

## Benefits

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Information about receiving a death benefit.

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### **Plan Information**

Learn more about your plan by reviewing the appropriate member guide:

- [Traditional Member Guide](#) [5]
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To stay informed of law changes that might affect your retirement benefits, visit the [News Features](#) [8] page often and read our newsletter, [the Advocate](#) [9].

### **Ready to Retire?**

If you are at least four years away from retirement, you can schedule a counseling appointment by calling 1-800-ASK-SURS or 378-8800 in the Champaign-Urbana area. SURS will send you a Retirement Estimate Request form via U.S. mail to your home address or via fax. You can also complete and submit this form through your SURS Member Website homepage, which will enable you to schedule an appointment immediately. You are not required to retire on the date you list on this form. Your counselor needs this information to provide you with a projected monthly retirement annuity amount.

When SURS receives your completed form via U.S. mail or fax, we will immediately notify you via U.S. mail or your SURS Member Website homepage with instructions on how to contact SURS to set up your appointment. If the form has been faxed to SURS, you may call us the

next working day to schedule an appointment.

Review our [Retirement Preparation Checklist](#) [10] to help prepare for your retirement. Want more information? Check out our [Retirement FAQs](#) [11].

### **Service Credit & Refunds** [12]

Brochures and leaflets explaining the purchase of prior service, the refund process and retirement.

### **Survivor Benefit** [13]

This information has been prepared to help spouses, family, and friends when the death of a SURS member occurs.

### **Taking a Refund?**

For additional information on the application process and the differences between separation refunds in the Traditional, Portable, and Self-Managed Plans, visit the [Separation Refund FAQ](#) [14] or review the [Separation Refund Fact Sheet](#) [15].

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