

Checking vs Savings Accounts: Which one is better?

As young adults, learning how to manage and save your money is crucial. Looking for a job at this age is very common, and therefore many teens find themselves needing to open a bank account. Unfortunately, many teens are uninformed financially, which is why we, at MPCU, are here to help!

What is a checking account?

A checking account is a banking account that allows you to deposit, withdraw, and transfer money.

This type of account is geared more towards daily purchases. Anytime you purchase something with your debit card, it automatically withdraws from this account.

What is a savings account?

A savings account is a banking account that allows you to store money for long periods of time.

Unlike a checking account, this type of account is not used for daily transactions but instead focuses on saving money for the long run.

Checking account PROS

- Easily able to access funds whenever with no monthly limits
- Usually comes with a physical debit card
- Can set up direct deposit (set up an even earlier direct deposit with MPCU!)

Checking account CONS

• Earns little to no interest over time

Saving account PROS

- Useful for saving money to set up your future
- Earns interest over time

Saving account CONS

- Monthly withdrawal limit
- Minimum balance requirement

So Which Account Should You Get?

Both types of accounts are beneficial, depending on your current financial goals and needs. We'd recommend opening both a checking and savings account, so you can reap the benefits of each! <u>Open your own account today with Members Plus Credit Union!</u>