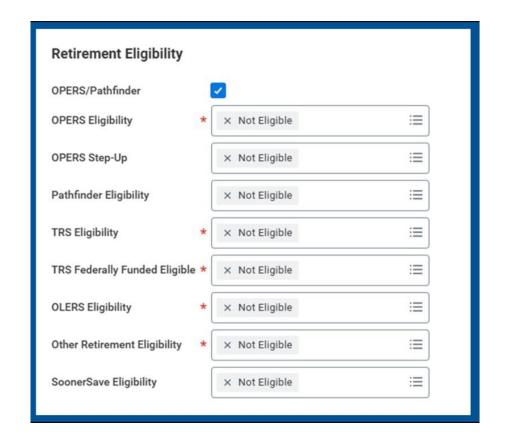
• Use enrollment form and complete paper beneficiary form.





# New Hire Retirement Eligibility in Workday

- Check the 'OPERS/PATHFINDER' box
- Leave all drop downs set to 'Not Eligible'
- OPERS will verify eligibility
- Once OPERS completes processing, you will receive a Workday notification to let you know:
  - The plan your employee should be enrolled,
  - When to start contributions; and
  - If Step-Up contributions should be withheld.



# Pathfinder Dates

# Initial Hire Date

Date the employee becomes eligible to participate in Pathfinder

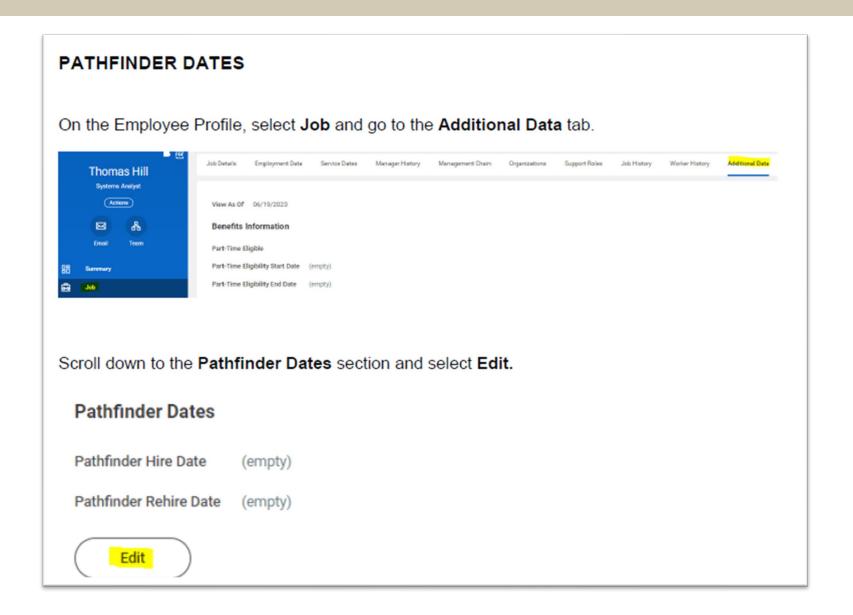
#### Rehire Date

Used when a severed person returns to State employment

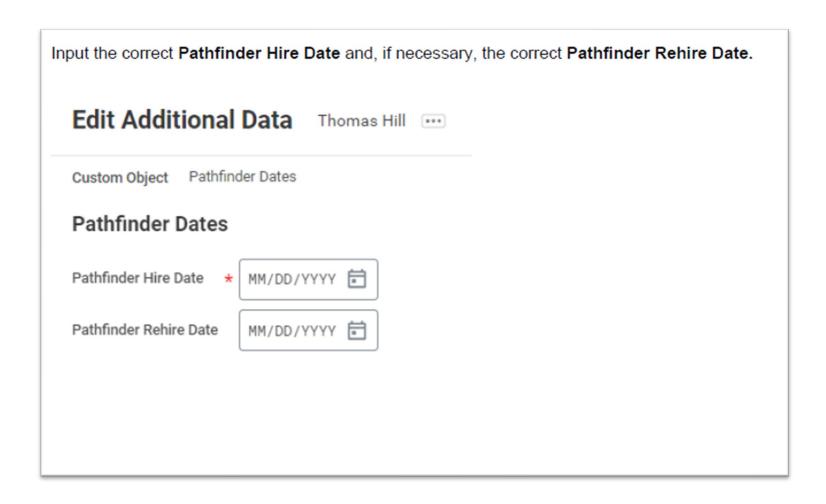
# Termination Date

Date the employee severs employment with the State or leaves a Pathfinder eligible position

# Pathfinder Dates in Workday



# Pathfinder Dates in Workday



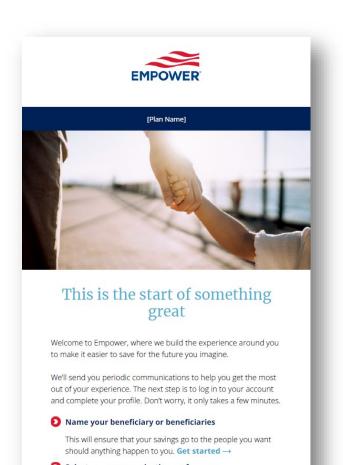
# Pathfinder Agency Transfers

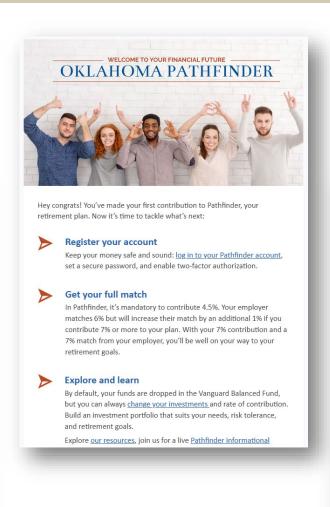
Pathfinder participants transferring between agencies should experience no interruption in their contributions.

- Changes to voluntary contributions can be made online and take affect the following month.
- Rehires after a break in service will restart contribution the first of the following month.

