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# Roth IRAs for Kids

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### My Story

- With grandfather's encouragement, established a Roth IRA in 2008, when I was 13
- Ignored my Roth IRA account; moved on
- Started working at Park Bank in July 2010
- Finally understood the importance of saving for my future and society's lack of financial literacy
- Jump started my Roth IRA contributions
- Founded www.irakids.com with the help of my grandfather to teach kids about the benefits of Roth IRAs

### What is Compound Interest?

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...and how does it help?

### Compound Interest

Google definition:

Interest calculated on both the principal
and the accrued interest

Think of it like...

A snowball

#### What is an IRA?





#### What is an IRA?

#### **Individual Retirement Account**

An IRA is a promise to the federal government that you are making investments for your retirement.

(Investment examples: baseball cards, antique cars, MONEY)

#### IRA vs. Roth IRA

#### <u>IRA</u>

- Traditional
- Tax break on deposits
- Pay taxes on withdrawals
- Must start withdrawals at age 70 ½

#### <u>ROTH</u>

- Available since 1998
- Pay taxes on deposits
- No taxes on withdrawals
- Your money can grow for as long as you want

### Benefits / Requirements

#### **Roth Benefits**

- Balance grows with compound interest
- Tax free interest
- Principal can be W/D penalty free
- W/D for first home
- "Hidden" asset on FAFSA forms
- Future financial stability

#### **Roth Requirements**

- Old enough to earn money
- Deposits must be EARNED INCOME (not an allowance)
- Deposits must be aftertax dollars
- Keep records: Pay taxes
- Interest cannot be touched until age 59 ½

### So... Can This Help Me?

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Hint: Um... Duh.

#### Our Generation

Will social security benefits still exist? If so, will we have to be older to qualify? Or how will the benefits be reduced?

(Currently, social security is \$36,000/year for my grandparents. Could you live off even less?)

Will our future employers contribute to our pensions or other retirement plans?

(Probably less than to our parents' and grandparents' plans.)

#### Our Generation

Will taxes be higher for us in the future, compared to now?

(Inflation will probably take us into higher tax brackets and some deductions will be eliminated.)

We need to prepare for the worst. Now is the best time to start.

### How Do I Start?

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#### Start Here

#### First...

#### Make earned income

- Get a job
- Babysit for neighbors
- Mow lawns
- Negotiate payment for chores

\*Make sure you document your income

### Then... Invest your income

- Go to your bank(CDs, Savings Accounts)
- Go to a broker (Mutual funds, stocks, bonds)

\*Make sure you pay taxes before depositing in Roth (taxes could be about 15%)

### Grow Your Money

If investing in CDs or Savings Acct./Bonds...

- Watch the rates, and open up additional accounts as the rate increases
- Renew once they mature

If investing in the stock market...

- Watch how the market changes (Mad Money w/Jim Cramer, Yahoo Finance)
- Check your accounts at least quarterly; take profits and make changes when appropriate (all tax free)

### Enjoy the Results

#### **Before**

**Initial Deposit: \$500** 

**Monthly Addition: \$50** 

Years to compound: 50

**Yearly Rate #1: 1.5%** 

(CD rate)

Yearly Rate #2: 5%

(mutual funds)

**Yearly Rate #3: 10%** 

(from individual stocks)

#### **After**

Principal - \$30,450.00

Rate #1 - \$45,698.35

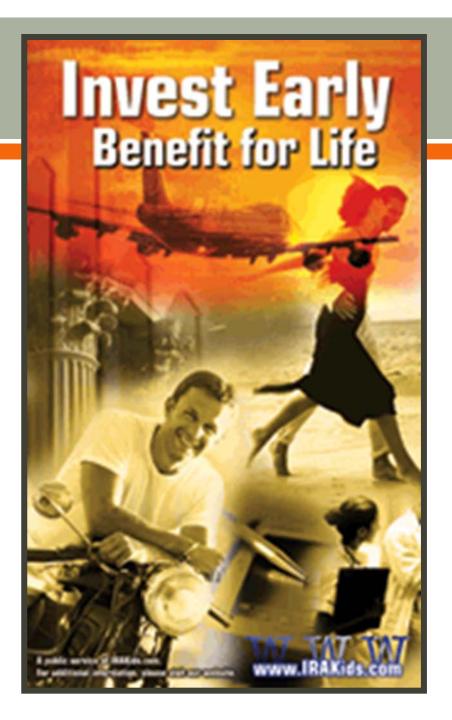
(Interest \$15,248.35)

Rate #2 - \$139,492.29

(Interest \$109,042.29)

Rate #3 - \$938,904.50

(Interest \$908,454.50)



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(A link to a compound interest calculator is located on the main page)

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