

Chapter 7

Beneficiary

Beneficiaries shall be determined in accordance with [Wis. Stat. § 40.02\(8\)](#) and [§ 40.74](#). Employees may designate a beneficiary or change their beneficiary at any time by completing a form provided by ETF. The [Separate Beneficiary Designation forms \(ET-2320/ET-2321\)](#) form may be filed for WRS retirement and life insurance benefits. Benefits will be paid according to the last *Beneficiary Designation* on file with ETF at the time of the employee's death.

If the employee does not designate a beneficiary or if the designated beneficiaries are not living at the time of the employee's death, the sequence of beneficiaries will be as follows:

1. Surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner as provided in [Wis. Stat. § 40.02 \(21d\)](#);
2. Children of the deceased participant, employee, or annuitant, in equal shares, with the share of any deceased child payable to the issue of the child or, if there is no surviving issue of a deceased child, to the other eligible children in this group or, if deceased, their issue;
3. Parent, in equal shares if both survive;
4. Brother and sister in equal shares, and the issue of any deceased brother or sister. No payment may be made to a person included in any group if there is a living person in a preceding group;
5. Estate.

Employees should submit their completed [Beneficiary Designation forms \(ET-2320/ET-2321\)](#) form directly to ETF.

Beneficiary for Spouse & Dependent Coverage

The employee is the beneficiary in the event of the death of his or her spouse/domestic partner or dependent. In the case of simultaneous deaths of the employee and his or her spouse/domestic partner or dependent child, payment will be made to the employee's estate.