WHAT IS A SIGNATURE GUARANTEE STAMP?

A registered Medallion Signature Guaranteed Stamp can be obtained from many financial institutions or brokerage firms. It reads "Signature Guaranteed" and is stamped beside or below your signature. The Medallion Signature Guaranteed Stamp is then signed by a financial institution official who is authorized to guarantee signatures.

WHY DOES THE FIA REQUIRE A SIGNATURE GUARANTEE?

In today's world of desktop publishing, faxes, and attempted fraud, an original signature that is Medallion Signature Guaranteed Stamped helps us protect your funds. We only require signature guarantees for transactions that affect the ownership or the release of your money. We require signature guarantees first and foremost for your safety.

WHY CAN'T I HAVE MY SIGNATURE NOTARIZED?

NOTARIZED SIGNATURES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE for changes in ownership, redemption option changes, and other transactions that the FIA conducts for you. Anyone can become a notary public and witness your signature. Only an official from a financial institution who is experienced at verifying signatures can guarantee your signature with a registered Medallion Signature Guaranteed Stamp.