### Pathfinder Enrollment Communications

- Email from Empower
- Two Emails from OPERS







It's time to get to know your Pathfinder retirement plan and learn how to make it work for you.

Join a webinar!

Interested in learning about your plan at your own pace? <u>Check out</u> our Pathfinder video library.



# SoonerSave Enrollment Process

#### Who can join SoonerSave?

- · Almost any State employee, not participating in Pathfinder
- Must be an active member of a public retirement system for the State of Oklahoma. (OPERS, OLERS, OTRS, etc.)
- Does not include public schools or higher education, except employees of State Regents of Higher Education and CareerTech Administrative Office.

An eligible employee can enroll in SoonerSave at ANYTIME, not only after probation or during open enrollment.

# SoonerSave Enrollment

#### Complete Participant Enrollment Form

- Provided by coordinator
- Available from the website soonersave.com or opers.ok.gov/soonersave
- Call SoonerSave Administrative Office

(405) 858-6737 or (800) 733-9008

 Completed enrollment form must be returned to the agency coordinator to verify eligibility.

www.soonersave.com		Participant	t Quick Enroll 45	ment Form 7(b)/401(a) Plans
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# SoonerSave Enrollment Form

- All information needs to be legible.
- Important items that are commonly missed:
  - Agency name and number
  - Deferral amounts
  - Complete address
  - Include beneficiary designations (separate form)
- Coordinator will provide the employee job title/position, sign with date and send to the SoonerSave Administrative Offices.
- Default invest is Vanguard Balance Fund.
   Participants can change at soonersave.com



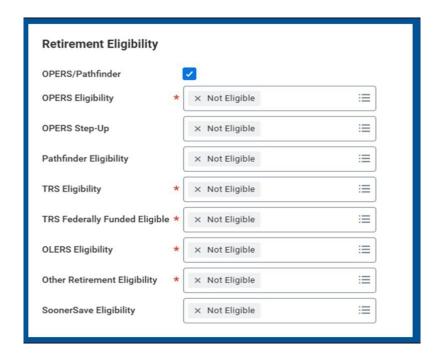
# Agency Payroll Authorization Form

- Sent whenever an employee enrolls or changes their deferral amount.
- This document authorizes the agency to withhold the amount per pay period and the month effective that the deduction should begin from the employee salary.
- Secure email to main coordinator only
- Main coordinator should download to their internal system for future access, to be shared internally, or provided to Shared Services for payroll updates to Workday

#### AGENCY PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FOR JOE R SMITH XXX-XX-XXXX 1234 GROOVY RD CORE ID: XXXXXX XXXX 02/13/2025 The above referenced participant's deferral amount should be: Pretax Amount: \$75.00 \$0.00 Roth Amount: 03/2025 Effective: The above referenced participant has requested a change to their voluntary SoonerSave account. The participant will receive confirmation of their change request directly from Empower. Please make the changes to Workday or your agency's payroll file for the participant's election as indicated. This Payroll Authorization is intended for the above listed agency only and should not be used to update the deferral for another agency not listed on the authorization. If the above participant is no longer with the listed agency please contact the SoonerSave Administration office. Approved By: Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan

# SoonerSave Agency Transfers

- Receiving agency must set the SoonerSave election to \$0.00 until the Payroll Authorization is received from SoonerSave Administration
- Leave SoonerSave set to "Not Eligible" in WorkDay



# SoonerSave Agency Transfers

- The employee completes must complete an enrollment form with 'Agency Change' checked.
  - Updates participant's personal data and contact information
  - Updates agency information on file with SoonerSave and Empower
  - Provides the Payroll Authorization to the most current agency
- Employee may experience a gap in contribution dates due to the manual processing.



# Beneficiary Designation at Enrollment

#### Pathfinder

Agencies with Workday thru OMES: Digital form in Workday

Non-CORE agencies: Comple paper form in Enrollment packet

#### SoonerSave

Complete paper form

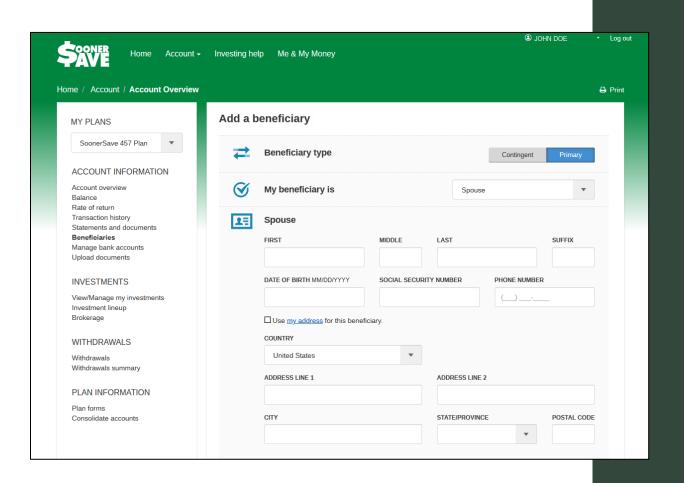


- All paper forms should be sent to the Pathfinder/SoonerSave Administration.
- Separate beneficiary forms for the Pathfinder 401(a) and 457(b) Plans

# Beneficiary Designation Online

Once account is established, updates can be made

- Online
  - soonersave.com
  - okpathfinder.com
  - Click 'View/edit beneficiary information' at the right
- Empower App



