

### **Educators Financial Group Inc.**

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## **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Under securities regulations, Educators Financial Group is required to identify material conflicts of interest that could arise between Educators Financial Group, including each individual acting on its behalf, and its clients. Furthermore, if an investor would expect to be informed of the nature and extent of an identified conflict of interest, Educators Financial Group must do so. The purpose of this disclosure is to provide you with a description of such conflicts and the measures Educators Financial Group has taken to prevent, avoid, and mitigate such conflicts.

All conflicts will be addressed in a fair and transparent manner, consistent with the best interest of our clients. We will try to avoid conflicts where possible, and in all other cases we will manage it through internal controls and policies. If a conflict can't be managed in your best interest, it will be avoided.

The following are potential conflict of interests and how they are managed in your best interest:

## **Advisor Compensation**

Educators Financial Group Advisors are compensated through a combination of salary and incentive compensation. They do not receive any commission for selling specific products. The incentive compensation is based on achievement of metrics related to asset gathering, client acquisition, and other corporate metrics which may change from time to time. An Advisor may refer you to our Lending Services team if you are looking for a mortgage. A commission may be paid in the event you move forward with a mortgage through Educators Financial Group.

### **Educators Mutual Funds**

Educators Financial Group offers proprietary mutual funds, available only from us and available exclusively to members of the education community and their family members. To ensure that the products we make available are in your best interest, controls are in place that include:

- Educators Advisors do not receive any benefit from recommending our proprietary mutual funds over the 3<sup>rd</sup> party mutual funds that are available through the organization.
- Educators Investment Committee monitors our family of mutual funds on a regular basis to ensure that they remain competitive versus similar products made available by other 3<sup>rd</sup> party mutual fund companies.
- Educators Mutual Funds charge a management fee which is disclosed in our Fund Facts document and provided to you in advance of a purchase. On an annual basis, we will report the total management fees on your Annual Charges and Compensation Report.
- Educators Financial Group makes the 3<sup>rd</sup> party mutual funds on our product shelf as easily accessible to our clients as our family of mutual funds.









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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Mutual Funds

Educators Financial Group may receive compensation from 3rd party mutual fund companies based on their products we sell you, in the form of a "trailing commission". In these instances, we will disclose the compensation in advance of the purchase and provide the Fund Facts document that outlines the compensation associated with that product. On an annual basis, we will report to you the total amount of trailing commissions received on your Annual Charges and Compensation Report.

### **Fee-Based Accounts**

Educators Financial Group offers the option of opening a fee-based account. A fee-based account involves paying a percentage of your account balance as an account fee on an ongoing basis. In these instances, products that pay an ongoing "trailing commission" to Educators Financial Group will be excluded from being held in the account.

# **Referral Arrangements**

Educators Financial Group may enter into a referral arrangement with other registrant firms when we are unable to offer you a certain product or service that is determined to be in your best interest. In such instances, the other registrant firm may pay a referral fee to Educators Financial Group. The referral fee is a negotiated amount between the other firm and Educators Financial Group. The details of the relationship between Educators Financial Group and the other firm will be provided to you prior to account opening.

#### **Outside Business Activities**

Educators Financial Group Advisors may engage in business activities that are outside of our business activities. In these instances, the Advisor must get approval from us to engage in any such activity. Activities where a conflict of interest may exist will be avoided if it can't be addressed in your best interest.





