

# Instructions for IRA Beneficiary Designation Form

Numerous situations may affect your beneficiary designation, such as the death of a beneficiary, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, or beneficiary name change. You may wish to notify your designated beneficiary that he or she is the beneficiary of your account. In the event of your death, your beneficiary should elect a distribution option with DWS Trust Company. If your beneficiary fails to make an election by December 31 of the year following the year of your death, adverse tax consequences may result. Consult your tax advisor for more information.

#### **IRA Account Designation**

- Beneficiary designations will be effective upon receipt of this form by DWS Service Company.
- Your primary beneficiary (or primary beneficiaries, if more than one) is first in line to inherit your assets after your death. If no primary beneficiary that you designated is alive at the time of your death, then any secondary beneficiary you designated would be the next in line to inherit your assets. You may name more than one primary and/or secondary beneficiary and designate how the assets will be divided amount them.
- Enter the account number of each IRA account (Traditional, Roth, or SEP) for which this beneficiary(ies) designation will apply.
- If you exchange into another DWS mutual fund, this beneficiary information will be copied to the new fund, unless you provide us with an additional beneficiary designation form.
- If more than two primary or two secondary beneficiaries are named, add additional pages with the same information as requested here. (If you do not indicate the percentage, we will distribute the proceeds evenly.)

### **Primary Beneficiary Designation**

- —Enter all information requested for each primary beneficiary.
- Primary beneficiaries will share the account balance equally, unless you enter a percentage for each to receive (must equal 100%).
- —If a trust is designated as a beneficiary, enter the name of the trustee(s), the complete name of the trust, and the date of the trust document.
- Please note, there is no need to designate your estate as sole primary beneficiary because an IRA account without any beneficiary designation will be transferred to the estate of the shareholder upon their death.

## Secondary Beneficiary Designation

- -A secondary beneficiary is not permitted if a trust or estate is designated as the sole primary beneficiary.
- —Enter all information requested for each secondary beneficiary.
- Secondary beneficiaries will receive account proceeds only if all primary beneficiaries predecease the shareholder.
- Secondary beneficiaries will share the account balance equally, unless you enter a percentage for each to receive (must equal 100%).
- —If a trust is designated as a beneficiary, enter the name of the trustee(s), the complete name of the trust, and the date of the trust document.

#### Spousal Consent

—A married shareholder who is designating a beneficiary that is not his or her spouse should review this section. If this section applies, the shareholder's spouse must sign as indicated in Step 3.



# IRA beneficiary designation

Use this form to update the beneficiary information on your DWS Fund Individual Retirement Account (IRA). If you are a minor (have not reached the age of majority for your state of residence), a beneficiary designation is not appropriate because the IRA account(s) will automatically pass to your estate upon your death. Please contact Shareholder Services if you have any questions.

Call: (800) 728-3337 or e-mail: service@dws.com

Step 1	Account information					
☐ Please check here if the address listed below is a new address, and you would like your account(s) updated.						
Name			Social Security Number on Account (required)			
Address			City	State	Zip	
Phone Num	) nber	Extension	IRA Account Number(s)*			

#### Step 2 | Beneficiary designation

The following person(s) is to receive my IRA assets upon my death. By submitting this form I understand that I am revoking all primary and secondary beneficiaries already on file with DWS Trust Company, the custodian of my IRA for this account, and my new beneficiary information is not effective unless filed with the custodian prior to my death. I understand that I can change this beneficiary designation during my lifetime by submitting a new form to DWS Trust Company. If I name more than one primary beneficiary and do not indicate percentages, distributions will be made equally to primary beneficiaries who survive me. If a percentage is indicated and a primary beneficiary does not survive me, the percentage of that beneficiary's share will be divided equally among the surviving primary beneficiary(ies). Secondary beneficiaries will receive distributions only if there are no surviving primary beneficiaries. Distributions to secondary beneficiaries will be made according to the rules of succession described above for primary beneficiary. Percentages must equal 100%.

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<sup>\*</sup> All funds will be changed unless otherwise indicated.

### Beneficiary designation (continued) **Primary Beneficiaries** Percentages must equal 100% Name Percentage O Social Security Number OR O Tax ID Spouse Other Date of Birth or Trust Date - MM/DD/YYYY Name Percentage O Social Security Number OR O Tax ID Spouse Date of Birth or Trust Date - MM/DD/YYYY **Secondary Beneficiaries** Percentages must equal 100% Name Percentage O Social Security Number OR O Tax ID Spouse Other Date of Birth or Trust Date - MM/DD/YYYY O Social Security Number OR O Tax ID Name Percentage Spouse Other Date of Birth or Trust Date - MM/DD/YYYY Spousal consent If you are married and live in a community property state, your spouse may have a property interest in the account and any beneficiary designation that you make other than to your spouse may be ineffective without spousal consent. DWS Trust Company, DWS Service Company, the DWS Funds and their respective affiliates make no warranty as to the ownership of the account after the death of the participant. By signing this application you and your spouse, as applicable, acknowledge that DWS has no obligation to locate or notify any beneficiary or to independently verify any information provided by you or any person claiming an interest in the account. Community property is currently recognized in AZ, CA, ID, LA, NV, NM, TX, WA, WI and Puerto Rico, but this list is subject to change. - It is your responsibility to determine if this section applies. You may need to consult with legal counsel. If this section applies, have your spouse sign as indicated. Neither DWS Trust Company nor DWS Service Company or its affiliates will be liable for any consequences resulting from failure to provide proper spousal consent. I am the spouse of the above-named shareholder. I acknowledge that I have received a fair and reasonable disclosure of my spouse's property and financial obligations. Due to any possible consequences of giving up my community property interest in this IRA, I have been advised to see a tax professional or legal advisor. I hereby consent to the beneficiary designation(s) indicated above. I assume full responsibility for any adverse consequence that may result. No tax or legal advice was given to me by the Custodian or the designated investment company or their affiliates.

Signature of Account Owner's Spouse

Date - MM/DD/YYYY

Step 4 Signature or owner	
Sign and date below.	
Signature of Account Owner	Date – MM/DD/YYYY

#### Please mail completed form to:

DWS Service Company P.O. Box 219151 Kansas City, MO 64121-9151

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Overnight Address:

DWS Service Company 430 W. 7th Street Suite 219151 Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

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