

State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio
State Treasurer of Ohio
Josh Mandel

**Informational Booklet and Application** 



#### Dear Public Funds Manager,

Thank you for your interest in the State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR) of Ohio. As administrator of this program, I am committed to providing public investment officers with a safe and secure pool to invest Ohioans' hard-earned dollars in this challenging economic environment. The STAR Program provides Ohio governmental subdivisions the ability to invest in high-grade, short-term securities and offers shareholders safety, penalty-free liquidity and comparatively high yields.

This booklet serves as an introduction to STAR and details the value it provides. In the 18 consecutive years that STAR has received a rating from Standard & Poor's, it has maintained the highest possible investment rating of AAAm. The economies of scale created by pooling funds of Ohio's governmental subdivisions provide participants with greater earnings potential and increased efficiencies. All eligible entities, regardless of their investment size, are invited to take advantage of this exceptional investment option.

Currently, STAR serves over 2,500 participant accounts. My staff and I are committed to maintaining and improving the high quality of service that STAR has provided for over 28 years. We appreciate your interest and welcome all Ohio managers of public funds to join the program.

I hope that you find this information useful, and look forward to working with you to strengthen Ohio through this investment opportunity.

Sincerely,

Josh Mandel

State Treasurer of Ohio

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# For more information about STAR and STAR Plus visit <a href="https://www.STAROhio.com">www.STAROhio.com</a>

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#### What is STAR Ohio?

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The State Treasury Asset Reserve ("STAR") is an investment pool managed and administered by the State Treasurer of Ohio. Participation is offered to subdivisions of the State of Ohio as defined in Section 135.45(F)(2)(a), Ohio Revised Code, by the State Treasurer for the investment of interim monies of the state and to the state's various custodial accounts. The investment objectives of STAR are the preservation of capital, the maintenance of liquidity, and providing current income.

#### Who Can Invest in STAR?

Cities • School Districts • Townships • Villages • Counties • Public Libraries • Fire Districts • Port Authorities • Community Hospitals • Housing Authorities • State Institutions of Higher Education • Soil and Water Conservation Districts • Parks and Recreational Districts • Transportation Boards • Joint Vocational Schools • Other Governmental Entities

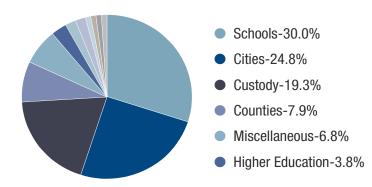
#### **STAR Participants Have the Advantage**

- The security of an investment pool that has Standard & Poor's highest rating, AAAm
- The STAR Website provides accurate information regarding current balance, month-to-date income and current yields as well as access to current and historical account statements
- 24-hour telephone access to account information via 1-800-648-STAR (7827)

- Consolidated monthly account statements
- No charges to wire funds in or out of the fund
- ACH and wire online trading available at www.STAROhio.com
- Limited free check writing privileges
- No minimum investment amount required
- No required minimum period of investment
- Yields are quoted after the expenses for the fund have been deducted
- Multiple accounts may be established for segregation of specific funds
- Online transfers between linked STAR accounts
- Available electronic only statements
- Trade confirmations available online
- Grouped statements with an overview of all accounts is available for entities with multiple accounts

Your participation in STAR is a phone call away. To invest in STAR, to receive assistance in opening an account, or to obtain the current yield on the fund, call toll-free: 1-800-648-STAR (7827) or visit <a href="https://www.STAROhio.com">www.STAROhio.com</a>.

#### Current STAR Assets as of 9/30/2015



- Libraries-2.3%
- Townships-2.1%
- Villages-1.8%
- Joint Vocational Schools-0.8%
- SWCD-0.4%
- Fire Districts-0.1%

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### STAR's Managers are Experienced Investment Professionals

The office of Ohio Treasurer, Josh Mandel, is the investment advisor and administrator for STAR Ohio. The advisor manages the investment and re-investment of STAR's assets and is solely responsible for decisions to buy and sell investments of STAR.