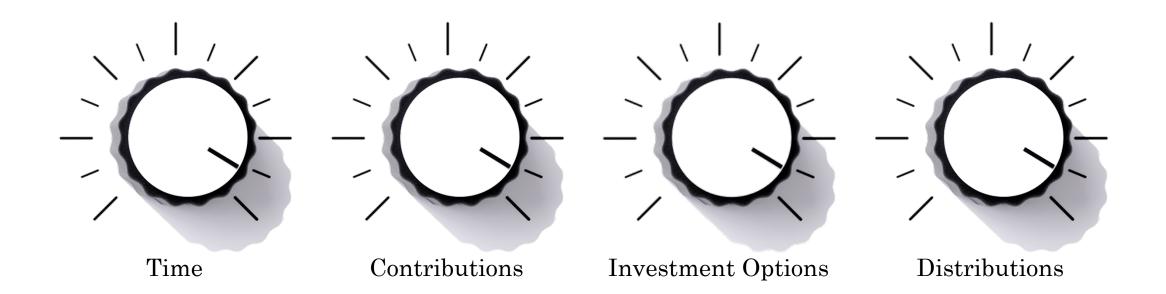
# Contributions







# Defined Contribution Plan



# SoonerSave Contributions

- 100% Voluntary plan.
- Contributions are a dollar amount

Employee Contribution	Employer Contribution (Incentive)
457(b)	401(a)
\$25+	\$25

Employee contributions can be assigned pre-tax or Roth

# Pathfinder Contributions

- Mandatory and voluntary contributions
- Percentage of gross pay

Employee C	Employer Contribution	
Mandatory	Voluntary	(Match)
401(a)	457(b)	401(a)
4.5%	<2.5%	6.0%
4.5%	2.5% +	7.0%

Voluntary contributions in the 457 Plan can be made pre-tax or Roth.

# Pathfinder Vesting Schedule

#### **Employee Contributions**

- 100% vested at all times.
- Coming soon: Pathfinder vesting calculator

#### **Employer Matching Contributions**

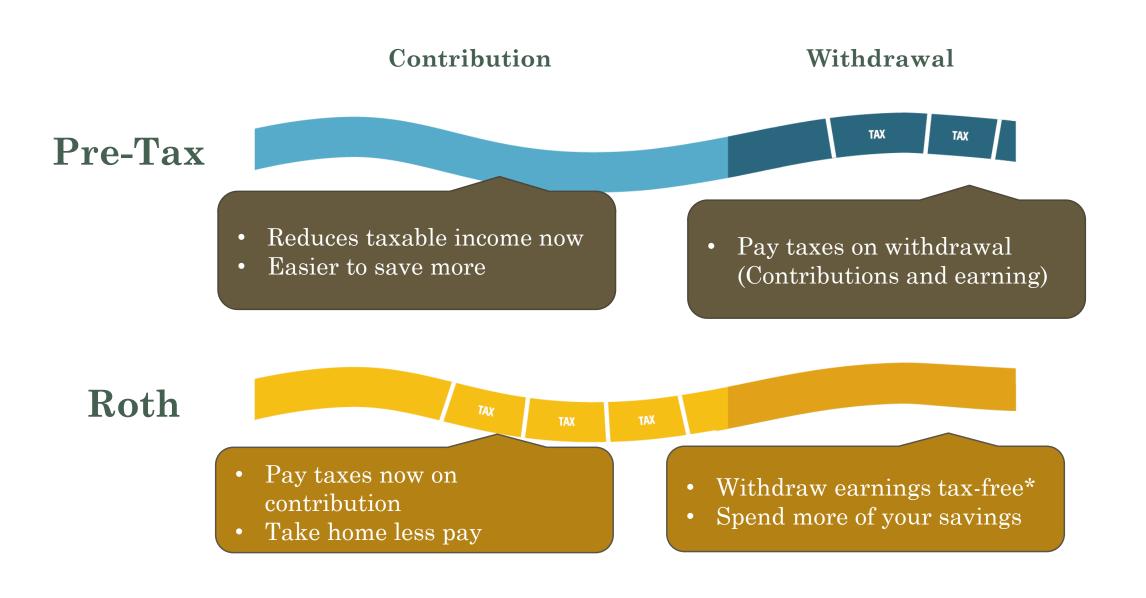
Vesting Period	Vesting Percentage
1 Year	20%
2 Years	40%
3 Years	60%
4 Years	80%
5 Years	100%

# Contribution Changes

- Participants update contribution amounts online:
  - okpathfinder.com
  - soonersave.com

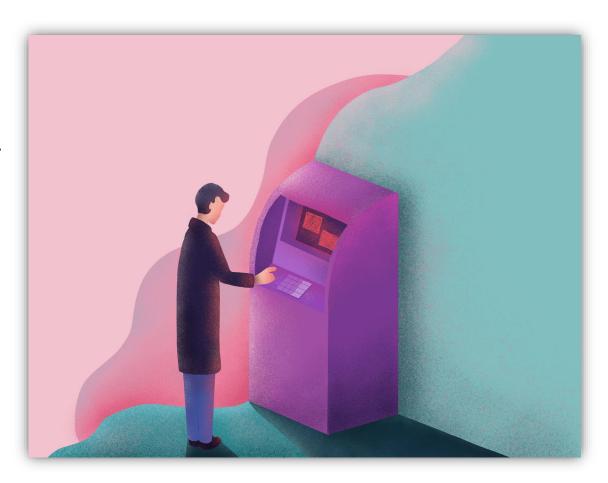
- Instructions on how to change
  - · Video on OPERS website (opers.ok.com/pathfinder)
  - Account Access Flyer

# Comparison of Pre-Tax and Roth 457



# What is a qualified Roth distribution?

- 5-year waiting period.
- After you have reached age 59½, died, or been disabled.



### 457 Contribution Limits for 2025

- IRS sets limits annually
- Age 50+ and Super Catch-ups are automatic
- 457 Plan Catch-up
  - Last three years before retirement
  - Must have previously under contributed
  - Must be approved to participate

Regular	\$23,500
Age 50+ Catch-up	\$31,000
Super Catch-up (Ages 60-63)	\$34,750
457 Special Three Year Catch-up	\$47,000

<sup>\*</sup> Limits only apply to voluntary contributions to the 457 plan only. Maximum contribution to Pathfinder cannot exceed 87.8% of gross salary.

