

Merrill Automated Funding Service

What is the Merrill Automated Funding Service? This convenient service allows you to invest in a retirement account by making regular, automatic contributions from another Merrill account, a Bank of America account or an account at another financial institution.

The Automated Funding Service provides an easy way for you to make **current-year** contributions to your Merrill Individual Retirement Account (IRA). You can contribute the maximum amount allowed by law, either all at once or periodically throughout the year. A Merrill Financial Solutions Advisor can help you invest your contributions through the Automated Investment Program to ensure your contributions work for you as soon as possible.

Please review important disclosures and account eligibility rules on the last page of this form.

Develop a convenient, disciplined contribution program

With the Automated Funding Service, you can contribute to a retirement account regularly and effortlessly. This convenient service allows you to:

- Pay yourself first through the Automated Funding Program
- Authorize automatic debits from your Merrill Cash Management Account® (CMA®) or Bank of America account or an account with another financial institution
- Specify the frequency and amount of your contributions
- Designate any business day of the month for your contribution
- Establish a disciplined investment program through the Automated Investment Program

Step 1: Contribute to Your Account

If you are ready to participate in the Automated Funding Service, complete the form beginning on the next page. For faster service, this form can be completed electronically by signing into your account on merrilledge.com. Alternatively, you can complete this form and fax to 866.994.7807 or mail to Merrill, PO Box 29022, Hot Springs, AR 71903.

Any questions?

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this form, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at **877.653.4732**.

Step 2: Invest Your Contributions

Merrill's Automated Investment Program enables you to easily implement a dollar cost averaging strategy to invest regular, fixed amounts in specific mutual funds on an ongoing basis.

Automated Funding Service Form Checklist

It is critical to print clearly and to complete all required fields of this document. Failure to do so will result in our inability to execute your instructions.

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Part 1: Retirement Account Information

- Account owner first name, middle initial and last name
- 8-digit Merrill retirement account number
- New instruction or change/terminate existing instruction

Part 2: Contributing Account Information

- Only personal accounts can be used for AFS

Select only one as a funding account:

- A. Merrill CMA number—voided check not required
- B. Bank of America account number, routing number and state where opened—voided check not required
- C. Outside financial institution
- Name of institution and account number
- Attach voided check or letter of authorization (required)
- Check off account type (checking, savings, other)

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Part 3: Funding Frequency and Amount

- A. Funding start date (allow 10 business days before the start date)
- B. Did you select frequency and amount of funding?
- C. Would you like to maximize contributions? Check box if yes.

Part 4: IRA Contribution Deductibility

- Would you like to record as a deductible IRA contribution?

Part 5: Authorization and Signature

- Did you sign, include your email address and date the form? (form must be printed and physically signed)
- Would you like to use this email address as the primary?

Please print all information clearly.

Part 1. Client and Account Information

8-Digit Merrill Retirement Account Number [] [] [] - [] [] [] [] [] []

Account Owner Name

Please print first, middle and last name

Instruction type (Required): New funding request Change existing funding request Terminate existing funding

Part 2. Contributing Account Information

Choose from one of the options —A, B or C— to authorize automatic debits. Please note that BUSINESS AND NON-PERSONAL ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE for AFS.

A. Merrill CMA® (Voided check NOT REQUIRED)

8-digit Merrill Account Number [] [] [] - [] [] [] [] [] []

B. Bank of America® Account (Voided check NOT REQUIRED)

Your Bank of America Account Number

ABA Routing Number

State in which account was opened (if ABA routing number is not available)

[] [] * A valid ABA routing number will be required if the account was opened in one of the following states as these states can have multiple routing numbers: CA, FL, IL, IN, MI, MO and TX.

C. Outside Financial Institution (Preprinted voided check REQUIRED)

Name of Outside Financial Institution

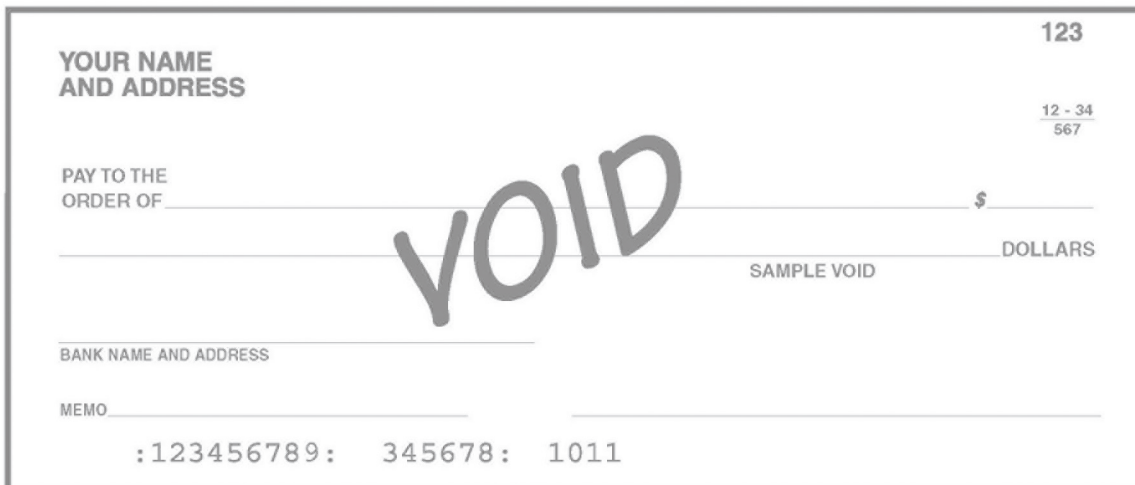
Outside Financial Institution Account Number

ABA Routing Number

Outside Financial Institution account to be debited:

- Check (Enclose a preprinted, voided check for the account.)
 Savings (Enclose either a preprinted, voided check for the account or a letter of authorization from your financial institution.)
 Other (Enclose either a preprinted, voided check for the account or a letter of authorization from your financial institution.)

* If you do not have a preprinted check, you must provide a letter of authorization that must be signed by an officer of the institution. Required information includes account owner name, type of account (checking, savings, other), account number, and your ABA routing/transit number.



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Merrill, its affiliates and financial advisors do not provide legal, tax or accounting advice. You should consult your legal and/or tax advisors before making any financial decisions.

Keep in mind that dollar cost averaging cannot guarantee a profit or prevent a loss in declining markets. Since such an investment plan involves continual investment in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels, you should consider your willingness to continue purchasing during periods of high or low price levels.

The Automated Funding Service cannot be used for SEP or SIMPLE employer contributions or salary deferral. You should confirm your IRA eligibility and contribution limits with your tax advisor every year.

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IRAs: For traditional and Roth IRAs, you can contribute up to the maximum amount described below or 100% of your taxable compensation, whichever is less. Additionally, the maximum contribution is aggregated regardless of how many or which type of IRAs to which you may make contributions in any one year. There is no age restriction on your ability to contribute.

The maximum contributions for traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs and new contributions to Rollover IRAs for 2020 and 2021 are as follows: \$6,000 for individuals younger than age 50 for the entire calendar year and \$7,000 for individuals age 50 or older at any time during the calendar year (includes \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution). Amounts rolled over to Rollover IRAs are not included for this purpose.

Coverdell ESA: The maximum annual contribution limit is \$2,000 per beneficiary. The contribution limit is subject to phase out depending on your Modified Adjusted Gross Income.

Please note that your Modified Adjusted Gross Income may reduce your contribution limits to both IRAs and Coverdell ESAs. Please refer to your Custodial Agreement and consult your tax advisor for additional details on these restrictions.

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