

Making the Dream of Homeownership a Reality

Introducing the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account

What is a First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account?



Since January 1, 2020, first-time home buyers in Oklahoma can **open tax-deductible savings accounts** specifically for the purpose of buying a home.



FREE from state taxes. Account holders can deduct up to \$5,000 for an individual and up to \$10,000 for a joint account from their state taxable income in a year.



You can use funds from the account toward **the purchase of a home**—including a down payment, escrow, inspection, lender and appraisal fees.

Who Qualifies for the Program?

Home Buyer Savings Accounts are available to anyone in Oklahoma who has **not previously owned or purchased a home in the state**. So whether you're just starting off or moving to Oklahoma from another state, you may qualify!



You Can Help Your Child, Grandchild, or Loved One Save for Their First Home

Parents and grandparents can set up First-Time Home Buyer Savings Accounts for their children and grandchildren, similar to a 529 College Savings Plan, but for homes. **Nothing is more important than investing in your children's future**—and they make a great graduation, wedding, or birthday gift!

How Do I Open an Account?

It's very similar to opening up a typical savings account. Your bank will provide you with all the information you need to start a Home Buyer Savings Account.

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First, visit a trusted financial institution. Tell them you want to open a **Home Buyer Savings Account** that will be used solely for your home-buying funds.

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Next, fill out, print, and sign Form 588 to designate a beneficiary. Submit your completed form to the Oklahoma Tax Commission **no later than April 15** to ensure the account qualifies for tax purposes.

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Finally, start saving! Contributions up to \$5,000 per year for individuals and \$10,000 per year for joint filers **will be state tax-deductible**.



Smart Tip:

Create a budget and set a monthly savings goal. You're more likely to save faster when you have a goal to reach for.



Don't Hit Snooze on Your American Dream – Start Saving Today!

Learn more about how you can start saving to achieve the dream of homeownership.

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Smart Tip:

You can also ask a REALTOR® to help you navigate the process of starting or contributing to a Home Buyer Savings Account.