The co-administrator is Public Funds Advisors LLC ("PFA") (Columbus, OH). PFA is responsible for the fund accounting, shareholder servicing and fund administration functions for STAR. The custodian and transfer agent is Huntington National Bank (Columbus, OH). Huntington National Bank settles security transactions, distributes interest, and produces participant statements. The investment co-advisor is United American Capital Corporation (Worthington, OH). United American Capital makes investment recommendations and monitors investment compliance.

<u>Introduction.</u> STAR Ohio permits the state's political subdivisions and the State Treasurer to pool their public funds into a large investment fund managed by the State Treasurer

In order to manage STAR, Section 135.45, Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Treasurer to adopt such rules as are necessary for efficient administration and accounting. The rules, codified at Ohio Administrative Code Section 113-10-01, set forth policies regarding deposits, withdrawals, expenses and interest compounding. All bookkeeping and safekeeping associated with ownership of securities will be performed by STAR. The liquidity provided by STAR will also allow depositors access to their funds or bond proceeds deposited therein as and when needed, thereby eliminating the need for depositors to schedule investment maturities in order to meet expenditure needs or project draw schedules.

Investment Objectives and Instruments. The investment objectives of STAR are the preservation of capital, the maintenance of liquidity, and providing current income. STAR seeks to achieve these objectives by investing only in certain high-grade investment instruments authorized for investment by the State of Ohio as specified in Sections 135.143 and 135.145 of the Ohio Revised Code, and described below:

#### STAR Ohio offers the convenience of daily investments and withdrawals without penalty.

and the State Treasurer's staff of professional portfolio managers. STAR provides Ohio public fund managers with a safe, liquid and low cost investment option.

STAR is designed for political subdivisions seeking to preserve capital, maintain liquidity, and provide current income.

STAR is similar in concept to a registered investment company issuing redeemable securities, commonly called a "money market mutual fund." A treasurer, governing board, or investment authority of a subdivision may deposit public monies of their subdivision with the State Treasurer. Subdivision is defined in Section 135.45(F)(2)(a), Ohio Revised Code, as any county, municipal corporation, school district, township, municipal or school district sinking fund, special taxing or assessment district and other district or local authority electing or appointing a treasurer. The State Treasurer will invest monies deposited in STAR in the same types of instruments as are provided for the investment of interim monies of the State. A copy of the STAR Investment Policy Statement is available at <a href="https://www.STAROhio.com">www.STAROhio.com</a>.

- (1) United States treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligations or securities issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
- (2) Bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality;
- (3) Certificates of deposit in eligible institutions applying for interim monies as provided in Section 135.08, Ohio Revised Code:
- (4) Written repurchase agreements with any eligible Ohio financial institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System or Federal Home Loan Bank or any recognized United States government securities dealer under the terms of which agreement the State Treasurer purchases and the eligible financial institution or dealer agrees unconditionally to re-purchase any of the securities that are described in (1) or (2) above and that will mature or are redeemable within ten years from the date

of purchase. The market value of securities subject to these transactions must exceed the principal value of the repurchase agreement by an amount specified by the Treasurer and the securities must be delivered into the custody of the State Treasurer or the qualified trustee or agent designated by the Treasurer. (The State Treasurer also may sell any securities, regardless of maturity or time of redemption of the securities, under the same terms and conditions for repurchase, provided that the securities have been fully paid for and are owned by the State Treasurer at the time of the sale);

- (5) Securities lending agreements with any eligible financial institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System or Federal Home Loan Bank or any recognized United States government securities dealer, under the terms of which agreement the State Treasurer lends securities and the eligible financial institution or dealer agrees to simultaneously exchange similar securities or cash of equal value;
- (6) Various forms of commercial paper, maturing in one hundred eighty (180) days or less, issued by any corporation that is incorporated under the laws of the United States or a state, which are rated in the two highest categories by two nationally recognized rating agencies, provided that the total amount invested in commercial paper at any time shall not exceed twenty five percent (25%) of STAR's total average portfolio, as determined and calculated by the State Treasurer;
- (7) Banker's acceptances, maturing in two hundred seventy (270) days or less, which are eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System, provided that the total amount invested in banker's acceptances at any time shall not exceed ten per cent (10%) of STAR's total average portfolio, as determined and calculated by the State Treasurer;
- (8) Certificates of deposit in eligible institutions applying for interim monies as provided in Section 135.08 of the Ohio Revised Code
- (9) No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1), (2) and (6) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations; and
- (10) Debt interests, other than commercial paper described in (6) of this section, rated at the time of purchase in the three highest categories by two nationally recognized rating

agencies and issued by corporations that are incorporated under the laws of the United States.

