



Schwab IRA Application Agreement

- This agreement relates to your IRA and is part of the Account Agreement between each Account Holder and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (“Schwab”).
- Please read and retain for your files.
- You do not need to return this agreement to Schwab.

Section 1: Scope of Agreement.

Your agreement with Schwab consists of the terms set forth in this Application Agreement and the terms set forth in the applicable Individual Retirement Plan and Disclosure Statement, and the Schwab IRA and ESA Account Agreement, which incorporates the Charles Schwab Pricing Guide and a number of other important disclosures. The applicable Individual Retirement Plan and Disclosure Statement and the Schwab IRA and ESA Account Agreement are provided with this Application or at the opening of your Account. You agree to contact Schwab if you do not receive the applicable Individual Retirement Plan and Disclosure Statement and the Schwab IRA and ESA Account Agreement.

In addition, you may in the future receive from Schwab supplemental terms or disclosures that pertain to certain account types, service features and benefit packages. These supplemental terms and disclosures, this Application Agreement, the applicable Individual Retirement Plan and Disclosure Statement and the Schwab IRA and ESA Account Agreement are collectively referred to as the “Agreement and Disclosures.” You agree to read the Agreement and Disclosures carefully and retain copies for your records.

Section 2: Acceptance of Agreement and Disclosures.

You agree that the Agreement and Disclosures govern all aspects of your relationship with Schwab, including all transactions between Schwab and you and all products and services now or in the future offered through Schwab. Schwab may rely on your use of Schwab’s products and services as evidence of your continued acceptance of the Agreement and Disclosures.

Section 3: Your Representations and Warranties.

You represent and warrant that: (a) you are of legal age in the state in which you live and you are authorized to enter into this Agreement; (b) you have supplied accurate information in your Account Application; (c) if you are married, live in a state with community-property laws and have designated someone other than your spouse as the sole beneficiary to this Account, you have obtained the consent of your spouse to such designation; (d) no additional authorizations from third parties are required for you to open the Account and effect transactions therein; (e) except as you have otherwise indicated on your Account Application or in writing to us, (i) you are not an employee of or affiliated with any securities exchange or member firm of any exchange, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), or any securities firm, bank, trust company or insurance company and (ii) you are not a director, 10% beneficial shareholder, policy-making officer or otherwise an “affiliate” (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933) of a publicly traded company and (f) this Application Agreement, as amended from time to time, is a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against you in accordance with its terms.

Section 4: Account Handling.

Schwab will automatically hold all of your securities purchased, sales proceeds, dividends and interest. Schwab will also release your name, address and securities positions to companies in which we hold securities for your Account upon request, unless you notify us otherwise in writing.

Section 5: Responsibility for Investment Decisions.

You agree that you and any agent under a power of attorney or Investment Advisor (if you have one) are solely responsible for investment decisions in your Account, including whether to buy or sell a particular security. Unless required by law, or unless Schwab provides advice to you that is clearly identified as an individualized recommendation for you, you understand that Schwab has no obligation to determine whether a particular transaction, strategy or purchase or sale of a security is suitable for you. Your obligation includes an affirmative duty to monitor and stay informed about your Account and your investments and respond to changes as you deem appropriate.

Unless Schwab otherwise agrees with you in writing, Schwab does not have any discretionary authority or obligation to review or make recommendations for the investment of securities or cash in your Account.

You acknowledge that Schwab does not provide tax or legal advice.

Section 6: Payment of Indebtedness.

You agree to make payment of any indebtedness related to your Account, including, but not limited to, any such indebtedness that results from instructions provided to Schwab by you, your agent or any attorney-in-fact under a power of attorney or Investment Advisor authorized to make transactions in your Account. We may elect anytime, with or without notice, to make any debit balance or other obligation related to your Account immediately due and payable. We may report any past-due account to a consumer and/or securities credit reporting agency. We may also refer your Account to a collection agency.

Section 7: Liquidations.

