

# Read-a-thon Champion Worksheet



Fill out this worksheet with your child and brainstorm potential College and Career Champions from your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

## What to consider when identifying a College and Career Champion

- Who are important adults in your child's life that can support their journey towards college and career training? (For example, this could be family members, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, or members from your local community center or place of worship).
- Will they be able to support your child's future education financially? There are many ways to support a child's college and career training. This tool is focused on financial support.
- How much do you think they would be able to donate? No amount is too small to start saving together.

### College and Career Champion List

<u>Champion name:</u> <i>List the names of potential Champions</i>	<u>Champion contact info:</u> <i>Input a Champion's contact info for getting in touch</i>	<u>Check / Cash / Ugift®</u> <i>Select preferred contribution method</i>	<u>Pledge amount:</u> <i>Insert the amount a Champion is willing to pledge</i>
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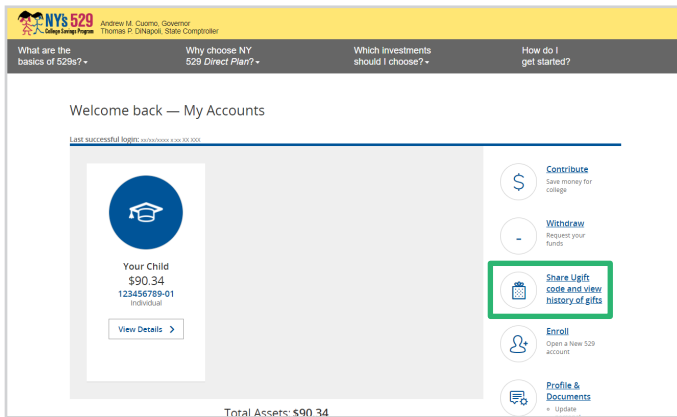
Follow the instructions below to receive contributions to your NY 529 *Direct Plan* or Amalgamated Save for College Bank Accounts.

## How to Receive Contributions to your NY 529 *Direct Plan* Account

If you own a NY 529 *Direct Plan* account, you can collect contributions using Ugift®—a website that allows anyone to contribute donations to your plan following a few simple steps. If you have questions about Ugift, call 1.877.914.4839.

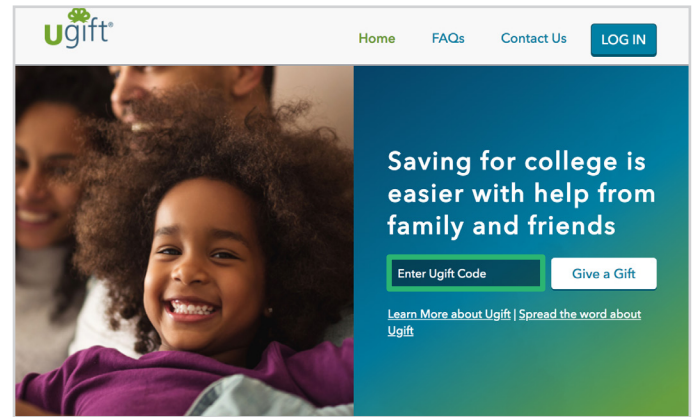
### Step 1

To receive contributions, you have to provide donors with your Ugift® code. To find your code, log on to your 529 account at [nysaves.org](https://nysaves.org) and click “Share Ugift® code and view history of gifts”. You can email your code to friends and family, include it on party invitations, or share it via social media.



### Step 2

Once they have your code, your friends and family can log on to [Ugift529.com](https://Ugift529.com); enter the code, their name, and the gift amount; and choose whether they want to make their gift electronically or by check.



The code makes the transaction secure, but the gift givers won't have to register for or log on to the site. And they won't have to pay a service fee, as some programs charge. They'll see a confirmation after making their gift, and they can also choose to receive a confirmation by email. You'll get a confirmation too.

## How to Receive Contributions to your Traditional College Savings Account

If you own a college savings account with Amalgamated Bank, you can receive contributions in via check, cash or money order.

### Option 1 - Check or Money Order

To receive contributions via check or money order, provide your donor with your name and account number. Your child's Champion will need to go to their nearest bank branch to deposit money for your child using a check.

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### Option 2 - Cash or Money Order

Contributions in cash have to be deposited by the account owner at their preferred bank branch. You can also deposit a check or money order as long as it is made out to your child. You can also deposit a check or money order as long as it is made out to your child.