



Choose a plan
and watch
your money

grow

Traditional IRA

In a Traditional IRA, the contributions you make each year can be deducted from your federal taxes. In addition, earnings accumulate tax-free until the time of withdrawal. Upon distribution at age 59½ or older, the earnings and principal are taxed as ordinary income. As of 2008, the maximum annual contribution for a single filer under age 50 is \$5,000 (\$6,000 for those 50 and older)—with income eligibility limits of \$53,000 for a single filer and \$85,000 for a married couple filing jointly.

Roth IRA

Contributions to a Roth Individual Retirement Account are not tax-deductible, but earnings accumulate tax-free. At the time of withdrawal, earnings are free from taxes if the owner has held the IRA for a minimum of five years and is at least 59½ years old. As of 2008, a Roth IRA allows you to contribute a maximum of \$5,000 per person each tax year (\$6,000 for those 50 and older) if your adjusted gross income does not exceed \$101,000 for single filers and \$159,000 for married couples filing jointly.

	Roth IRA	Traditional IRA	Non-qualified Annuity
Contributions may be tax-deductible	No	Yes	No
Other key tax advantages	Tax-free growth	Tax-deferred growth	Tax-deferred growth
Tax treatment of withdrawals	Distributions are tax-free (if age 59½ and account is at least five years old)	Earnings and deductible contributions subject to tax	Earnings subject to tax
Eligibility subject to income limits and limits to annual contributions	Yes	Yes	No

Non-qualified Annuity

There are no age or income limits for eligibility, no limits on your annual contributions to the plan, and no requirement to begin taking mandatory distributions at a certain age. Earnings accumulate tax-free until the time of withdrawal, then distributions are taxed only on the interest you've earned. The Non-qualified Annuity is not an IRA, but a deferred investment contract that makes regular payments upon "annuitization."

The MBA cannot give you tax advice. Before choosing a plan, consult a tax advisor for assistance. Treatment of your Maturity Income plan may be different under state, local or foreign income (or other) tax rules.

Your MBA representative
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at the MBA are ready
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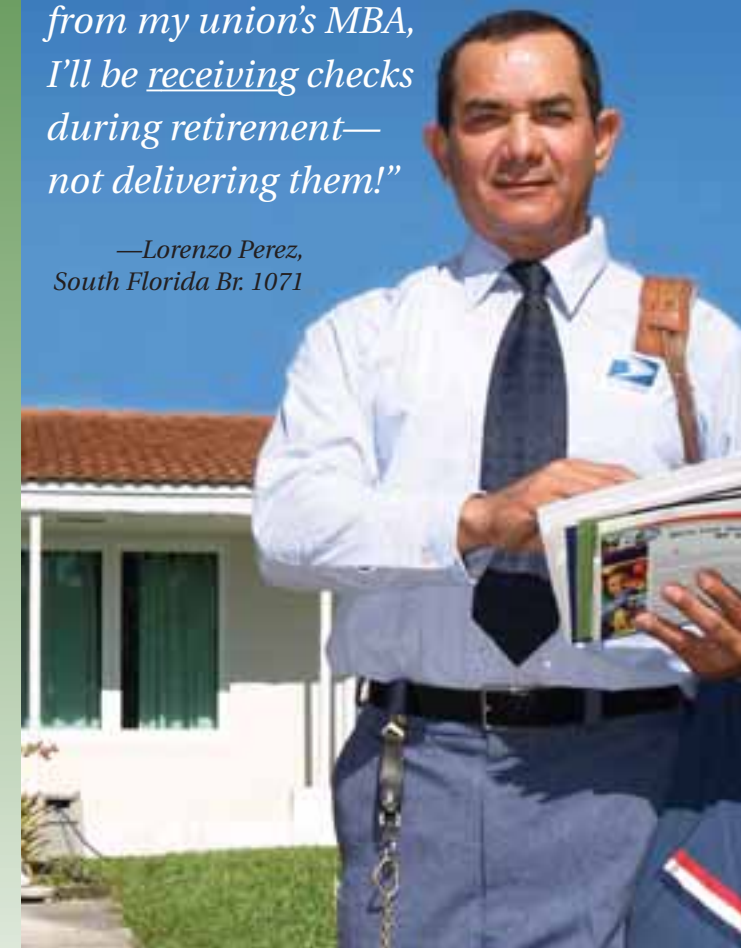


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*"With my Maturity Income Plan
from my union's MBA,
I'll be receiving checks
during retirement—
not delivering them!"*

—Lorenzo Perez,
South Florida Br. 1071



*Designed exclusively for letter carriers
from your NALC/MBA*

Maturity Income

The annuity plan that pays you during retirement!

Maturity Income can mean the difference between worry and well-being in your retirement— because it's an annuity policy that **delivers extra cash to you every month to supplement your pension.**

You simply make small contributions now (as little as \$15 a pay period) into an interest-bearing annuity that guarantees above-market returns. You choose how much you contribute and how often. The program also has certain tax advantages, depending on the options you select. And your spouse is eligible to participate, as well.

Best of all, you get all the advantages of your Mutual Benefit Association:

- ✓ **Dependability.** NALC stands behind every policy written by the MBA, which was created more than a century ago to give letter carrier families reliable savings and insurance plans.
- ✓ **Affordability.** The MBA operates with low overhead, no fees and with no salespeople on commission, so the savings are passed on to you.
- ✓ **Simplicity.** Just fill out an application to join Maturity Income. You'll receive your policy to examine for 30 days. If you're not fully satisfied for any reason, return it for a full refund of any premium you've paid. There's no risk.

Your money is guaranteed to grow

- \$ **Enjoy a high rate of return.** You can expect the interest rates you will receive on your Maturity Income funds to be higher than the rates paid by most banks.
- \$ **Get the peace of mind of a minimum interest rate.** No matter how low interest rates may fall in the marketplace, Maturity Income guarantees you a minimum rate of return of 3.5 percent. And MBA invests only in high quality government and corporate securities.
- \$ **Enjoy tax advantages.** Depending on the plan you choose, all the growth in your account is either tax-deferred or tax-free. In addition, if your Maturity Income plan is a Traditional IRA, all or part of your contributions may be tax deductible up to \$5,000, depending on your income.



You call the shots



- 1 Choose how you want to contribute—and how much.**
The easiest way to pay is through automatic deductions from your paycheck, with a minimum payment of \$15 per pay period. But you can adjust how much you want to contribute, stop and start making payments, or pay in lump sums whenever you want. MBA will handle the automatic deductions, or bill you monthly or annually.
- 2 Choose the annuity plan that's right for you.**
You can decide to grow your money in a Roth IRA, in a Traditional IRA, or in what is called a Non-qualified Annuity (see other side).

- 3 Choose how you receive your Maturity Income.**
Options include monthly payments for as long as you live, a joint annuity payable during the joint lifetimes of two people, and a lifetime annuity with a guaranteed minimum of 5, 10, 15 or 20 years.
- 4 Make early cash withdrawals.**
If you need emergency cash, you can stay in the Maturity Income plan while withdrawing money any time after one year, subject to certain minimums and limitations. However, during the first six years you're in the plan, you'll pay a "surrender charge" on the amount you withdraw, in addition to IRS penalties, if any. You can also surrender your plan for its cash value at any time.