# Age 50+ vs Super Catch-Up



This illustration assumes annual limits remain the same every year.

### NEW Special Three-Year Catch-Up Form

- Coming soon!
- Participants who wish to contribute the additional amount to their plan will complete the application form.
- The DC plan administration will reply with contribution eligibility information
- After reviewing the information, the participant would need to elect their contributions, acknowledge and sign.



### NEW High Earner Catch-up Contributions

- High earner: currently \$145,000+
- Catch-up contributions must be Roth

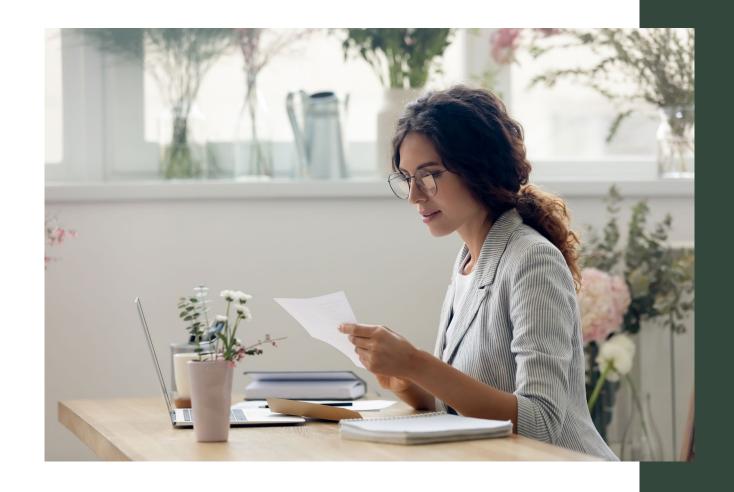
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• Example: Age 55 and contributing full 2025 Age 50+ limit



### High Earner Notifications

- OMES will provide a list to OPERS of impacted employees in January.
- We will notify high earners in January/February, based on previous year salary.



### Missed Pathfinder Contributions

- Objective: Restore the plan and participant to the position they would have been in had the error not occurred.
- Make up contributions include:
  - Employee Mandatory
  - Employer Match (6% or 7%)
  - OPERS Excess (10.5% or 9.5%)
  - Estimated earnings
- Payable to OPERS outside of payroll process
- Contact Pathfinder Administration for assistance



# Break

We'll take a short break and be back soon.

# In-Service Updates







### Personal Information Changes

	While Employed	Left Employment
Pathfinder 844-465-7284	<ul> <li>Updated through Employer</li> <li>Name</li> <li>Address</li> <li>okpathfinder.com</li> <li>Personal email and phone number</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>okpathfinder.com</li> <li>(after 45 days with term date on file)</li> <li>Address</li> <li>Personal email and phone number</li> <li>Name change using the Pathfinder Personal Information Change form</li> </ul>
SoonerSave 877-538-3457	soonersave.com / Call Empower  • Address • Personal email and phone SoonerSave Personal Information Change Form  • Name • Work email and phone	

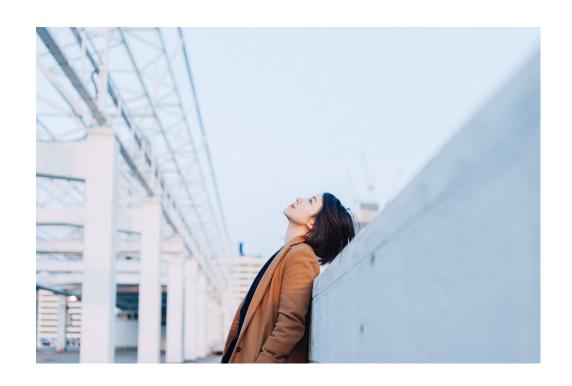
Administrative Office (OPERS): 405-858-6737 or 800-733-9008

### Hardship Withdrawals

### 457 Plan Dollars Only

- Reviewed on a case by case basis
- Requests due Friday by 3:00
- Reviewed the following week
- Taxable event, not a loan

Two or more withdrawals will require the participant to stop contributions for 6 months. OPERS will notify the participant in writing when and if this is required.



### How to start:

SoonerSave: Call SoonerSave Administration Office

Pathfinder: Call Empower

# Consolidating Retirement Accounts

- Roll in retirement account(s) from a previous employer(s)
- One account to manage
- Call 888-737-4480



**Incoming Rollover Flyer** 

### Plan-to-Plan Transfer

- Used when an employee changes to a position or job that participants in a different retirement plan, i.e. OPERS > Pathfinder or Pathfinder > OPERS.
- Contact OPERS/Pathfinder
   Administration for form

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Pathfinder	SoonerSave			der.com Soc	onerSave and Pathfinder Plan-to-Plan Transfer, Rev. 11/2022
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Trustee Name and Address:	Empower Trust Company, LLC, PO Box 56				
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Code.	Agency Number	Date			
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# Understanding In-Plan Roth Rollovers/Transfers

Insights into converting retirement plan funds to Roth dollars

### **How the Conversion Is Treated**

- Treated as a distribution for tax purposes.
- Followed by a rollover into your Roth account.
- Money never leaves the plan, but it's processed like it does.

### Impact on Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

- Does not satisfy your RMD for the year.
- If you must take an RMD this year, it will be calculated and paid before your conversion is processed.
- Generally applies if you've reached the applicable age or retired.

### **Tax Implications**

- Roth conversion can result in significant taxable income.
- Considered a withdrawal for tax purposes—even though funds stay in the Plan.
- No income tax will be withheld by the service provider—
   plan ahead.

### **Investment Considerations**

- Conversion is processed as:
  - 1. Withdrawal (sale) of current investments
  - 2. Deposit (repurchase) into Roth account
- Occurs on separate trading days.
- Possible impact: different number of shares/units due to market fluctuations during the time out of market.

