**Social Security Column**

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE DURING FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

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Every April we celebrate Financial Literacy Month to promote financial education and well-being in the United States. Financial Literacy Month also serves as a reminder that Social Security is a vital part of any financial plan. Our online tools are here to help you understand your potential Social Security benefits and how they fit into your financial future.

You should periodically review your *Social Security Statement* (*Statement*) using your personal *my* Social Securityaccount at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/). Your *Statement* is an easy-to-read summary of the estimated benefits you and your family could receive, including potential retirement, disability, and survivor benefits.

If you’re planning to retire, you can read our publication *When to Start Receiving Retirement* *Benefits* at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10147.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10147.pdf). This publication provides resources to help you prepare for retirement.

Please tell your friends and family about the steps they can take to improve their financial knowledge by exploring their personal *my* Social Security account. If they don’t have an account, they can easily create one at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/).

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