Voluntary Life insurance

Valley Schools Employee Benefits Group - Tolleson Union High School District | All Eligible Superintendents and Other Eligible Employees

Protect your family

The people you love and support could face financial challenges if you were no longer around. Life insurance provides your loved ones with money they can use for household expenses, tuition, mortgage payments and more.

How it works

You have the opportunity to purchase additional life insurance, beyond what your employer has provided for you. Your employer is offering you and your coworkers this coverage as a group, at a group rate. You are responsible for paying all or a portion of the cost. Choose the benefit that best meets your needs and your budget.

Benefits

For you

For all Eligible Full-time Employees earning less than \$50,000 annually:

You can choose from \$10,000 to \$250,000—in increments of \$10,000—with no medical questions asked up to the Guaranteed Issue amount of \$150,000. (For new hires only. Late entrants are required to answer medical questions. See FAQ.)

For all Eligible Full-time Employees earning \$50,000 or more annually:

You can choose from \$10,000 to \$500,000—in increments of \$10,000 not to exceed 5 times your basic annual earnings — with no medical questions asked up to the Guaranteed Issue amount of \$150,000. (For new hires only. Late entrants are required to answer medical questions. See FAQ.)

The benefit amount is reduced to 50% at age 70.

Your coverage ends at termination of employment or retirement.

For your spouse

You can choose from \$5,000 to \$150,000—in increments of \$5,000—with no medical questions asked up to the Guaranteed Issue amount of \$30,000. (For new hires only. Late entrants are required to answer medical questions. See FAQ.)

(The amount you select for your spouse cannot exceed 100% of your combined Employer-paid Life and elected Voluntary Life coverage amounts.)

The benefit amount may be reduced when the employee benefit amount is reduced

Coverage ends when your spouse turns age 70.





What does life insurance mean for the Jones family?

Jason and Charlotte just bought their first house and are expecting their first child. They didn't think they could afford life insurance—and they didn't think they needed it because they're young and healthy.

However, Jason's best friend from high school was recently killed in a car accident. Sadly, his wife is selling their home because she can't afford the mortgage on her own.

Jason and Charlotte started to rethink life insurance, and were surprised to find options at work that meet their budget.

Since most people would have trouble paying living expenses after several months if their primary wage earner died,* it may be worth asking, who depends on you?

For your child(ren)

You can choose from \$2,000 to \$10,000—in \$2,000 increments—with no medical questions asked.

A full benefit is payable for a dependent child who is 6 months to to age 26. A reduced benefit is payable for a child from 15 days to 6 months.



Additional considerations

If I become terminally ill	You may apply to receive a portion of your life insurance to help cover medical and living expenses. This is not long-term-care insurance. It will reduce the total amount of the life insurance payment we pay to your beneficiary(ies). Receipt of the Accelerated Benefit may be taxable and may impact your eligibility for public assistance programs.
If I become Totally Disabled	If we determine that you are Totally Disabled and cannot work, your life insurance coverage may continue at no cost. You must meet certain requirements, as detailed in the Certificate.
If I leave my employer	Depending upon state variations and your employer's plan, you may have an option to continue group coverage when your employment terminates. Your employer can advise you about your options.
If I've had a life change	You may be able to adjust your coverage as your needs change (e.g., you get married or have a baby). Certain changes require you to answer health questions. Ask your employer for details.

Life FAQ

Do I have to answer health questions to enroll?

You will be required to answer health questions if (1) you do not elect coverage when it's first available to you and you want to elect at a later date; (2) you request an amount higher than the Guaranteed Issue amount noted in the table, if offered; or (3) you want to increase coverage at a later date. You will need to fill out and submit our Evidence of Insurability application which must be approved by Sun Life before the coverage takes effect.

How is my benefit claim filed and paid?

You or your beneficiary(ies) and your employer will complete the appropriate claims forms and submit these to Sun Life. Our claims examiners review the claim and gather additional information if necessary. We will notify you or your beneficiaries when the decision is made. If your death claim is approved, beneficiaries may elect to receive a lump sum payment or to have the benefit paid into an account where the funds accumulate interest and can be withdrawn at any time. (State restrictions apply and options may vary by state.)

Read the important plan provisions section for more information including limitations and exclusions.

^{*} Facts About Life 2016, LIMRA.com, September 2016, accessed June 2018.