

member's final average monthly compensation and there is no minimum service credit requirement.

Non-Service ~~Connected~~ Disability Retirement

A non-service connected disability relates to a permanent incapacity not caused in the course of employment. The benefit formula for a non-service-connected disability retirement is up to 1/3 of your final average monthly compensation per year of service credit. To be eligible for this benefit, a member must have at least five year of service credit.

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Eligible retired members and survivors, who are receiving a monthly benefit, are eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). The COLA is based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco Bay Area. While not guaranteed, increases may be up to 3% annually.

Survivor Benefits

Active Members

Should an active member die, eligible survivor benefits may be available. These benefits may include a lump-sum payment and/or a monthly survivor benefit to an eligible beneficiary(ies).

Retired Members

Should a retired member die, benefits paid to an eligible survivor is a percentage based on the retirement benefit option chosen at the time of retirement. The employer paid survivor benefit is 60% however, survivor benefits vary from 50% to 100% and are paid for by taking a slightly reduced benefit, depending on the specific circumstances.

Contact a StanCERA Member and Employer Services Specialist for further details.

Community Property

StanCERA benefits are considered community property. Any member who is married or in a registered domestic partnership should be aware that StanCERA and California law requires that StanCERA must be notified and joined in any pending dissolution of marriage/registered domestic partnership before any benefits are paid.

For information regarding legal separation or divorce and how it may affect your StanCERA benefits visit www.stancera.org.

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