Financial Goals for Young Adults with Disabilities

This resource is for use outside the classroom and may be used with the support of family members and caregivers.

This resource is designed to equip young adults with disabilities with the knowledge and skills to set and achieve financial goals for their independent and inclusive financial engagement in the community.

This resource is formatted for easy reading. It includes strategies, activities, links to resources on financial literacy, community connections, and a glossary of financial terms.

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Definition

A Financial Goal is the money target you wish to achieve in a specific time.

Example



Short-term goals such as saving for a vacation or building an emergency fund can take one to three years to achieve.

Example



Long-term goals like saving for college and investing in a retirement fund can take four or more years to achieve.

Summary



Financial goals can help shape your future by allowing you to identify, plan, and act on what you value and want to achieve with your money.



Strategies to make financial goals

Identify what you value and want to achieve Create specific and measurable goals Allocate money for each goal Set a timeline for achieving each goal



Example

I will deposit \$10 weekly into a savings account.



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Example

I will contribute \$1000 annually to an ABLE account.



Activity

Create a short-term financial goal.

Create a long-term financial goal.

Financial Goals Resource Links:

YouTube

Money Instructor 3.37 minutes

How to balance short-term vs. long-term financial goals:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLojCtQPmbk

Bank of America

Better Money Habits

https://bettermoneyhabits.bankofamerica.com/en

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Setting SMART goals tools:

https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_your-

money-your-goals SMART-goals tool 2018-11.pdf

Putting goals into action:

https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_your-

money-your-goals_goals-action_tool_2018-11.pdf

Your Money, Your Goals

https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_your-money-your-goals financial-empowerment toolkit.pdf

National Disability Institute

STAR Goal Setting Worksheet:

https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/04/star-goal-setting-worksheet-nditool.pdf

Community Connections:

Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Finances:

https://easyaccess.virginia.gov/finances

disAbility Law Center of Virginia

Coming of Age information for youth and young adults:

https://www.dlcv.org/coa

Glossary Financial Terms:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau:

https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/educatortools/youth-financial-education/glossary/