

ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES

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HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT SCORE?

Establishing Your Good Name

- * Gives you authority
- * Gives you favor
- * Gives you grace
- * Gives you preferential treatment

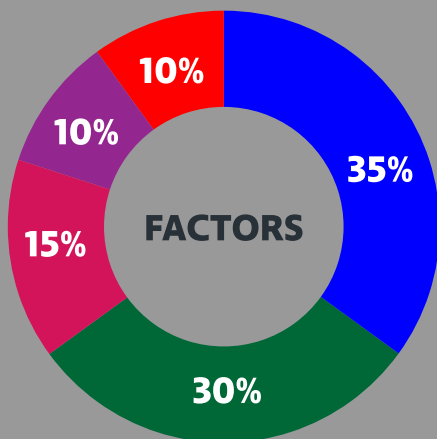
Maintaining Your Good Name

- * Pay on Time
- * Pay Credit Card Balances to 30% or less of limits/mo
(note: Maximize score when paid down to \$0.)
- * Do not close paid off accounts of lines of credit or credit cards
- * Avoid Collections, Tax Liens, Judgments, Repos, Foreclosures, Defaults and Bankruptcies
- * Keep debt below 31% of gross income
- * Avoid Inquiries

Boosting Your Scores

- * Become an authorized user
- * Obtain un/secured credit cards (3 max)
- * Raise limits on credit cards
- * Pay down or spread out balances
- * Consolidate or pay off balances
- * Dispute, delete, settle derogatory info
- * Always remember 65% of credit score is based on Credit History and Account Balances

Understanding Credit Scores



FICO includes 3 national bureaus - EFX, TRU, EXPA

Payment History
Amounts Owed
Length of Credit History
New Credit
Types of Credit

POINT SYSTEM

740-850 EXCELLENT

680-739 GOOD

620-679 FAIR

350-619 POOR

Understanding Credit Report

- * Has Name, Address, Social Security #
- * Has Employer Info
- * Has Credit Scores and Factors Affecting Score
- * Has Trade lines or Credit History
- * Has Subscriber Information
- * Has Public Records & Has Inquiries
- * Has Collections History

Derogatory Information Timelines

- * Foreclosures, Collections - 7 years
- * Judgments - 10 years usually
- * Tax Liens, Student Loans - Unlimited
- * Bankruptcies:
Chapter 7 - 10 years from filing
Chapter 13 - 7 years from discharge
- * Statute of Limitations on Contracts and Credit go to: www.fair-debt-collection.com/sol-by-state.html#34 for listing by state and # of years

Credit Bewares

- * Credit Use - be careful using on every day goods, i.e. gas, food, clothes & accumulating large balances.
- * Minimum Payments - get you accustomed to paying interest and siphoning your wealth
- * Late Payments/Over the Limit Payment - can charge extra \$29 or \$39 + interest/month
- * Refinanced Payments – every 5 years, clock start again
- * Universal Default – changes your credit terms

Credit Regulating & Monitoring

- * Fair Credit Reporting Agency
- * Fair Debt Collections Practicing Act
- * Federal Trade Commission
- * AnnualCreditReport.com \$7.95/score per bureau

What Relies On Good Credit?

- * Mortgages
- * Car Notes, Student Loans
- * Employment
- * CCs, Lines of Credit
- * Car Insurance, Home Insurance
- * Business Loans
- * Apartment Renting
- * Marriages or Online Dating?



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