

## GET BOSTON SAVES DOLLARS

Want to get more money for your child's Boston Saves account? You can add Boston Saves Dollars by taking any of the actions below!

Action	Boston Saves Dollars
Link a financial account to your child's Boston Saves account online.	\$25
Save \$25 for your child in a 3-month period.	\$5/period (up to \$20/year)
Explore books with your child (3rd grade or younger) in a 3-month period.	\$5/period (up to \$20/year)

### **Link a Financial Account to your child's Boston Saves account online.**

- When you link your own financial account to your child's Boston Saves account, you will be able to track all your savings for your child in one place: the Savings Center.
- First, be sure you have a financial account (savings, checking, 529, or Boston Saves custodial account) set up for your child's future.
- Set up online banking so that you can log in to your account on the internet.
- [Log in to the Savings Center](#) to link your financial account or custodial account to your child's Boston Saves account. You will need the username and password of your financial account in order to link.
- Boston Saves will add the \$25 to your child's Boston Saves account within 1-2 weeks.

### **Save at least \$25 for your child in a three-month period.**

- Getting used to saving regularly – even just a bit at a time – will make sure that your savings for your child keep growing.
- Start saving money in the financial account you've linked to your child's Boston Saves account. Be sure the money in this linked account rises by at least \$25 over any of these three-month periods:
  - January-February-March
  - April-May-June
  - July-August-September
  - October-November-December

- The total money in your linked account must go up by at least \$25 in one of these periods. For example, if you have \$30 in your account on January 1, you will need to have at least \$55 in the account by March 31 to earn Boston Saves Dollars. This is a good reason to try to not take money out of the linked financial account.
- Boston Saves will add \$5 to your child's Boston Saves account 1-2 weeks after the end of the three-month period.

### **Explore books with your child (3rd grade or younger) over a three-month period.**

- Exploring books with your child can help their reading skills and success in school. Studies show that if your child is on-track with their reading skills by the third grade, they will be 4 times more likely to finish high school.
- Read or look through books with your child (3rd grade or younger) for 20 minutes a day, 20 days per month, during any of these three-month periods:
  - January-February-March
  - April-May-June
  - July-August-September
  - October-November-December
- You will get \$5 for each three-month period. That's up to \$20 a year!
- To make sure the money shows up in your child's Boston Saves account, [log in to the Savings Center](#). In the Exploring Books box at the bottom of the page, click on the link to fill out the current Exploring Books form. Boston Saves will add the \$5 to your child's Boston Saves account within 1-2 weeks.