

Maximizing Your CalABLE Account Contributions

It's not too late to contribute to your CalABLE account!

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Welcome

Fiona Ma
California State Treasurer



Poll #1

What Are You Saving For?

Share your savings goal in the Zoom poll!

First home

Education

Service dog

Recreation and vacation

Accessible vehicle

Technology or equipment

Health and wellness









Benefits of an ABLE Account

Why save in an ABLE account?

- Save money tax-deferred, potential for growth through investments, and access it at any time without taxes or penalty for qualified expenses
- Take advantage of a variety of professionally managed investment portfolios to best suit your needs
- Individuals on means-tested benefits can save up to \$100,000 without the risk of losing their benefits.





Who is Eligible?

- You can open an ABLE account if your disability began before age 26.
- If you meet the eligibility criteria for disability benefits like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).
- Your disability is on the SSA List of Compassionate Allowances or Blue Book listing.
- A process called self certification.







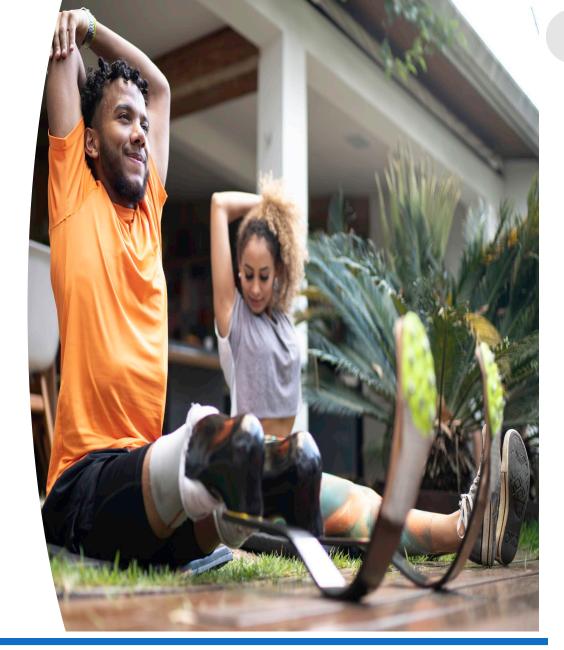
What do you need to open and operate a CalABLE account?

- Web access
- Social security number, date of birth, and contact information
- A minimum deposit of \$25 and the ability to transfer funds to and from your CalABLE account.
- CalABLE recommends linking a bank account for ease of transferring funds



Withdrawing Funds for Qualified Disability Expenses

- Electronic (by ACH)
- Check to beneficiary or authorized legal representative (ALR)*
- Check to third party*
- Prepaid card





Maximizing Your CalABLE Account Contributions



Year End Contributions

- Maximize your \$16,000 annual contribution by December 31, 2022
- Contributions may be made by any person, which includes an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation
- Expand your Annual Contribution Limit with your ABLE to Work income





ABLE to Work

The ABLE to Work program permits working account owners to contribute above the \$16,000 annual contribution limit, if they or their employer are **not** contributing to a retirement plan **that calendar year.**



ABLE to Work

Account holders can contribute whichever is less:

- Amount equal to annual gross salary or
- Federal Poverty Level (\$12,880 in 2022)
- For a potential maximum of \$28,880
 per year (\$16k + \$12,880)



How to Contribute to Your CalABLE Account



Poll #2

How have you added money to your CalABLE account?

Share your answer in the Zoom poll!

☑ Electronic contributions

eGifting Events

Checks

☑ Rollovers





Electronic Contributions

- Link your bank account
- Contribute by either a one-time or recurring electronic transfer from a bank checking or savings account





Contribute by Check

- Checks should be payable to "CalABLE" and mailed to P.O. Box 44309, Jacksonville, FL 32231
- The name of the beneficiary and account number must be included on the check





eGifting

CalABLE offers a gifting tool which allows you to ask friends and family for gifts on holidays, special occasions or to help you reach a financial goal





How to Set Up an eGift Event

- Log into your CalABLE account
- Select the eGift Tab on the CalABLE Menu to set up the event
- CalABLE will send out an email with a unique link and a personalized message, instructing recipients on how to make an online contribution
- The email can be sent to as many friends and family as you like