Whenever it is necessary for our protection or to satisfy a debit in your Account or other obligation owed us with respect to your Account (including the payment of any fees and expenses relating to your Account that are assessed from your Account), you authorize and direct Schwab to sell, assign and deliver all or any part of the property in your Account, close any or all transactions in your Account, or restrict activity in your Account as may be necessary from time to time to satisfy any such debit or obligation. You further authorize and direct us to choose which property to buy or sell, which transactions to close, and the sequence and timing of liquidation. We may take such actions on whatever exchange or market and in whatever manner (including public auction or private sale) that we choose in the exercise of our business judgment. You agree not to hold us liable for the choice of which property to buy or sell or of which transactions to close or for timing or manner of liquidation or any tax consequences from such actions.

This serves as your direction and authorization to us, without any additional notice to you. No demand or notice shall impose on Schwab any obligation to make such demand or provide such notice to you in the future. Any such notice or demand is hereby expressly waived, and no specific demand or notice shall invalidate this waiver.

Section 8: Verification.

You authorize Schwab to inquire from any source, including a consumer reporting agency, as to the identity (as required by law), creditworthiness and ongoing eligibility for the Account of the Account Holders, any other person referred to on this Application, or any person whom Schwab is later notified is associated with or has an interest in the account (as well as such persons’ spouses if they live in a community-property jurisdiction) at account opening, at any time throughout the life of the Account, and thereafter for debt collection or investigative purposes.

Section 9: Required Arbitration Disclosures.

Regulatory authorities require that any brokerage agreement containing a predispute arbitration agreement must disclose that this agreement contains a predispute arbitration clause. This Agreement contains a predispute arbitration clause. By signing an arbitration agreement, the parties agree as follows:

- All parties to this Agreement are giving up the right to sue each other in court, including the right to a trial by jury, except as provided by the rules of the arbitration forum in which a claim is filed.
- Arbitration awards are generally final and binding; a party's ability to have a court reverse or modify an arbitration award is very limited.
- The ability of the parties to obtain documents, witness statements and other discovery is generally more limited in arbitration than in court proceedings.
- The arbitrators do not have to explain the reason(s) for their award unless, in an eligible case, a joint request for an explained decision has been submitted by all parties to the panel at least 20 days prior to the first scheduled hearing date.
- The panel of arbitrators will typically include a minority of arbitrators who were or are affiliated with the securities industry.
- The rules of some arbitration forums may impose time limits for bringing a claim in arbitration. In some cases, a claim that is ineligible for arbitration may be brought in court.
- The rules of the arbitration forum in which the claim is filed, and any amendments thereto, shall be incorporated into this Agreement.

No person shall bring a putative or certified class action to arbitration, nor seek to enforce any predispute arbitration agreement against any person who has initiated in court a putative class action; or who is a member of a putative class who has not opted out of the class with respect to any claims encompassed by the putative class action until:

1. the class certification is denied;
2. the class is decertified; or
3. the customer is excluded from the class by the court.

Such forbearance to enforce an agreement to arbitrate shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this Agreement except to the extent stated herein.

Section 10: Arbitration Agreement.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to (i) this Agreement, any other agreement with Schwab, an instruction or authorization provided to Schwab or the breach of any such agreements, instructions, or authorizations; (ii) the Account, any other Schwab account or Services; (iii) transactions in the Account or any other Schwab account; (iv) or in any way arising from the relationship with Schwab, its parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents or service providers ("Related Third Parties"), including any controversy over the arbitrability of a dispute, will be settled by arbitration.

This arbitration agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective representatives, attorneys-in-fact, heirs, successors, assigns and any other persons having or claiming to have a legal or beneficial interest in the Account, including court-appointed trustees and receivers. This arbitration agreement will also inure to the benefit of third-party service providers that assist Schwab in providing Services ("Third-Party Service Providers") and such Third-Party Service Providers are deemed to be third-party beneficiaries of this arbitration agreement.

The parties agree that this arbitration agreement will apply even if the application to open the Account is denied and will survive the closure of your Account and/or the termination of services rendered under this Agreement.

Such arbitration will be conducted by, and according to the securities arbitration rules and regulations then in effect of, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) or any national securities exchange that provides a forum for the arbitration of disputes, provided that Schwab is a member of such national securities exchange at the time the arbitration is initiated. Any party may initiate arbitration by filing a written claim with FINRA or such eligible national securities exchange. If arbitration before FINRA or an eligible national securities exchange is unavailable or impossible for any reason, then such arbitration will be conducted by,

and according to the rules and regulations then in effect of, the American Arbitration Association (AAA). If arbitration before the AAA is unavailable or impossible for any reason, the parties agree to have a court of competent jurisdiction appoint three (3) arbitrators to resolve any and all disputes or controversies between or among the parties. Each party shall bear its own initial arbitration costs, which are determined by the rules and regulations of the arbitration forum.

