



# TIAA Annuity Authorization

**Complete ONLY if taking an annuity with TIAA**

## Instructions:

### TIAA-CREF Variable Annuity Accounts:

#### How often can my retirement annuity change?

When you choose to receive lifetime retirement income from TIAA and CREF variable annuity account accumulations, this income will increase or decrease based on the investment experience of the accounts. You can choose to have your income revalued monthly or annually.

When making this decision, note that you can have all of your income revalued annually or monthly, or a portion revalued annually and a portion monthly. Just provide TIAA written instructions along with your completed application.

#### What is the annual valuation method?

If you receive variable income that changes annually, your income is revalued once a year on March 31 (with payments changing on May 1). This option may be suitable if:

- you prefer to have a consistent income stream for a one-year period; and/or
- you don't mind waiting until the end of the year to receive an increase in income if performance is above the 4% Assumed Interest Rate (AIR).

#### What is the monthly valuation method?

If you receive variable income that changes monthly, your income is revalued on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (or the previous business day if the 20<sup>th</sup> is not a business day). This option is suitable if:

- you prefer to see changes in income (up or down) immediately, rather than waiting until the following May 1; and/or
- you don't mind fluctuations in your income level each month.

#### Can I change from one valuation method to another?

Yes, you can switch from annual to monthly valuations, and vice versa, once a year effective on March 31.

**Valuation Method:** *Please choose one option*

Based on investment performance, I want my TIAA and CREF variable income to change:  Monthly **OR**  Annually

### TIAA Traditional Payment Method:

**Standard Payment Method**—Lifetime income is based on the total TIAA interest rate (guarantee of 2.5% plus additional amounts, which represent interest earned in excess of the guaranteed rate) and is paid to you on a current basis with each payment. You receive the same level of income until there is a change in the level of additional amounts; any such change would take effect as of the beginning of the calendar year.

**Graded Payment Method**—Initial income is based on a 4% interest rate (2.5% guaranteed plus 1.5% from additional amounts). If the total payout interest rate exceeds 4%, any remaining additional amounts, over and above the amount needed to bring the initial income to a level based on a 4% interest rate, are reinvested and used to buy you additional future income. The result is that your payments are likely to increase throughout your retirement to help protect you against inflation. You receive the initial amount from your retirement start date through December of that year. Your income changes are effective on January 1. As long as the guaranteed interest plus the additional amount exceed 4%, your income will increase the following year. If the guaranteed interest plus the additional amount is less than 4%, your income could decrease.

**I want income from the TIAA Traditional paid as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_ % Standard Payment Method

\_\_\_\_\_ % Graded Payment Method\*

**\*NOTE:** If you elect TIAA's Graded Method, keep in mind that this method is only available for vintages with payouts based on an interest rate of 4% or more. If, on your income starting date, the interest rate for a particular vintage is less than 4%, your initial payment and all future payments for the portion of your accumulation in that vintage will be made under TIAA's Standard Method. For information on TIAA's current payout rates, please visit online at [www.tiaa.org](http://www.tiaa.org) or call us at 800-842-2776.

**CHOOSING THE PAYMENT START DATE AND FREQUENCY (REQUIRED)**

The initial payment will be made at the time your contract is issued. Subsequent payments will be made as of the 1st of the month based on the payment frequency you choose.

If we receive your completed form on or prior to the 20th of the month you requested payments to begin (or the previous business day if the 20th is not a business day), we will issue your contract as of the next business day. The initial payment will be made at the time your contract is issued. Subsequent payments will be made as of the 1st of the month, based on the frequency you choose.

If we receive your completed form after the 20th of the month (or after the previous business day if the 20<sup>th</sup> is not a business day) in which you requested payments to begin, your initial payment will automatically be moved to the 1st of the following month and your contract will be issued as of that date. However, if the last day of the month in which we receive your request is not a business day, then your initial payment will automatically be the 2nd business day of the following month and your contract will be issued as of that date.

**Your Authorization & Signature:**

**By signing below, you agree to the following regarding your Lifetime Annuity Income:**

- your retirement income starting date cannot be prior to the receipt of all necessary papers;
- you can't change your annuity income option, guaranteed payment period, or your annuity partner after lifetime income payments begin;
- you understand that you may be issued separate TIAA and/or CREF annuities for accumulations attributable to retirement plans covered by different sections of the Internal Revenue Code, and that the beneficiaries you name and any spousal waiver that is completed will apply to all contracts issued to you;
- you acknowledge that you have received a retirement income illustration and information about the income options available to you, and you have reviewed the illustration's comparison of TIAA income under the Graded Method and the Standard Method.

**If you completed Part 5-Authorization of payment:**

You also authorized your bank to charge your account for this service, if there is a charge, and to refund any overpayments to TIAA and/or CREF. Your bank is released from any liability to TIAA and/or CREF for overpayments above the amount of funds available in your account at the time TIAA and/or CREF requests a refund.

Under penalties of perjury, you certify that the taxpayer identification number shown on this form is your correct Social Security number; and you are not subject to backup withholding due to a failure to report interest or dividend income; and you are a U.S. person (this includes all U.S. citizens and resident aliens).\*

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

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| <b>PRINT NAME</b> | <b>SIGNATURE</b> | <b>DATE</b> |
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\*Check this box if you are subject to backup withholding

Check this box if you are not a citizen of the United States

**Questions?**

Contact TIAA at:

[www.tiaa.org/illinois](http://www.tiaa.org/illinois) - Available 24/7 for access to your accounts and other features. 888-219-8310 – Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (ET)



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*People who file applications for insurance or statements of claim commit a fraudulent insurance act if they knowingly do so with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company or another person; and/or knowingly include in their application or statement of claim any materially false or misleading information; and/or knowingly conceal information, for the purpose of misleading, concerning any fact material to the application or claim.*

**A fraudulent insurance act is a crime, and penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages.**

**New York residents, please note:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

**Colorado residents, please note:** It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

**Florida residents, please note:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete or misleading information, is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**New Jersey residents, please note:** Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.