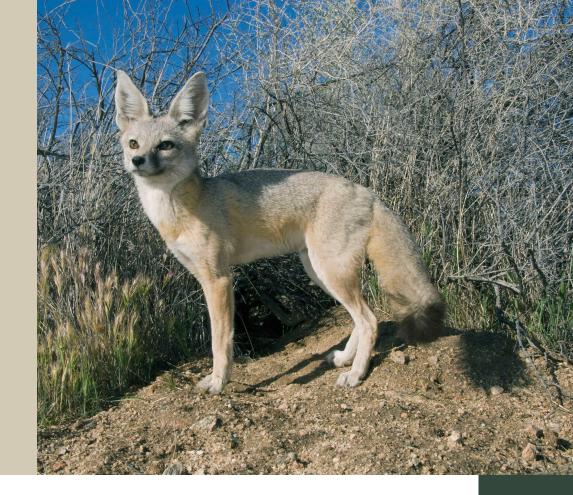
### Acknowledgement

By proceeding with an in-plan Roth rollover, you:

- Acknowledge this is a two-step transaction (withdrawal and deposit).
- Accept the risk of being out of the market for one or more trading days.
- Understand this may cause a difference in share/unit amounts upon repurchase.

• Educational materials coming soon.

# Leaving employment

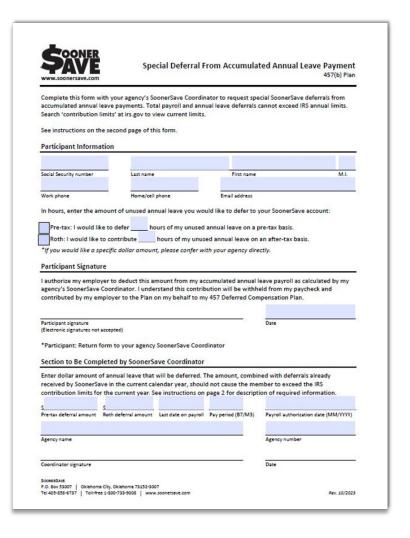






### Contribution from Annual Leave

- Participants may contribute any amount of annual leave *they would otherwise* receive up to annual IRS maximum upon leaving State service
- The form must be completed by the employee and agency then be received in the SoonerSave Administrative office the month prior to receiving payment
- SoonerSave only



### SoonerSave Annual Leave Deferral

- Convert the hours to a dollar amount for pre-tax, Roth or both according to the employees' election in the Participant Information section of the form.
- · Verify the annual leave amount will not cause employee to exceed IRS limit.
- Complete the SoonerSave Coordinator section of the form
  - Dollar amount
  - Last date on payroll (worked)
  - Pay period the Final Annual Leave to be paid to SoonerSave
  - Payroll Authorization date (MM/YYYY) \*BW payroll should be based on begin/end dates for hours worked and not the date the agency pays their employee
  - Provide a legible signature and date SoonerSave Administration must verify authorized signer
- Return to SoonerSave Administration before the end of month prior to the payroll authorization date and no earlier than sixty days prior to employee's last date on payroll.

### Example Annual Leave Form Dates

### Section to Be Completed by SoonerSave Coordinator

Enter dollar amount of annual leave that will be deferred. The amount, combined with deferrals already received by SoonerSave in the current calendar year, should not cause the member to exceed the IRS contribution limits for the current year. See instructions on page 2 for description of required information.

\$ 10,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | Pre-tax deferral amount | Roth deferral amount | Roth deferral amount | Defension of the content of

Coordinator signature

**Payroll** Pay Form Pay Period Begin/End Dates Period **Authorization Date** Deadline 8/28/2025 September/October September 21 – October 4, 2025 **B07** 9/30/2025 2025**M03** September 1 – September 30, 2025 September 2025 8/28/2025

Date

### Annual Leave Form Resources

- Annual Leave Deferral Dates for Bi-weekly Payroll
- How-to Video



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# Leaving Employment Resources



### Stay on the road to retirement with Pathfinder

No matter where you travel next, let your State of Oklahoma-sponsored retirement savings account continue to work for you.

### Stay invested in your retirement

Staying in the State's Pathfinder Plan once you leave employment can provide important advantages. You'll get the same support from OPERS and Empower, and your money will have the chance to grow.

In addition, you'll continue to have:

- ▶ Pathfinder's low administrative fees
- ►Multiple, separate streams of potential retirement income
- ➤ Access to your account without hassle
- ➤ Same saving, planning, and investing tools
- ➤ Flexible investments

### Simplify your savings strategy

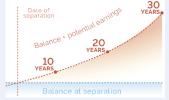
If the idea of having multiple retirement plans seems too much, talk to the administrator for your new employer's retirement plan. You may have the option to consolidate your accounts and to keep your savings working for you. You may avoid taxes and penalties by rolling your retirement savings into a qualified retirement account versus withdrawing. Consider all your options and their features and fees before moving money between accounts.

### Avoid starting from scratch

It is tempting to withdraw money from your Pathfinder account. However, a big part of retirement savings comes from the potential of compound earnings, which can work if funds remain invested. It may not seem like a lot of money now, but time can make a difference!

Retired workers in America are generally receiving an average of 40% of their pre-retirement income per month in Social Security benefits!—this income is probably not enough on its own, which is where retirement savings come in.

Set yourself up for a strong financial future and consider staying with Pathfinder.



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### **Distribution Guide**

This guide provides essential information on how to withdraw from your SoonerSave Deferred Compensation Plan (457) and Deferred Savings Incentive Plan (401(a)), including eligibility, distribution options and tax considerations.

### Important contact information

Website: www.soonersave.com Voice Response System: (877) 538-3457 SoonerSave Plan Administrative Office: (405) 858-6737, (800) 733-9008

### Getting Started

### When can I withdraw from my accounts?

- · Separate from employment with the state
- Reach age 7014
- . In the event of your death (benefits are paid to your beneficiary)

### What is the waiting period?

 You must wait 30 days after separating service with the state before you can take a withdrawal. You may withdraw funds starting on the 31st day or anytime later.