STARisnotpermitted to borrowmoney, or pledge, hypothecate, or mortgage its assets. Pursuant to Section 135.143 of the Ohio Revised Code, STAR may lend up to twenty five percent (25%) of its securities to any eligible financial institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System, or any recognized United States government securities dealer. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, STAR Ohio did not participate in security lending transactions.

**Net Asset Value.** The net asset value of STAR is determined at the 1:30 P.M. fund close on each day that the Federal Reserve System is open for business. The net asset value per unit is computed by dividing the total value of the assets of STAR, less its liabilities, by the number of units outstanding.

It is the objective of the investment advisor and administrator to stabilize the net asset value per unit at \$1.00 for the purpose of sale and redemption of units for STAR, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Portfolio investments of STAR are valued on the basis of the amortized cost valuation technique. This technique involves valuing an investment at STAR's acquisition cost and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of premium or constant accretion to maturity of discount, regardless of the impact of fluctuating interest rates or other market factors on the market value of the investment. By declaring these accruals, less accruals of expenses, in a daily dividend, the value of STAR's assets and the net asset values per share will generally remain constant. Although this method provides certainty in valuation, it may result in periods during which the value of STAR's investments, as determined by amortized cost, is higher or lower than the price STAR would receive if it sold the investments. Expenses to be accrued include daily accruals of expenses incurred in acquiring, selling, carrying or redeeming investments, management fees, depository fees and other administrative expenses. The investment advisor and administrator have established procedures designed to stabilize, to the extent reasonably possible, STAR's net asset value per share, as computed for purposes of sales and redemptions, at \$1.00. Such procedures include review of STAR's portfolio holdings by the advisor/ administrator at

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such intervals it deems appropriate to determine whether STAR's net asset value calculated by using available market quotations deviates from \$1.00 per share and, if so, whether such deviation may result in material dilution or otherwise be unfair to existing participants. Procedures the Treasurer's office, co-administrator, and co-advisor might undertake include selling portfolio securities prior to maturity to realize capital gains or losses or to shorten average portfolio maturities, withholding dividends, or establishing net asset values per share by using market quotations. In the event of deviation, the advisor and administrator will take appropriate action to eliminate or reduce, to the extent reasonably practical, dilution or unfair results, or otherwise take action if the deviation exceeds one-half of one percent. The investment advisor/administrator will review on a weekly basis whether any deviation from \$1.00 has occurred with respect to STAR's net asset value per unit and intends to act consistently with some of the procedures typical to certain money market mutual funds, to the extent not inconsistent with Ohio law and not inconsistent with the operating restrictions as described herein. The pool is managed to maintain a weighted average maturity to reset (WAM(R)) of 60 days or less and a weighted average maturity to final (WAM(F)) of 90 days or less, to

In order to initiate participation in STAR, the attached application and certification form must be completed and submitted to:

STAR Ohio C/O Huntington National Bank L-3364 Columbus, OH 43260

Account numbers should also be obtained by depositors prior to investing any monies in STAR by calling 1-800-648-STAR (7827).

Investment by Bank Wire

An investment may be made by bank wire of funds. After your STAR Ohio account is set up, you may request wire instructions.

All wire transfers which are received by Huntington National Bank before the 1:30 P.M. fund close are entitled to that day's interest distribution. There is no minimum amount required to establish an account.

Important Note- All wire transfer funds received after the 1:30 P.M. fund close will be returned to the sender.

#### STANDARD & POOR's has assigned STAR its AAAm rating, the highest money market fund rating.

enhance liquidity and to limit market price exposure to volatile interest rate movements in the market.

