

Transition Guide

Aurora Promise → Bright Start 529

What You Need to Do

Your child's designated Aurora Promise funds will be transitioned to a parent-owned **Bright Start 529 College Savings account**.

Complete the steps below by **December 30, 2026**.

STEP 1 — Open Your Child's Bright Start 529 Account

A parent or guardian must open a **Bright Start 529 College Savings account for your child**.

Already have a Bright Start 529 account for your child?

You do not need to open another account. **Go directly to Step 2.**

Ready to open an account?

[Open a Bright Start 529 Account](#)

Need Help?

Register to attend a **45-minute virtual session** with a Bright Start Education Consultant. They will explain Bright Start, walk you through the account-opening process, and answer questions.

Thursday, November 5, 2026

12:00 p.m. [English Webinar](#)

1:00 p.m. [Spanish Webinar](#)

Thursday, November 12, 2026

6:00 p.m. [English Webinar](#)

7:00 p.m. [Spanish Webinar](#)

Can't attend a webinar? You can schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Bright Start Education Consultant.

[Schedule a Bright Start Appointment](#)

STEP 2 — Submit Your Bright Start Account Information to the City

Once your child's Bright Start account is open, you will receive a **Bright Start 529 College Savings account number**.

Submit the requested information to the City of Aurora using our [secure form](#) found on our website [Aurora Promise Transition](#). **Please do not email your Bright Start account number.**

Why does the City need my account number?

The City needs your Bright Start account number to identify the account where your child's designated Aurora Promise funds should be transferred.

Providing your account number does not give the City access to your Bright Start 529 college savings account, account balance, or account activity. It will only be used as part of the process to transfer your child's designated Aurora Promise funds.

STEP 3 — Check Your Bright Start 529 College Savings Account

The City will process transfers to Bright Start accounts **every two weeks** as completed account information is received and reviewed.

After your transfer has been processed, log in to your Bright Start account to confirm that the Aurora Promise contribution has been received.

Don't Wait — Complete Your Transition no later than December 30, 2026

Both steps are required:

- 1. Open your child's Bright Start 529 College Savings account.**
- 2. Submit the required account information to the City of Aurora.**

Questions?

Questions about Aurora Promise or submitting your account information:

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Questions about opening or managing a Bright Start 529 account:

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