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TEEN CHECKING ACCOUNTS



You may have opened a savings account for your children as a way to sock away money for college or to teach them about investing. As they get older, however, they're going to need to learn some other money basics, and that includes managing a checking account.

Those skills might be more valuable today than ever. Today, college students at 4-year institutions noted that overdrafts and managing a bank account were the leading causes of their financial stress and many never check their balances because they are too nervous.

Opening a GMFCU checking account for your teen is a key way to avoid pitfalls later. "It helps them better learn concepts related to money and can give them valuable practice in a safe environment," says Natasha Campbell, founder and CEO of Lifestyle Success Unlimited, a financial education company in Kissimmee, Florida.

Here, the experts weigh in with five tips to help a teen open and maintain a checking account.

1. Choose the right age

While many banks allow you to open a checking account starting at age 13, the best time for your teen might coincide with other milestones, such as a getting a part-time job or learning to drive. Look for a level of responsibility that you can see about 6 months after getting their driver's license, or that your teenager is able to hang on to a wallet or purse and not lose a driver's license.



For accounts geared toward teens 13 to 17-year-olds, the parent is the co-owner of the account, which gives the parent the ability to view the account on-line and set up limits and restrictions.

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will attend
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will attend NC State



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2. Know what's available

Check for features that will click with tech-savvy teens. GMFCU checking offers free: It's Me247 online banking, free bill pay, direct deposit, mobile web banking, e-statements, a MasterMoney® debit card, and there is no minimum balance.

Parents can even transfer money from their account to their child's checking, making it easy to get them money when they need it.

3. Set it up together

Show your teen how their savings account is linked to their checking account and how they can transfer money from one to the other. Then, walk your teen through the process of depositing money earned from jobs, birthdays or allowances to their checking account and then placing some in savings and some in checking for spending.



Remember your teen has watched you swipe a debit card for years, but might not fully understand how a debit card transaction works. Show them that when they swipe the card, the funds are immediately deducted from their checking account. They also need to hang-on to the receipt until the transaction goes through. When your teen uses a debit card, track the transactions and watch how they are spending their money.

It is important that to teach your teen not to share their account information or pin# with friends. Plus they need to use privacy measures when shopping to prevent fraud for either purchases in-store or online transactions.

4. Monitor activity

Once they learn the basics of the transaction process, teach your teen to take one minute each day to check their account balance.



GMFCU offers mobile web banking for use on your mobile phone. Plus, there is a daily debit card limit for protection and you can customize

the amount charged on the card. Try starting small with a limit of \$50 or \$100 their ATM withdrawals, beginning with \$50 a day.

In addition to checking activity online, your teen can set up alerts in their online banking to let them know if the account balance is low.

5. Make it a learning process

One parent set up a system in which her teens receive an allowance every 2 weeks. From that amount, they needed to cover gas, computer games, dining out, miscellaneous purchases and entertainment. They were warned that if they overspent on some categories and did not have gas money, they would have to do extra chores to earn more money or take it out of their savings account.



GMFCU offers overdraft protection for a checking account, making it even more important to monitor the checking account transactions on a daily basis. It is important for your teen to see how they are spending their money so they understand when the funds are low, they have to cut back on their spending.

Because there is more technology available, you have the ability to have limits and controls on the account. You can let your teen do a few things, but the controls will help to keep the account from going negative. If they lose the debit card, you can turn the card off and it is no longer available.

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The GMFCU checking account is a great way for your teen to learn to be accountable for their money. To open an account, please call Member Services: 336.373.2090.



Before your kids start back to school, bring them to GMFCU to open their own youth savings account.

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	APR
New & Used Cars, Trucks, Vans & Motorcycles (up to 100% financing)	
up to 36 months	as low as 2.95%
37 to 48 months	as low as 3.20%
49 to 60 months	as low as 3.45%
61 to 72 months (>\$15,000)	as low as 3.95%
73 to 84 months (>\$30,000)	as low as 4.70%
New & Used Boats, and RVs (up to 100% financing)	APR
up to 48 months	as low as 6.25%
49 to 72 months (>\$10,000)	as low as 6.75%
73 to 120 months (>\$20,000)	as low as 7.25%
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MasterCard®	11.90%
MasterCard® Rate with GMFCU Checking	10.90%
Line of Credit/Overdraft/Personal Loans	as low as 9.75%

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	Share Savings	Dividend Rate	APY
\$25 to \$999.99		.25%	.25%
\$1,000 to \$9,999.99		.25%	.25%
\$10,000 to \$49,999.99		.30%	.30%
\$50,000 to \$99,999.99		.35%	.35%
\$100,000 and above		.40%	.40%
IRA Savings		.75%	.75%
Checking (Share Draft)		.25%	.25%
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Upcoming Holidays- Closed

Independence Day, Monday, July 4th

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Please plan your financial needs with the holidays in mind, and remember, if you need cash over a holiday or long weekend, your GMFCU ATM/Master Money Debit card gives you complete access to your credit union accounts anytime.



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