Standard & Poor's Rating of STAR. Standard & Poor's has assigned a "AAAm" money market rating, its highest rating, to STAR. By obtaining a triple A rating, STAR is considered to have a superior capacity to maintain principal (\$1.00 per share value) and limit exposure to loss. The rating is based on an analysis of the pool's management, investment guidelines, portfolio holdings and market price exposure. A copy of this report is available at <a href="https://www.STAROhio.com">www.STAROhio.com</a>.

**How to Invest.** It is the responsibility of each public fund manager to insure that its participation in STAR is authorized by local law or that its participation has been authorized by the appropriate public officials.

Investment by Check

To make an investment in STAR by mail, send a check or other negotiable bank **payable to the order of STAR**, noting the account number or numbers to which deposit should be made:

STAR Ohio C/O Huntington National Bank L-3364 Columbus, OH 43260

A ten day hold is placed on all check deposits. Such purchases will be posted to the participant account and will begin to earn interest on the day the check is deposited.

<u>Subsequent Investments.</u> Subsequent investments of monies in STAR may be made in several different ways:

- (a) Wire Transfer— All wires must be received by Huntington National Bank by the 1:30 P.M. fund close in order to receive that day's interest distribution.
- (b) Mailed Checks—Investments may be made by sending a check payable to STAR Ohio to the below address:

STAR Ohio C/O Huntington National Bank L-3364 Columbus, OH 43260

You must include your account number with your investment. No third party checks will be accepted. A ten day hold is placed on all check deposits. Such purchases will be posted to the participant account and will begin to earn interest on the day the check is deposited.

- (c) Direct Deposit— You may elect to have any monies due from the State of Ohio, or any other source, deposited directly to your STAR account, for example, funds distributed from the State Auditor's office for secondary and higher education. Funds will be credited to your account and you will begin earning interest on that day if received by Huntington National Bank no later than the 1:30 P.M. fund close. Funds received after this time will be returned. After your STAR Ohio account is set up, you may request the direct deposit instructions. Please contact any financial institution that may have on file wire instructions to send funds into your STAR Ohio account. It is the responsibility of the STAR Ohio participant to ensure wires are sent to STAR Ohio with sufficient time to be received prior to the 1:30 P.M. fund close.
- (d) Online Trading by ACH— Please call Public Funds Advisors at 1-800-648-STAR (7827) to request online trading authorization.

To the extent deemed practical, there are no minimum dollar amounts for investment or minimum periods of time for which investments must remain in your account.

Purchase Limitation. Notice must be given to PFA, STAR's co-administrator, 24 hours in advance of all transactions between \$25 million and \$50 million. STAR reserves the right to limit the transactions to \$50 million per day.

Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for these purposes.

<u>Withdrawals.</u> Withdrawals may only be made on business days of STAR. A request for withdrawal will be rejected if the amounts to be withdrawn represent an investment made by check and the check has not yet been collected by Huntington National Bank or if the request is not properly authorized. For your convenience, and to enable you to continue earning daily interest as long as possible, STAR provides the following procedures for withdrawal:

(a) By wire: You may elect to use the wire transfer withdrawal procedure by designating, on the Application Form, the name and address of the financial institution, the ABA routing information, the name of account and account number to receive withdrawal proceeds. If you make this election, requests for withdrawal may be given to PFA by calling 1-800-648-STAR (7827). Such proceeds will be wired by 4:30 P.M. on the same business day, provided that PFA receives such telephonic request prior to the 1:30 P.M. fund close. Telephone withdrawal requests received after the 1:30 P.M. fund close will be processed on the following business day. Be prepared to give PFA your account number, your bank information, and wire redemption authorization code. Only telephonic requests by authorized individuals will be honored.

Requests to change financial institution or account designations for the receipt of wire transfers may only be made by written instructions to PFA with authorized signatures which are on file for the account from which the withdrawals are to be made. Adding or changing a wire destination should be made prior to the day of the transaction.

