



## MEMBER INFORMATION

Please complete the information below and return to your employer within 10 days of your first workday.

### Section 1 — Employee Information

Social Security no. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

First date on payroll with this employer \_\_\_\_\_ (Retired employees should indicate first day worked with this employer after retirement date.)

Are you currently receiving a monthly retirement benefit from an Ohio public employer or an alternative retirement plan (ARP)?  Yes  No If yes, please complete Section 2.

### Section 2 — Retired Employee

Only complete if you are receiving a monthly retirement benefit from an Ohio public employer or an ARP.

Retirement date \_\_\_\_\_

Type of retirement benefit:

- Service retirement  Disability  ARP

Which retirement system pays your monthly retirement benefit?

- STRS — State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
- OPERS — Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
- SERS — School Employees Retirement System of Ohio
- OP&F — Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund
- SHP — Highway Patrol Retirement System
- CRS — City of Cincinnati Retirement System
- ARP — Alternative Retirement Plan (option only for college and university retirees)

#### School Use Only

College and university employers: Is this employee eligible for an ARP?  Yes  No

**Statement Concerning Your Employment in a Job  
Not Covered by Social Security**

Employee Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employee ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Name Tri-County ESC Employer ID# 8500 STRS

Your earnings from this job are not covered under Social Security. When you retire, or if you become disabled, you may receive a pension based on earnings from this job. If you do, and you are also entitled to a benefit from Social Security based on either your own work or the work of your husband or wife, or former husband or wife, your pension may affect the amount of the Social Security benefit you receive. Your Medicare benefits, however, will not be affected. Under the Social Security law, there are two ways your Social Security benefit amount may be affected.

**Windfall Elimination Provision**

Under the Windfall Elimination Provision, your Social Security retirement or disability benefit is figured using a modified formula when you are also entitled to a pension from a job where you did not pay Social Security tax. As a result, you will receive a lower Social Security benefit than if you were not entitled to a pension from this job. For example, if you are age 62 in 2013, the maximum monthly reduction in your Social Security benefit as a result of this provision is \$395.50. This amount is updated annually. This provision reduces, but does not totally eliminate, your Social Security benefit. For additional information, please refer to Social Security Publication, "Windfall Elimination Provision."

**Government Pension Offset Provision**

Under the Government Pension Offset Provision, any Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit to which you become entitled will be offset if you also receive a Federal, State or local government pension based on work where you did not pay Social Security tax. The offset reduces the amount of your Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

For example, if you get a monthly pension of \$600 based on earnings that are not covered under Social Security, two-thirds of that amount, \$400, is used to offset your Social Security spouse or widow(er) benefit. If you are eligible for a \$500 widow(er) benefit, you will receive \$100 per month from Social Security (\$500 - \$400=\$100). Even if your pension is high enough to totally offset your spouse or widow(er) Social Security benefit, you are still eligible for Medicare at age 65. For additional information, please refer to Social Security Publication, "Government Pension Offset."

**For More Information**

Social Security publications and additional information, including information about exceptions to each provision, are available at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). You may also call toll free 1-800-772-1213, or for the deaf or hard of hearing call the TTY number 1-800-325-0778, or contact your local Social Security office.

**I certify that I have received Form SSA-1945 that contains information about the possible effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset Provision on my potential future Social Security Benefits.**

Signature of Employee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_