

## VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE TABLES

The performance tables below show each Age Band's and Investment Option's returns over the specified time period. Performance is calculated from the day on which funds were first invested in an Age Band or Investment Option after it was made available (the "Inception Date"). With the exception of the Interest Income Option, all of the Investment Options invest in Institutional Class shares of certain TIAA-CREF Institutional Mutual Funds (individually and collectively referred to below as the "underlying mutual fund(s)").

### Managed Allocation Option

#### Average Annual Total Returns for the Managed Allocation Option<sup>1</sup>

For the Period Ending January 31, 2010

Age Band <sup>2</sup>	Inception Date	Year-to-Date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	Estimated Expense Ratio of Underlying Mutual Funds <sup>4</sup>	Plan Manager Fees <sup>5</sup>
0-3	December 14, 2005	-3.09%	29.45%	-5.65%	N/A	-0.35%	0.17%	0.36%
Blended Index <sup>3</sup>	—	-2.82%	31.74%	-4.98%	N/A	0.18%	—	—
4-7	December 14, 2005	-1.86%	23.59%	-2.53%	N/A	1.23%	0.21%	0.32%
Blended Index <sup>3</sup>	—	-1.73%	26.08%	-1.89%	N/A	1.79%	—	—
8-11	December 14, 2005	-1.37%	20.93%	-0.83%	N/A	2.02%	0.23%	0.30%
Blended Index <sup>3</sup>	—	-1.18%	23.26%	-0.06%	N/A	2.69%	—	—
12-14	December 14, 2005	-1.01%	19.05%	2.04%	N/A	3.47%	0.25%	0.28%
Blended Index <sup>3</sup>	—	-0.64%	20.43%	2.27%	N/A	3.77%	—	—
15-17	December 14, 2005	-0.34%	13.90%	2.17%	N/A	3.29%	0.24%	0.29%
Blended Index <sup>3</sup>	—	-0.32%	16.12%	2.97%	N/A	3.98%	—	—
18 and Over	December 14, 2005	0.07%	7.28%	2.80%	N/A	3.36%	0.21%	0.32%
Blended Index <sup>3</sup>	—	0.03%	9.11%	3.41%	N/A	3.89%	—	—

The performance data quoted represent past performance and are net of all fees and expenses, including the estimated expense ratio of the underlying mutual funds and the Plan Manager Fee. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Your returns and the principal value of your Account will fluctuate so your investment may be worth more or less than the original value when you withdraw your money. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted above.

<sup>1</sup> All performance figures in the table, with the exception of the performance figures in the Year-to-Date column, represent the average annual compound rate of total return. All figures in the Year-to-Date column represent cumulative, non-annualized returns.

<sup>2</sup> These Age Bands have limited operating histories, so the returns cited above may not be a good indication of how they may perform over a long time period. Beneficiaries are moved from one Age Band to the next Age Band on the first "rolling date" following their fourth, eighth, twelfth, fifteenth and eighteenth birthdays. The "rolling dates" are March 20, June 20, September 20 and December 20 (or the first business day thereafter).

<sup>3</sup> The Blended Indexes are customized benchmarks that combine the fund benchmarks of each underlying mutual fund held in an Age Band according to the Age Band's asset allocation during the relevant time period. The Blended Indexes are used to compare the performance of the corresponding Age Band. They are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses.

<sup>4</sup> For each Age Band, the estimated annual expense ratio is based on a weighted average of each underlying mutual fund's expense ratio as of February 1, 2009 (the "**Estimated Underlying Fund Expenses**") in accordance with the Age Band's asset allocation among the underlying mutual funds.

<sup>5</sup> For its services as Plan Manager, each Age Band pays TFI an annual management fee of between 0.28% and 0.36% (depending on the Age Band) of the average daily net assets held by that Age Band (the "**Plan Manager Fee**").

### Additional Investment Options

#### Average Annual Total Returns for the Additional Investment Options<sup>1</sup>

For the Period Ending January 31, 2010

Investment Option	Inception Date	Year-to-Date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	Estimated Expense Ratio of Underlying Mutual Funds <sup>5</sup>	Plan Manager
								Fees <sup>6</sup>
Diversified Equity Option	September 27, 2001	-4.45%	38.64%	-8.40%	0.46%	2.23%	0.44%	0.45%
Blended Index <sup>2</sup>	—	-3.90%	37.36%	-8.14%	1.72%	3.28%	—	—
Equity Index Option	September 30, 2009	-3.91%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.80%	0.08%	0.45%
Blended Index <sup>2</sup>	—	-3.76%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.98%	—	—
Balanced Option	October 15, 2009	-1.88%	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.60%	0.25%	0.45%
Blended Index <sup>2</sup>	—	-1.72%	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.06%	—	—
Fixed Income Option	October 1, 2009	1.60%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.60%	0.33%	0.45%
Blended Index <sup>2</sup>	—	1.55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.15%	—	—
Principal Plus Interest Option	December 7, 2009	0.20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.40%	None	None

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<sup>2</sup> The Blended Indexes are customized benchmarks that combine the fund benchmarks of each underlying mutual fund held in an Investment Option (other than the Interest Income Option) according to the Investment Option's asset allocation during the relevant time period. The Blended Indexes are used to compare the performance of the corresponding Investment Option. They are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses.

<sup>3</sup> The estimated annual expense ratio for each Investment Option (other than the Interest Income Option) is based on a weighted average of each underlying mutual fund's expense ratio as of February 1, 2009 (the "**Estimated Underlying Fund Expenses**") in accordance with the Investment Option's (other than the Interest Income Option) asset allocation among the underlying mutual funds.

<sup>4</sup> For its services as Program Manager, each Investment Option (other than the Principal Plus Interest Option) pays TFI an annual management fee of 0.45% (the "**Plan Manager Fee**").

**Consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing in the Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan. For details, refer to the [Disclosure Booklets](#) for all three Investment Options, which contains this information. Read it carefully before you invest.**

**Before investing in a 529 plan, you should consider whether the state you or your designated beneficiary reside in or have taxable income in has a 529 plan that offers favorable state income tax or other benefits that are only available if you invest in that state's 529 plan.**

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