(b) By check: Upon request, you will be provided a supply of checks which may be drawn against your account. This check writing privilege is not meant to replace your local checking account. The number of checks cleared per month is limited to five. Notice must be given to PFA, STAR's coadministrator, 24 hours in advance of all transactions between \$25 million and \$50 million. STAR reserves the right to limit the transactions to \$50 million per day. Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for these

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purposes. STAR reserves the right to reject any draft check between \$25 and \$50 million. STAR reserves the right to limit transactions to \$50 million per day. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes. To participate in this procedure, you should complete the check writing redemption request on the Application Form, or call 1-800-648-STAR (7827) at any subsequent time. Neither Huntington National Bank nor STAR shall incur any liability to you under this procedure for honoring checks, for effecting withdrawals pursuant to payment thereof or for returning checks which are not accepted for payment. This procedure is subject to Huntington National Bank's rules and regulations governing checking accounts. No charge will be made for participation in the check writing withdrawal procedure or for the clearance of any check. Investments will continue to earn interest until the check clears.

(c) By mail: You may withdraw any amount from your account at any time by submitting written instructions with an authorized signature which is on file for that account. The request should be mailed to:

STAR Ohio PO Box 7177 Dublin, OH 43017

A check made payable to the account designated for withdrawals will be mailed to the address of record, normally on the day following receipt of withdrawal instructions, but in no event later than three (3) business days following receipt of withdrawal instructions in proper form.

- (d) By Automated Clearing House (ACH) transaction: Please contact PFA at 1-800-648-STAR (7827) for further information.
- (e) By Online Trading by ACH: Please call PFA at 1-800-648-STAR (7827) to request online trading authorization, additional information is available at <a href="https://www.STAROhio.com">www.STAROhio.com</a>.

#### Complete Withdrawals from STAR

The dollar balance in an account which may be withdrawn varies daily due to the daily crediting of interest and the reinvestment of such interest. Accordingly, if you wish to close out your account, you should not specify the dollar amount, but instead should request "withdrawal in full." A complete withdrawal

may be accomplished by mail or wire through the procedures described above. Your final monthly statement will indicate the amount of the complete withdrawal attributable to principal and the amount paid as interest. The check writing withdrawal procedure is not appropriate for a complete withdrawal. Prior to effecting a complete withdrawal, if you have recently used the check writing withdrawal procedure, you should verify that all checks have been collected to avoid the possibility that your check may not be accepted for payment after a complete withdrawal due to insufficient funds.

<u>Withdrawal Limitation.</u> *Notice must be given to PFA, STAR's co-administrator, 24 hours in advance of all transactions between \$25 million and \$50 million.* STAR reserves the right to limit the transactions to \$50 million per day. Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for these purposes.

Investment Distributions. Net interest income will accrue daily and be reinvested monthly. Net interest income consists of interest income accrued (including accreted discount and less premium amortized) less accrued expenses. The amount of discount or premium on portfolio investments is fixed at the time of their purchase. The investment advisor/administrator may distribute capital gains and/or losses (if any) from portfolio transactions over a period of time exceeding the day on which such gains and/or losses are realized. Quotations of the annualized daily rate and the seven-day average net yield are available at <a href="https://www.STAROhio.com">www.STAROhio.com</a> and by calling 1-800-648-STAR (7827).

Interest will be credited on the day of investment provided that investments by wire transfer are received by Huntington National Bank no later than the 1:30 P.M. fund close and that investments by check are collected prior to such time. It is the responsibility of the STAR Ohio participant to ensure wires are sent to STAR Ohio with sufficient time to be received prior to the 1:30 P.M. fund close. Funds received after 1:30 P.M. will be returned to the sender.

**STAR Voice Response System.** The automated STAR voice response system allows participants to access account information 24 hours a day. By calling 1-800-648-STAR (7827), participants can obtain current balance, month-to date income and current yield information.

STAR Website. The STAR website is www.STAROhio.com. You may access current account balances, view account history, view interest earned, initiate ACH deposit and withdrawal transactions, initiate wire withdrawal transactions, transfer funds between STAR Ohio accounts, view and print historical account statements and access additional resources for public fund managers. Prior to completing an online ACH transaction, wire withdrawal or inter-account transfer, valid account signers must request access by calling PFA at 1-800-648-STAR (7827).

