

# My Plan Connection

## Top Five Reasons to Enroll in Your 401(k) Plan Today!

**1. GET PREPARED!** Retirement is life without a paycheck. Are you ready? At best, social security will meet only about 30% of your retirement income needs. The savings you accumulate during your working years needs to make up the other 70%. By making contributions to your retirement plan each pay period, you start preparing for the day when you will no longer receive a paycheck.

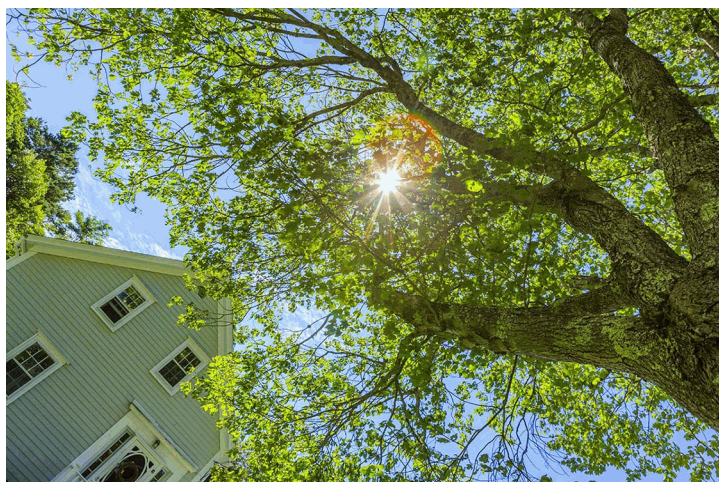
**2. Less Taxes!** Contributions to your retirement plan can be made on a pre-tax basis. If you are in a 20% tax bracket, for example,

then it may only cost you \$80 to contribute \$100 to your account. Why? Your \$100 contribution reduces your taxable income by \$100, saving you \$20 in taxes! Earnings also accumulate in your retirement plan on a tax-deferred basis, which means your earnings don't get taxed until you retire. By contrast, in regular brokerage accounts, your taxable income increases by any gains you realize.

**3. It's Easy!** Left to our own devices, many of us find that we never really get around to saving. Saving in your retirement plan is easy! Once you enroll, contributions are made automatically with each paycheck. Your contributions will also automatically adjust as your salary changes, making sure that your savings plan adjusts as your circumstances change. Just set your contribution percentage and forget it!

**4. Great Investment Choices!** Your Plan's investment menu provides you with a diversified list of excellent, low-cost mutual funds that have been pre-screened by investment professionals. By selecting a mix of equities, bonds, and cash equivalents, you can create an asset allocation that is right for you.

Ready to enroll? Go online or call our customer service center today!



**5. It's There if You Need it!** Most retirement savings plans provide a means to access your account if you need your savings balance prior to retirement. Through a loan or hardship withdrawal, you can be sure that your funds will be available when you need them.

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