



Getting to know The SPARC Group LLC 401(k) Investment and Savings Plan

One of the great benefits your company offers is the ability to save for retirement in a 401(k) retirement savings plan. So, what is a 401(k) retirement savings plan, and what can it do for you? We've got you covered.

What is a 401(k) Plan?

A 401(k) Plan is one of SPARC Group's financial benefits that helps you save for retirement. You choose how much you want to contribute, and that amount is automatically deducted from your paycheck and placed into your account within the 401(k) Plan.

Your retirement savings can continue to grow tax-deferred until you make a withdrawal - this means you do not pay taxes on your salary deferrals or earnings until you take a withdrawal from the plan.

Generally, the rule of thumb is that you can begin to withdraw this money once you are 59½ years old. Keep in mind there are tax penalties you may have to pay if you try to take a withdrawal before you turn 59½. A good way to think about it: this is money that is being put aside for your future self.

Common Plan Features

Most 401(k) Plans have some common features. Below are some features that your plan has and what they all mean.

Automatic Enrollment – SPARC Group knows just how important it is to start saving for retirement as early as possible, so participants become automatically eligible to participate in The SPARC Group LLC 401(k) Investment and Savings Plan and into a Voya Target Retirement fund at 3% after 500 hours of service. Actual enrollment in the plan normally occurs within one month of attaining eligibility.

Contribution Rate – You can choose the amount you want to contribute each payroll cycle up to a predetermined IRS limit. For annual IRS limits, please visit [voya.com/irslimits](https://www.voya.com/irslimits). As an employee in The SPARC Group LLC 401(k) Investment and Savings Plan, you may contribute between 0% and 100% of your annual pay.

Employer Match – Some companies will help you save for retirement by matching how much you contribute. In your case, SPARC Group will match 100% of the first 1% that you contribute to the Plan and 50% of any additional contributions for the next 5%. Meaning, if you contribute 6% of each paycheck to your 401(k) account, SPARC Group will match up to 3.5% of it! (*subject to annual IRS tax limit, contributed annually)

Available Investment – You can choose from a variety of investment choices that your employer has pre-selected. You will automatically be invested into a Voya Target Retirement Trust Fund at 3%. Target date funds are based on factors such as your age and the year in which you plan to retire and feature investments that are in line with helping you grow your investments as much as possible until your identified retirement date.

Deferred taxes – A 401(k) is a tax-deferred account. That means you do not pay income taxes when you contribute money. Instead, SPARC Group withholds your contribution from your paycheck before the money can be subjected to income tax.

It's never too early to start saving

The longer you save, the more you may have in retirement. How can such a simple idea be so essential? Because time is one of the most important factors affecting how much you may end up with in retirement.

When you invest through an employer retirement plan, the return made on your money may be automatically reinvested. The more time you have to invest, the greater the opportunity for your investments to potentially grow.

The earnings on those investments get reinvested, where they have the potential to grow and create more earnings, which get reinvested – and on and on! This process is called compounding, and it can be a powerful growth engine for your savings.

Check out this illustration on the impact of compounding:

Investment Basics

Here are some terms and definitions you should familiarize yourself with regarding investments:

Stocks are shares of ownership in a company.

Bonds = debt security, aka an “I.O.U.”

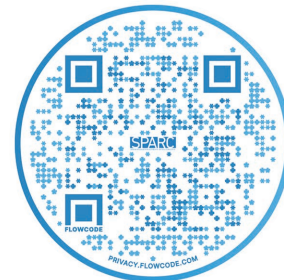
Cash refers to short-term investments (money markets, treasury bills, CDs)

Mutual Funds are a diversified collection of investments that can include stocks, bonds, cash real estate, and other financial assets, all managed by a professional investment specialist.

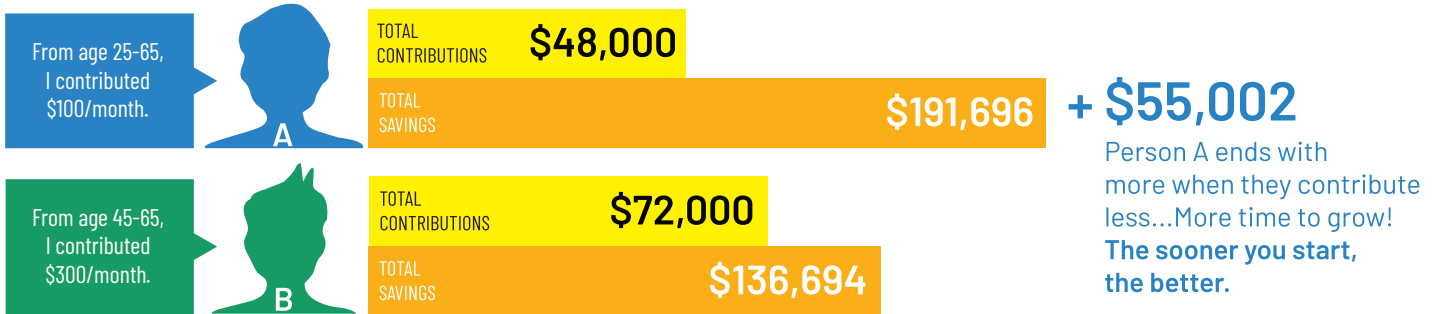
Target Date Funds are an age-based retirement investment that help you take more risk when you're young and get more conservative over time.

What's most important for you to remember is the concept of diversification: meaning you should spread your retirement savings across multiple investments. As the saying goes, “Never put all your eggs in one basket.” Great news – the Voya Target Retirement Trust Fund you are automatically invested in is a diversified type of investment, so you're already on the right path!

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Assumes each account earns an annual tax-deferred rate of return of 6.00% compounded monthly. This illustration is hypothetical, is not guaranteed and is not intended to reflect the performance of any specific investment or security. You should consider your financial ability to continue investing consistently in up as well as down markets. In addition, these figures do not reflect taxes or any fees, expenses or charges of any investment product. Taxes are generally due upon withdrawal and early withdrawal penalties may apply to withdrawals taken prior to age 59½. You should consult with a tax professional or tax attorney prior to implementing tax based decisions. Legal and tax advice are not offered by Voya Financial and its representatives.

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Mutual funds and collective investment trusts offered under a retirement plan are long-term investments designed for retirement purposes. An administration fee and fund management fees will apply. Early withdrawals prior to age 59½ will be subject to an IRC 10% premature distribution penalty tax, unless an exception applies. Money taken from the plan will be taxed as ordinary income in the year the money is distributed. Account values fluctuate with market conditions, and when distributed the principal may be worth more or less than its original amount invested.

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