

Student Retirement Election Form

(Includes GAAs, GRAs, and GTAs)

Section I: Personal Information

Name Last	First	MI	8-digit OSU Employee ID Number <i>(required)</i>
Daytime Phone #	E-mail Address	Social Security Number <i>(optional)</i>	Hire/Rehire Date

List all Ohio State departments that currently employ you:

Have you worked in any Ohio State departments during the previous 12 months? yes no

Section II: Retirement Election *(Select only one box)*

I certify that I am a student employee enrolled for at least 6 credit hours (GAA, GRA, or GTA with 9 hours during autumn, winter, and spring quarters, or 7 credit hours during summer quarter) at the time of my hire date. I have read and understand my retirement options and I hereby elect the following retirement option:

Retirement Exemption Request
 By choosing this retirement option I am electing the optional exemption from retirement contributions during my eligible employment period. I understand that by electing this exemption I am making an **irrevocable** decision to not be a member of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) or State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) while I am continuously¹ employed as a student at Ohio State.

I also understand that by electing this exemption I am not eligible for the benefits offered through membership in OPERS/STRS, during eligible employment, or upon retirement from OPERS/STRS or another Ohio public retirement system.

Complete the OPERS Request for Optional Exemption as a Student form
 (available online at hr.osu.edu/forms/ben/exemptstudent.pdf)

OPERS Retirement Enrollment Request
 By choosing this retirement option I am electing to be a member of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS).

Complete the OPERS Personal History Record
 (available online at hr.osu.edu/forms/ben/pershistory.pdf)

OR

STRS Retirement Enrollment Request
 By choosing this retirement option I am electing to continue to be a member of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) and certify that I am a GTA with an existing open account with STRS.

Complete the STRS Membership Record
 (available online at hr.osu.edu/forms/ben/strsmemberrec.pdf)

The decision to contribute to a retirement system is effective on my eligible employment start date. I understand that any retirement contributions will be recovered through payroll deduction back to the effective date if necessary. This decision will remain in effect while I am continuously¹ employed with Ohio State.

¹ Continuously employed is a period in which you are working and attending classes at Ohio State and do not have a twelve month break in service between each period of employment and/or enrollment.

Section III: Certification

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Keep a copy of this form for your personal records as it may prove to be valuable documentation.

For additional information contact the Office of Human Resources Customer Service Center at (614) 292-1050, 1-800-678-6010, Fax: (614) 292-6235, service@hr.osu.edu, or hr.osu.edu.

Return completed Retirement Election form and appropriate OPERS/STRS form within 30 days of your Ohio State eligibility date to: The Ohio State University, Office of Human Resources, Retirement Services/Student, Suite 300, 1590 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43201-2190.