



MILITARY SAVES

AUTOMATIC SAVING DECISION TREE

Are you currently employed?

NO

Are you still able to save monthly?

YES

Ask your financial institution to set up a monthly automatic transfer from your checking to savings account.

NO

The America Saves **Spending and Savings Plan Tool** is a resource meant to help you get a clear view of your finances. This allows you to know where you are and what choices you can make to support your saving goal!

YES

Do you know what you're saving for?

NO

A great way to start is by taking the **Military Saves Pledge!** Those with a savings plan are twice as likely to save successfully. So set a goal and then make a plan to start saving automatically.

YES

Do you have a clear view of your finances?

NO

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YES

How will you save automatically?

Auto transfer

Direct your bank or credit union to automatically transfer a fixed amount of money into your savings account every time your paycheck is deposited.

Split Deposit

Instruct your employer to direct a certain amount from your paycheck each pay period and transfer it to a retirement or savings account (or both). Traditionally, you can set this up using your employer's direct deposit. Ask your human resources representative for more details.