



FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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It is Not Too Late to Contribute to Your IRA for 2021 Taxes!

Even though 2021 is behind us, it is not too late to make IRA contributions for last year. The deadline for putting money into IRAs for this year is April 15, 2022, giving savers an additional four months to contribute. For 2021, the maximum contribution to an IRA is \$6,000 for those under the age of 50 and \$7,000 for those 50 and older. The limits are the same for 2022, according to the IRS.

Note: your contribution amount cannot exceed your earned income.



If you are married and file a joint tax return, you may be able to contribute to an IRA even if you did not have earned income, as long as your spouse did. The amount of your combined contributions cannot exceed the earned income reported on your joint tax return.

If your employer provides a 401(k) and makes a matching contribution, contribute at least enough to the 401(k) to take advantage of that employer benefit. Then consider funding an IRA to increase your retirement nest egg.

Skip-A-Payment

Take advantage of our Skip-A-Payment program! Apply in person or online today. This is another way that **Cosden FCU** is here to make life EASIER for you. Qualifications and conditions may apply.

Everyone needs a BREAK!
Skip-A-Payment on your Loan this Spring!



Credit Union Closings

2022

Memorial Day

Saturday, May 28
Monday, May 30

Juneteenth Day

Saturday, June 18
Monday, June 20

Independence Day

Saturday, July 2
Monday, July 4

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It may seem like just yesterday you were dropping your child off for his/her first day at school. And now, you're shopping around for his/her first checking account. How time flies.

But don't take this moment lightly. Adolescence is a critical time for teaching children about money. They are beginning to earn some money of their own and starting to make their own choices about clothing, accessories and bicycles. They are starting to gain awareness of the importance of saving for a longer-term goal, such as a car or college.

But they also need to be able to access money without you holding their hand at all times. For safety reasons, you don't want them carrying around a lot of cash. The solution: their own checking account, with a debit card and ATM access.

Minors, of course, cannot enter into legal contracts of their own. A parent or guardian must act as cosigner on any accounts they open at a credit union or other financial institution. That means you retain overall control. But you are also on the hook should your child go on a wild spending spree, and that's a good motive for helping them learn to spend wisely and manage their account.

Credit unions and other financial institutions allow parents to maintain full control and access to accounts that are set up for their minors. Depending upon your

financial institution's policies, you can choose from these common parental controls:

- ▼ Separate account logins, so you can see all the transactions your child makes daily.
- ▼ Limits on ATM withdrawals.
- ▼ Optional overdraft protection.
- ▼ Limits on debit card transactions.
- ▼ "Sweep" savings accounts – a system that looks at each transaction on the debit card purchase, rounds up to the nearest dollar and transfers it to a savings account that grows over time.
- ▼ As your child matures and displays an ability to responsibly spend and manage their account, you can relax some of these restrictions.

Tips:

Pay careful attention to the terms and conditions on the account. A \$12 per month maintenance fee may not be a big deal to an adult with a full-time career. But it's a big chunk of a child's total monthly cash flow. Look for low or no monthly fees.

Also look for an account that pays at least a little interest. Interest rates are very low as of this writing. But even a very low rate can still help you teach children the benefits of saving and compound interest.

Keep safety in mind. Your child will probably go to the bank many times, alone, either on a bike or on foot. Try to find a branch in a decent neighborhood, with on-site security if possible, and safe traffic patterns for bicyclists.

Expect your child to make bad decisions once in a while. Nevertheless, the lessons learned from those experiences will make lasting impressions on your child and hopefully create a responsible behavior pattern that will set them up for unlimited success later in life.

When Did You Last Review Your Beneficiaries?

You should routinely check and update your beneficiaries. Your beneficiary is whom you designate to receive your assets after you pass away and it is important to ensure your payable-on-death and individual retirement account (IRA) information are correct.

Life changes can affect who you want to benefit from your accounts. If you have had a change in marital status, such as marriage or divorce, had a child or experienced the loss of an immediate family member, it is important to review and update your beneficiaries.

Payable-on-death designees have rights to funds after all account owners and joint owners have died. For IRAs, both primary and contingent beneficiaries may be added with corresponding percentages.

For help with beneficiary designations or if you have questions, please call 432.264.2600 or stop by your local branch.



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