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# Designation of Beneficiary with Contingent Beneficiaries

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in blue or black ink

**NYSLRS ID**

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**Social Security Number** [last 4 digits]

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**Retirement System** [check one]

Employees' Retirement System (ERS)   
Police and Fire' Retirement System (PFRS)

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED, NOTARIZED AND FILED WITH THE  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM PRIOR TO YOUR DEATH TO BE EFFECTIVE.**

**Member / Pensioner Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Former Name: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS FORM**

- If you find this form is not suited to the type of designation you prefer please advise the Retirement System. In the meantime, for your protection and the protection of your beneficiary(ies), you should make an interim designation using this form. If you wish to designate more beneficiaries than this form allows or to designate a Trust, Guardian-ship or payment under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act please contact the Retirement System for the appropriate form.
- Attachments to your beneficiary form are **unacceptable**.
- New beneficiary forms filed will supersede any previous designation. Therefore, if you want to **add** or **delete** a beneficiary, for example a new child, you must include on the new form all beneficiaries you wish to designate.
- The same person or persons cannot be designated as both primary and contingent beneficiaries. We can make payment to a contingent beneficiary(ies) only if all primary beneficiary(ies) die before you do.
- If you wish to have these benefits distributed through your estate, you should name "my estate" as beneficiary. Your estate can be named as either primary or contingent beneficiary. However, if you name your estate as primary beneficiary, you may not name any contingent beneficiary.
- This form is for designating beneficiaries to receive your ordinary death or post retirement death benefit. You may not designate beneficiaries to receive accidental death benefits. The beneficiaries entitled to receive accidental death benefits are mandated by statute.

**Make sure that you:**

- **Complete all required information.**
- **Sign and date the form.**
- **Have the form notarized, making sure the notary has entered his or her expiration date.**
- **Mail your completed form to:**  
**New York State and Local Retirement System**  
**110 State Street**  
**Albany, NY 12244-0001**

**PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION LAW**

In accordance with the Personal Privacy Law you are hereby advised that pursuant to the Retirement and Social Security Law, the Retirement System is required to maintain records. The records are necessary to determine eligibility for and to calculate benefits. Failure to provide in-formation may result in the failure to pay benefits the way you prefer. The System may provide certain information to participating employers. The official responsible for maintaining these records is the Director of Member & Employer Services, New York State and Local Retirement Systems, Albany, NY 12244. For questions concerning this form, please call 1-866-805-0990 or 518-474-7736.

**SOCIAL SECURITY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT**

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, you are hereby advised that disclosure of the Social Security Account Number is mandatory pursuant to sections 11, 31, 34 and 334 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. The number will be used in identifying retirement records and in the administration of the Retirement System.

**Please go to the reverse side of this form to designate beneficiaries, sign and date the form and have the form notarized.**



Do not alter this form or make stipulations. The use of correction fluid or other alterations on this form will render the designation invalid.

To the Comptroller of the State of New York:

Designation of Primary Beneficiary(ies). I hereby name the following beneficiary(ies) to receive any ordinary death or post retirement death benefit payable on my behalf. If I have named more than one beneficiary, it is my intention that those living at the time of my death should share equally any benefit payable. I reserve the right to change the designation at any time.
Name, Address, Relationship, Birth Date, Phone Number (two columns)

Designation of Contingent Beneficiary(ies). If all of the designated primary beneficiaries die before I do, any ordinary death or post retirement death benefit payable on my behalf shall be paid to the following. If I have named more than one beneficiary, it is my intention that those living at the time of my death should share equally any benefit payable. If I out-live these beneficiaries, any benefit payable should be paid to my estate or any other beneficiary I name thereafter. I reserve the right to change this designation at any time.
Name, Address, Relationship, Birth Date, Phone Number (two columns)

This form must be signed, dated and notarized in order to be valid.

I certify that the information on my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I am aware that any false statement I knowingly make or permit to be made on this or any record of the Retirement System constitutes a crime punishable by potential incarceration and other sanctions.
Member / Pensioner Signature, Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the
year \_\_\_\_\_ before me, the undersigned, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,
personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose
name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the
same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or
the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.