### I tried to take a withdrawal, but Empower shows I need to contact my employer. Why might that be, and what do I do next?

 It is possible that Empower does not have your termination date on file. Contact the SoonerSave administration office at (405) 858-6737, and we will verify that your termination date has been relayed to Empower.

### What are my distribution options?

### 1. Defer Distribution

- You may wait to withdraw your funds until a future date up to the year you reach the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age. Your funds will remain invested until the account is depleted. You can continue to manage your investment choices online or by calling Empower.
- No forms are needed if you choose to defer.

### 2. Lump Sum or Partial Payment

 Withdraw a portion or the full amount of your account in one payment.

### 3. Periodic Payments - Selected Amount

- Choose a set payment amount and frequency (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual).
- Payments continue until the account is fully depleted.

### 4. Periodic Payments - Selected Payout Period

- Choose a set payout period (e.g., five, 10, 15 or 20 years).
- Empower will recalculate the payment amount before each withdrawal based on the remaining balance and the number of payments left in the payout period.

### 5. Partial Lump Sum + Periodic Payments

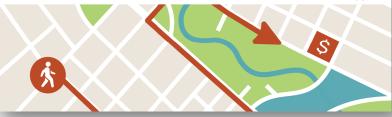
Take a large initial payment followed by periodic payments.

Example: Withdraw \$10,000 up front, then receive the remaining balance over five years.

### 6. Rollover to an IRA or another qualified retirement plan

 Roll over your accounts to another retirement plan or IRA outside of SoonerSave.

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### Distributions

### Eligibility

- No longer working for the State (retirement, termination, death)
- Age 70 ½ and still working for a participating agency \*SoonerSave only
- Distribution of funds rolled in to the plans from previous retirement plans (active participants)

### Availability after termination

- SoonerSave 30 days
- Pathfinder 45 days
- Funds Pending verification of term date

### Options:

- Keep money in Empower.
- Full or Partial Distribution
- Periodic Payment (monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- Rollover

### Distribution Process

- Where to find distribution forms? Throw out your old forms!
  - SoonerSave website / Pathfinder website
  - Call Empower
- SoonerSave Administration will contact you if a termination date is not available.
- Pathfinder vesting will be calculated at time of distribution request

# Required Minimum Distributions

- IRS Rule based on age
- Participant must begin withdrawing money from their accounts if no longer employed.
- 25% tax penalty on the amount not taken on time
- Applies to
  - 401(a)
  - Pre-tax 457

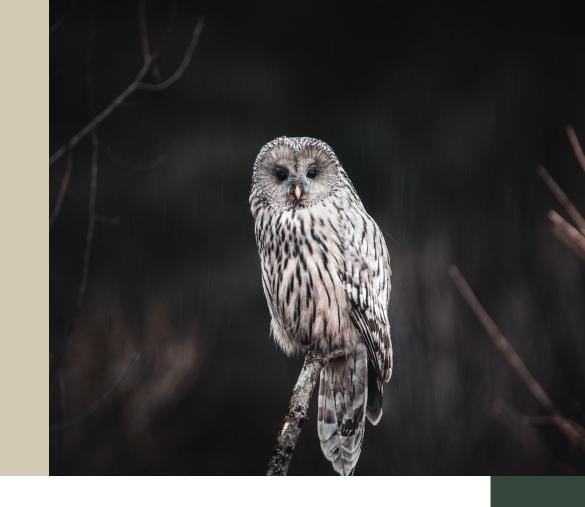
Birth Date	RMD Age
Before July 1, 1949	$70 \frac{1}{2}$
Before January 1, 1951	72
Before January 1, 1960	73
January 1, 1960 or later	75

# Death of a Participant

- Gather all information possible
  - Name, current address, Social Security number, names/addresses of spouse, children, etc.
  - Name, relationship, and contact information of person reporting death

• Empower Death Claims: 866-442-3888

### Resources





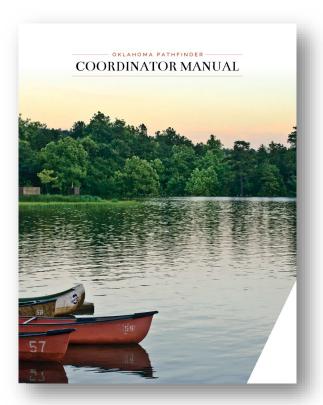




### **Coordinator Guide**

Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System

June 2025



## Updated Coordinator Manuals

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# Coordinator Changes

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Retirement coordinator's name	•			
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			Phone	
Email Signature			Phone	



### SoonerSave Coordinator Change Form

Deferred Compensation 457(b) and Savings Incentive 401(a) Plans

Use this form to update and verify employer and/or SoonerSave coordinator information. The main SoonerSave coordinator of record may submit this form; however, if the main soonerSave coordinator changes, this form must be signed by their supervisor. Please contact SoonerSave at (405) 858-6737 with any questions.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION				
Employer name			Employer number	
Mailing address		City	State	Zip code
Phone number	Fax number			
MAIN SOONERSAVE COORDINA	ATOR			
			No Change	Change
SoonerSave coordinator's name				
Phone number	Email address			
ALTERNATE SOONERSAVE COO	RDINATOR(S)			
Please list the alternate coordinato	r(s) and contact information	. Attach an additio	nal page, if necessary.	
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Phone number	Email address			
SIGNATURE				
I certify the above information is tr coordinator, this form must be sign				
Signature	Title		Date	
SOONERSAVE P.O. Box 53007   Oklahoma City, Oklahom	na 73152-3007			

# Coordinator Changes

### Must have a main coordinator, even if temporary.

This person will receive SoonerSave Payroll Authorizations via secure email.

