

# Traditional IRA

Key Advantages	- Tax-deferred growth - Possible tax deduction
Eligibility	You must be under age 70½ and have earned income. Earned income includes wages, salaries, tips, professional fees, bonuses, commissions, self-employment income, alimony and separate maintenance payments.
Limit for Tax Year 2008	\$5,000
Additional “catch-up” contribution for those between ages 50 - 70	\$1,000
Deductibility of contributions	Your ability to take a deduction depends on many factors. See table on reverse side for more details.

**Q Can I make a contribution and designate it for the prior tax year?**

A Yes, if it is made by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Q I am under 50 years old. For 2008, can I contribute \$5,000 to my Traditional IRA and \$5,000 to my Roth IRA?**

A No, you are limited to \$5,000 in total.

**Q Is there an investment minimum?**

A Yes. It is \$2,000 per Fund.

**Q Is there an annual fee?**

A Yes. If your IRA balance is less than \$10,000, there is a charge of \$15 per year.

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**Traditional IRA Deductibility**

**Q Is my Traditional IRA contribution tax deductible?**

A Maybe. If you participated in an employer-sponsored retirement plan in 2008, the deductibility of your contribution will be determined by your tax filing status, Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) and age. See the table below.

<b>Tax Year 2008: Traditional IRA Deduction Limits</b>			
<b>Tax Filing Status</b>	<b>MAGI</b>	<b>Less than 50 years old</b>	<b>50 - 70 years old</b>
Single Filer	<\$53,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
	\$53,000 - \$63,000	Partially deductible	Partially deductible
	\$63,000+	No deduction permitted	No deduction permitted
Married, Filing Jointly	<\$85,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
	\$85,000 - \$105,000	Partially deductible	Partially deductible
	\$105,000+	No deduction permitted	No deduction permitted

**Q I am a non-working spouse and we will file our taxes jointly. Can a contribution be made to my IRA even though my spouse was a participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan?**

A Maybe. As a non-working spouse, you have your own MAGI deduction range of \$159,000 – \$169,000 in 2008.

**Q My tax filing status is single and I was not a participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan during the tax year. Is my contribution completely deductible?**

A Yes.

**Q My spouse and I are filing our taxes jointly and neither one of us were participants in an employer-sponsored retirement plan during the tax year. Are our contributions completely deductible?**

A Yes.

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