



For age and service retirees and disability benefit recipients under the Traditional Pension Plan. If you are completing this form when you are applying for an age and service retirement benefit, your designation is effective when you begin receiving your retirement benefit. If you are applying for a disability benefit, your designation is effective upon approval of your application.

Please print legibly keeping input within the form entry box (one character per box) or bullet.

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If you need additional help:

If you have questions about your designation form or personal information changes, visit www.OPERS.org to access your account online and view the *Benefit Recipient Handbook*, or call 1-800-222-7377 and speak with a Member Services representative.

Note: *If you have previously made a specific designation of beneficiary, that designation will be in effect until a new designation is filed and approved.*

STEP 1: Personal Information

The information requested in this step is required and must be completed.

STEP 2: Beneficiary Information

In this Step, designate the beneficiary(ies) to whom OPERS will pay the lump sum death benefit after your death, as provided by Ohio retirement law.

Please consider the following information prior to making your beneficiary designation:

- If multiple beneficiaries are designated, they will share the lump sum equally.
- If you wish to designate additional beneficiaries, use a separate piece of paper. Include all of the information requested for each beneficiary. Any additional pages must be signed by you and witnessed by the two adult witnesses listed in Step 3.

STEP 3: Retiree and Witnesses Acknowledgment

This section must be signed in the presence of two adult witnesses who must also sign the form the same day. The witnesses cannot be named as beneficiaries in Step 2.

All pages of the form must be returned to OPERS upon completion, regardless if pages were left blank. Failure to do so will delay processing of the beneficiary designation and you will be required to resubmit the entire form.

