

The Mississippi ABLE Act is codified in Miss. Code Ann. §43-28-1 et seq. The legislation established an ABLE Board which works with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services to administer the program. Mississippi is a member of The National ABLE Alliance.

The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) of 2014 allows individuals with disabilities to save money in a tax-advantaged account that may be used for qualified disability related expenses while keeping eligibility for federal public benefits.

To learn more about ABLE or sign up:
www.MississippiAble.com

Order brochures or schedule a presentation:
MSABLEINFO@mdrs.ms.gov

Contact customer service:
888-609-3469

**Disclaimer: The information provided in this flyer is general background information only, is given in summary form, and does not purport to be complete. If you are considering opening an ABLE account, you should seek competent advice concerning the effect of opening and contributing to an ABLE account on the eligibility or continued eligibility for federal and state government benefits. Funds remaining in an ABLE account may be subject to Medicaid recovery upon the death of the account owner. You should also seek the advice of a professional concerning any financial, tax, or legal implications related to opening and maintaining an ABLE account. Participating in Mississippi's ABLE Program may involve investment risk including the possible loss of principal.*



Allowing individuals with disabilities to save without losing public benefits.

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Who is eligible?

You can open an account for yourself, or an authorized individual can open on your behalf if:

- You acquired your disability before the age of 26
- Meet disability qualifications as determined by SSA or have a similarly severe disability and a written diagnosis from a licensed physician

Qualified Disability Living Expenses

Include but are not limited to:

- Education
- Health and wellness
- Housing
- Transportation
- Legal fees
- Financial management
- Employment training and support
- Assistive technology
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Personal support services
- Basic living expenses

Plan Highlights

Savings accounts for individuals with disabilities

- Save up to \$15,000 per year
- If an account owner is working, he/she can contribute an additional amount based on what the IRS allows
- The maximum balance allowed is \$235,000

Will not affect public benefits

- Eligibility for federal programs not affected by account balance
- Balances under \$100,000 excluded from SSI resource limit

Can be used for daily transactions and/or long-term savings

- Debit card and checking options
- Low-risk to high-risk investment options

May provide tax advantages

- Earnings on investments are tax-free
- Deposits may qualify for state tax deduction

User Friendly

- Open an account with as little as \$25
- Access your account by phone or online 24/7
- Checking option allows easy access to funds via a debit card
- Ugift feature allows anyone to contribute to your account

Low Fees

- Fee-free ATM access at over 340 ATMs located throughout Mississippi
- Flat quarterly fee, regardless of account balance
- No transaction fees