**Yield Information.** The "current annualized yield" of STAR may, from time to time, be quoted in reports, literature and advertisements published by STAR. Current annualized yield with respect to STAR is computed by averaging the daily dividend declared by STAR during a seven calendar day period, dividing by the average daily price per share (normally \$1.00) over the same period, and multiplying the result by 365.

The yields quoted should not be considered a representation of the yield of STAR in the future, since the yields are not fixed. Actual yields will depend on the type, quality, and maturities of money market instruments held by STAR, changes in interest rates, and actual investment results.

**Services to Participants.** Confirmations of each investment and each withdrawal of funds will be available online within two days of the transaction. After the end of each month, a statement of each account will be mailed to each participant that will show the dividend paid and the account balance as of the statement date. These statements are also available on www.STAROhio.com along with historical statements. Participants may elect to forgo paper statements and view statements online only. Contact Client Services at 1-800-648-STAR (7828) if you choose to turn off paper statements. STAR Ohio will email all email addresses on file notifying participants that online statements are available for viewing even if they have not turned off paper statements. Any check the participant has written against an account in STAR which has been paid and cancelled during the month will be available upon request as an image of the original check. The option for receiving consolidated statements and/or combined mailings of statements is also available.

STAR Ohio uses three email addresses to send information to participants. To ensure that you receive all emails from STAR Ohio, please add the following three emails to a "safe" list so they are not sent to your spam folder:

- marketing@pfadm.com
- starohio@pfadm.com
- ufs.delivery@ufsonline.com

Investment Advisor and Administrator. State Treasurer Josh Mandel, through the Investment Department, 30 East Broad Street, 9th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3461, serves as investment advisor and administrator of STAR. The advisor manages the investment and reinvestment of STAR's assets in accordance with its investment objectives and policies, subject to the general limitations of Section 135.45, Ohio Revised Code, and is solely responsible for decisions to buy and sell investments of STAR. In addition, the advisor is responsible for the overall management of the business affairs of STAR.

Co-Administrator. Public Funds Advisors, P.O. Box 7177 Dublin, Ohio 43017 serves as co-administrator of STAR, pursuant to an administration agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, PFA provides the following services: maintaining the accounts, books and documentation of STAR; interest and net asset value accounting and calculations; preparation and reconciliation of general ledgers and financial statements; coordination with Huntington National Bank; preparing annual reports; servicing participants; and any other services necessary for the efficient administration of STAR.

Custodian and Transfer Agent. Huntington National Bank, 41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, serves as the custodian and transfer agent of STAR, pursuant to an agency agreement. As custodian, Huntington National Bank holds all book entry eligible securities in a separate account at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. All other securities are held in an account that has been approved by the State Treasurer of Ohio. As the transfer agent, Huntington National Bank maintains the participant's account records, distributes interest, and produces statements with respect to account activity for the participants.

<u>Investment Agent/Advisor.</u> United American Capital Corporation, 75 East Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington,

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Ohio, 43085, serves as Investment Agent pursuant to an agency agreement. As investment agent, United American Capital Corporation provides investment recommendations, daily technical and market analysis, and daily portfolio compliance review.

<u>Auditors.</u> Cohen & Company, Ltd, 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 800, Cleveland Ohio, 44115, are the independent auditors of STAR appointed by the Auditor of the State of Ohio. The financial statements of STAR have been examined by Cohen & Company and are available at <u>www.STAROhio.com</u> or by calling 1-800-648-STAR (7827).

Tax Matters. Section 115(1) of the Federal Tax Code provides that gross income does not include income that is derived from the exercise of any essential governmental function and accrues to a state or any political subdivision thereof. The investment of public monies, including the proceeds of a bond issue, to receive earnings thereon until such monies or proceeds are spent on their proper purpose constitutes the exercise of an essential governmental function for purposes of Section 115(1) of the Code. Depositors in STAR have an unrestricted right to receive in their own right their proportionate share of STAR income as it is earned, based on their ownership of units therein. Consequently, the income of STAR will accrue to the depositors within the meaning of Section 115(1) of the Code.

Based on the foregoing, the income of STAR derived from the investment of public monies or bond proceeds is excludable from the gross income of the depositors. Accordingly, depositors do not need to file federal income tax returns with respect to income derived from STAR.