### Who can sign the form?

- Someone of higher authority than the person(s) named
- Main coordinator can sign to add, remove or change alternates.

communications@opers.ok.gov or rwano@opers.ok.gov

### Resources

### **Training Materials**

- Coordinator Manuals updated!
- Slideshow
- Video
- Monthly Pathfinder webinars

### Forms & Documents

- Plan documents
- Select Participant Forms



## **New Hire Orientations**

# **New Hire Orientation with Empower**

- Please contact Chad Guest, your Retirement Plan Counselor, for agency specific assistance with all New Hire Orientations
- Available for in-person and virtual meetings as needed

## **Statewide New Hire Orientations**

- Scheduled Monthly by OPERS team
- Monthly emails go out in advance to all new hires
- Please encourage any of your employees to attend if they haven't before
- Contact Matthew Kesser with questions



# **Contacting Empower**

## Meet with your dedicated Retirement Plan Counselor

### **Contact**

- Email chad.guest@empower.com
- Call 405-323-6359





- Visit soonersave.com or okpathfinder.com
- Visit
   https://virtual\_meetin\_w\_chad\_ok.empowermytime.com/
   or click QR code to schedule a meeting with Chad
- PSC
   plan.empowerretirement.com/static/Plan/welcome.html



### Resources

### **Customer Care Center**

SoonerSave: 1-877-538-3457

Pathfinder: 1-844-465-7284

## **Plan Service Center support**

800-695-4952 / Plan # 98788-01/02 (Pathfinder) or #98988-01/02 (SoonerSave)

### Representatives are available Central time

Weekdays between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

#### **Disclosures**

#### Important information regarding your meeting with representatives of Empower

Your Empower representative is a retirement plan counselor (RPC) acting on behalf of Empower Financial Services, Inc. (EFSI), a member of the Empower family of companies. EFSI is a broker-dealer registered with FINRA and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. EFSI primarily provides broker-dealer services to employer-sponsored retirement plans. All Empower RPCs are registered representatives of EFSI.

Empower's RPC can provide information and guidance about a variety of topics, including plan enrollments, distribution and rollover options, consolidation, investment conversations, and savings and contributions strategies by educating you about available options. During your interaction with your RPC, you will engage in an informational dialogue intended to help you understand basic concepts about investing, distribution options available to you, and the advantages of participating in your employer-sponsored retirement plan or an individual retirement account. Although your RPC cannot provide you with advice on your tax situation, they will share information related to the potential tax implications of taking receipt of the proceeds from your retirement investments.

In their capacity as RPCs, the representatives may provide you with retirement counseling services that include education related to various investment options available to you and enrollment processes related to products and services offered or serviced by EFSI or its affiliates. Services provided by your RPC do not include providing securities recommendations or investment advice. If you feel that you need specific securities recommendations, investment advice or tax advice, please consult with your personal investment and/or tax advisor.

To obtain the EFSI Form CRS, or for more information about Empower representatives, visit **empower.com**.

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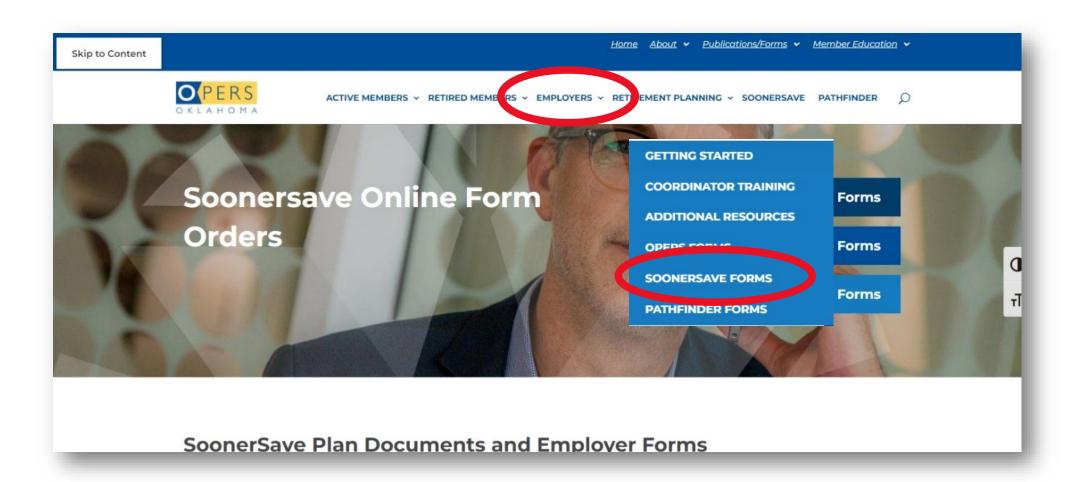
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# Print and Order Forms & Documents