In the event of financial hardship, the arbitration forum may waive certain costs in accordance with such rules. At the conclusion of the hearing, the arbitrators will decide how to assess the costs of the arbitration among the parties.

Any award the arbitrator makes shall be final and binding, and judgment on it may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. This arbitration agreement shall be enforced and interpreted exclusively in accordance with applicable federal laws of the United States, including the Federal Arbitration Act. Any costs, fees or taxes involved in enforcing the award shall be fully assessed against and paid by the party resisting enforcement of said award.

For FINRA arbitrations, FINRA will appoint a single public arbitrator in customer cases decided by one arbitrator. In customer cases decided by three arbitrators, investors have the option of choosing an arbitration panel with two public arbitrators and one non-public arbitrator (Majority-Public Panel Rule) or a panel of all public arbitrators (Optional All-Public Panel Rule). If the customer declines to elect a panel selection method in writing by the applicable deadline, the Majority-Public Panel Rule for selecting arbitrators will apply.

All notices from one party to the other involving arbitration shall be considered to have been fully given when so served, mailed by first-class, certified or registered mail, or otherwise given by other commercially accepted medium of written notification.

In addition to the above provisions, if a party to this Agreement is or becomes a non-U.S. resident at the time of any controversy subject to this arbitration agreement, such party acknowledges and agrees to the following additional provisions:

- (1) The rules of the organization administering the arbitration specifically provide for the formal designation of the place at which the arbitration is to be held.
- (2) Entering into this Agreement constitutes consent to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of the state of California, U.S.A., to interpret or enforce any or all of these arbitration provisions. Judgment on any arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, or application may be made to such court for judicial acceptance of the award and an order of enforcement, as the case may be.
- (3) The exclusive language to be used by the parties and the arbitrators in the arbitration proceedings shall be English. Any party wishing an interpreter shall make all arrangements directly with the interpreter and shall assume all costs of the service.
- (4) If a party is a foreign government or state, state-owned or state-operated enterprise or other instrumentality of a foreign government or state, such party waives all rights of sovereign immunity and neither the Federal Act of State doctrine nor the doctrine of sovereign immunity shall apply insofar as any enforcement in courts located in the U.S.A. is concerned.

Section 11: Electronic Copies.

The electronically stored copy of your (or your agent's) signature, any written instructions or authorizations, the Account Application and the Agreement and Disclosures is considered to be the true, complete, valid, authentic and enforceable record, admissible in judicial, administrative or arbitration proceedings to the same extent as if the documents and records were originally generated and maintained in printed form. You agree to not contest the admissibility or enforceability of Schwab's electronically stored copy of such documents in any proceeding between you and Schwab.

Section 12: Float.

You agree that Schwab may retain as compensation for services your Account's proportionate share of any interest earned on aggregate cash balances held in Schwab's bank account with respect to

(1) assets awaiting investment or (2) assets pending distribution from your Account. Such interest retained by Schwab shall generally be at money market rates. Schwab's receipt of such compensation is further described in the Agreements and Disclosures.

Section 13: Unclaimed Property.

If no activity occurs in the Account within the time period specified by applicable state law, the Account may be transferred to the appropriate state.

Section 14: Information About SIPC.

To obtain information about Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), including an explanatory SIPC brochure, please contact SIPC at www.sipc.org or 1-202-371-8300.

Section 15: Impartial Lottery for Securities Subject to Partial Call or Partial Redemption.

If Schwab holds securities for you in street name, in Schwab's name, or in bearer form that are subject to partial call or partial redemption, then in the case of a partial call or partial redemption Schwab will use an impartial lottery system to select the securities to be called or redeemed from among accounts holding those securities. For a description of Schwab's lottery system, please visit www.schwab.com/PartialCalls. If you would like a printed description of Schwab's lottery system mailed to you, please contact a Schwab representative at 1-800-435-4000.

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