<u>Changing Authorized Officials.</u> New authorization forms and signatures should be filed for each account when the finance officer or other authorized official changes. Information and forms are available at <u>www.STAROhio.com</u> or by calling PFA at 1-800-648-STAR (7827).

**<u>Audit Confirmations.</u>** Auditors should send requests for confirmation of account balances directly to STAR as follows:

STAR Ohio C/O Public Funds Advisors P.O. Box 7177 Dublin, Ohio 43017 Each request must include a list of the account names and numbers for which confirmation is requested. Requests must be signed by an authorized signer for the specified account(s).

**Contacting STAR.** Send all mail deposits and new account applications should to:

STAR Ohio C/O Huntington National Bank L-3364 Columbus, OH 43260

For information on STAR, to place wire deposits and withdrawals, to request forms and checks, to inquire about current account status, website information or to contact the STAR co-administrator, please email <a href="mailto:info@starohio.com">info@starohio.com</a>, call 1-800-648-STAR (7827), or fax 614-923-1149. Any trade instructions that originate by fax require a live telephone follow-up before the instruction becomes effective.

Holiday Schedule/ Early Fund Closures. STAR Ohio will be closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents' Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

The standard STAR Ohio fund close is at 1:30 P.M. The cutoff for STAR Ohio transactions will be 1:00 P.M. on the following days, when the bond market closes early:

- The day before Good Friday
- The Friday before Memorial Day
- The day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- New Year's Eve

## **State Treasury Asset Reserve New Application Form**



	nust be opened in the name of the political the State and executed by an officer thereof.	If you need assistance in filling are available toll-free: 1-800-6 Make all checks payable to: S Mail to: STAR Ohio P.O. Box 7177 Dublin, OH 43017	648-STAR (7827)	
Name of Subdi	T REGISTRATION The account should be relivision			
Type of Subdiv	ision			
CHECK-WRITING REDEMPTION PROCEDURE—See booklet for explanation. We hereby request Huntington National Bank to honor checks drawn by us on the account indicated above subject to acceptance by STAR, with payment therefore to be made by withdrawing from our account without a signature guarantee. Huntington National Bank does hereby reserve all their lawful rights for honoring checks drawn by us and for effecting redemptions pursuant to the Check Writing Redemption Procedure. We understand that this election does not create a checking or other bank account relationship between ourselves and Huntington National Bank or STAR and that the relationship between us and Huntington National Bank is that of participant-transfer agent. If the box is checked STAR Ohio will notify participants as to the additional documentation needed to receive the Check Writing Redemption Procedure.  WIRE REDEMPTION—See booklet for explanation. If this procedure is elected, redemption proceeds may be sent only to the commercial bank listed below, for credit to your account. The participant hereby authorizes STAR Ohio to honor telephonic or written instruction, without a signature guarantee, for withdrawal requests received by STAR Ohio from the participant and believed by STAR Ohio to be genuine. STAR Ohio's Records of such instructions will be binding.				
Complete the rest of this box only if box is checked next to wire redemption  Name of Commercial Bank- Bank telephone number  Address of Bank  City  State  Zip Code				

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**III. SIGNATURE**— By the execution of this Application, the undersigned represents and warrants that the participant has full right, power and authority, to make the investment applied for pursuant to this Application, and the person or persons, if any, signing on behalf of the participant represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to sign this Application and to purchase or redeem investments in STAR on behalf of the participant.

The undersigned further acknowledges that I/we have received and reviewed the Informational Booklet describing STAR, prepared by the State Treasurer's Office and incorporated herein by reference, and I/we have been afforded the opportunity to discuss STAR, the Informational Booklet and this Application with Public Funds Advisors, the Co-Administrator of STAR, and that I/we have received such advice, legal and otherwise, as I have deemed necessary, to make this application and to comprehend fully the information set forth in the Informational Booklet and this Application. The undersigned appoints Huntington National Bank as agent of the participant to receive interest and distributions for their automatic reinvestment.

	I would like to receive electronic	Name of Participant Subdiv	Name of Participant Subdivision		
Check box	statements only.				
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