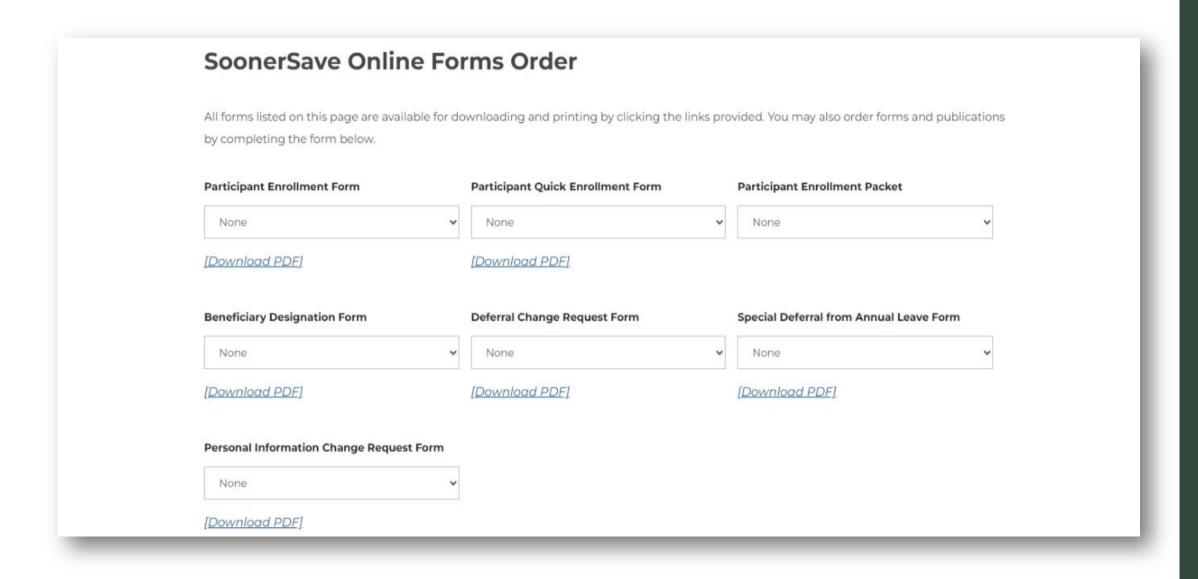
## Print and Order Forms & Documents

## SoonerSave Plan Documents and Employer Forms

- SoonerSave Coordinator's Guide
- SoonerSave Coordinator Change Form
- SoonerSave Plan Highlights
- SoonerSave Contribute a Little More
- SoonerSave 2023 Annual Contribution Limits
- SoonerSave Incoming Rollover Flier
- SoonerSave Asset Allocation & Diversification Flier
- SoonerSave Distribution Questions and Answers Flier

### SoonerSave Online Forms Order

# Print and Order Forms & Documents



# Videos

## **Coordinator Video Library**

Below are recommended videos for OPERS, SoonerSave and Pathfinder coordinators. Click the link below to view the complete Coordinator Video Library.



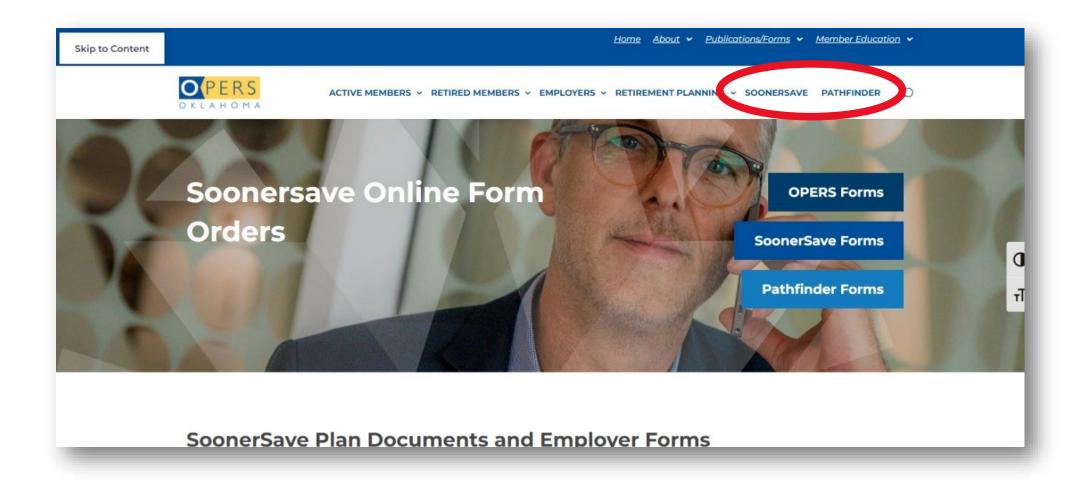




View more videos

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# Participant Resources



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#### STATE EMPLOYEES - ENROLL TODAY!

Complete the <u>SoonerSave Participant Quick Enrollment Form</u> and return to your agency retirement coordinator. You can designate your beneficiaries at <u>www.soonersave.com</u> or by using the <u>Beneficiary Designation Form</u>. Contributions will be invested in the default investment option until another designation is made online or by phone.

#### **PLAN DOCUMENTS**

- <u>SoonerSave Plan Highlights</u>
- SoonerSave Contribute a Little More
- SoonerSave 2025 Annual Contribution Limits
- SoonerSave Roth 457 Flyer
- SoonerSave Account Access Flyer
- SoonerSave Incoming Rollover Flyer
- SoonerSave Asset Allocation & Diversification Flier
- SoonerSave Distribution Guide FAQ

#### **ALREADY A PARTICIPANT?**

You can manage your account online at <u>www.soonersave.com</u>, by downloading the Empower app or by calling the voice response system at <u>877-538-3457</u>:

- Access your account balance and see your estimated monthly retirement income
- Increase your contributions
- Manage or transfer among investment options
- · Review recent activity, account statements and notices
- View and update beneficiaries
- Meet with your SoonerSave Retirement Plan Counselor



Get the mobile app to view and manage your plan anywhere, any time. Download the Empower app at <u>Google Play</u> or <u>App Store</u>.

# Coordinator Townhalls

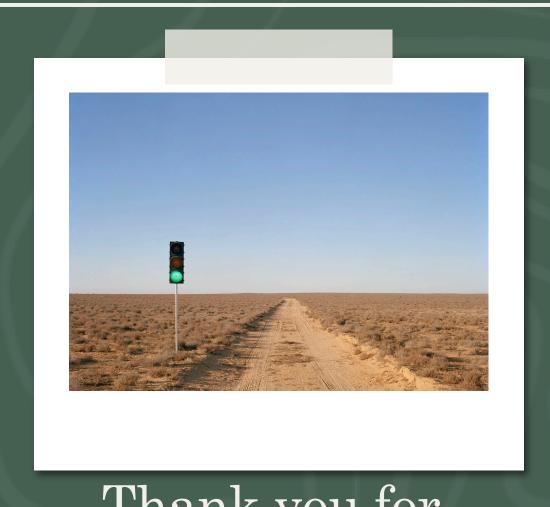
• Third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am on Teams.

# Education Opportunities

- Pathfinder Monthly Orientation
- Roth Seminars
- Live Webinars with Chad Guest
- Education by Empower Monthly topics

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Thank you for joining us today!