Rollover a Section 529 College Savings Plan into a CalABLE Account

- You may rollover a portion of, or the entire amount in, a Section 529 college savings plan account to a CalABLE account up to the Annual Contribution Limit
- These rollovers can be for the same beneficiary or from a 529 college savings account belonging to an eligible member of the CalABLE account beneficiary's family
- CalABLE Incoming Rollover Form:
 https://www.calable.ca.gov/documents/calable-rollover.pdf



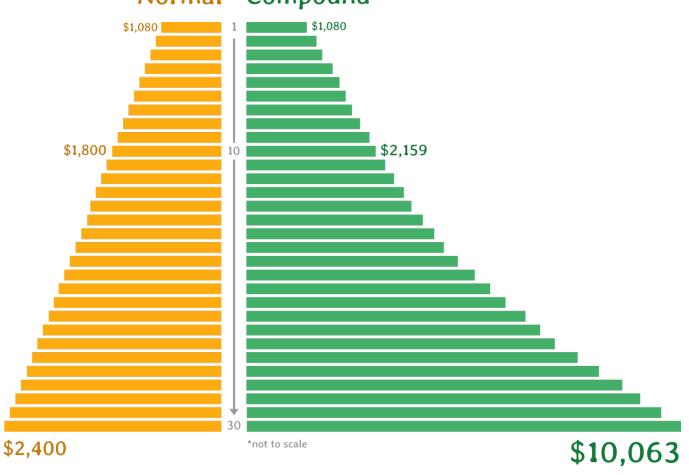
Why it's important to contribute to your account



You can grow your money through investing

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- CalABLE offers professionally managed investment portfolios
- Potential tax-free growth
- Opportunity to build wealth through compound earnings

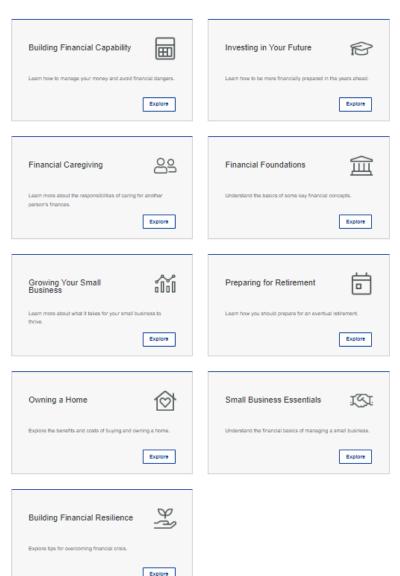




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Financial Fitness Playlist Example

Building Financial Resilience

Learn how to bounce back from hard financial times and get the support you need in an unpredictable economy.

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	Healthy Financial Habits Learn more about how you can develop healthy financial habits needed for financial well-being.	5 min	Start >
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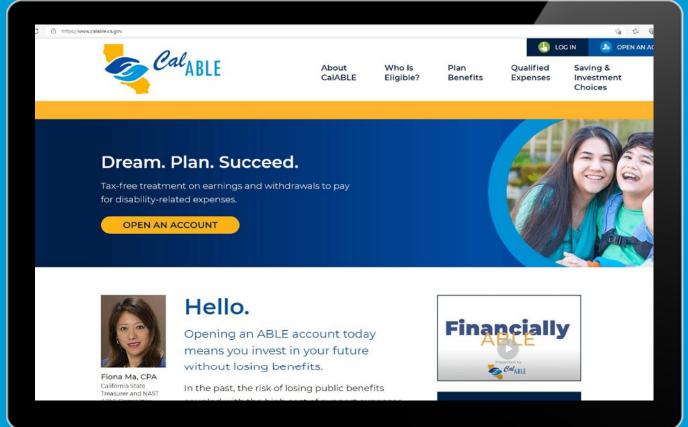
Learn about social media scams and how not to fall for scammers.

7 min





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Calable Basics

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In this webinar, we will explore:

- The basics of CalABLE for 2023
- Who is eligible to open an account
- How CalABLE accounts work
- What it takes to open an account





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Thank You.

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Additional Resources

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