

# Paw Prints

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## Fun Facts About Money

Have you ever wondered how long paper bills or metal coins last before they are too worn to use?

### 1. Each paper bill has its own lifespan

\$1:	7.2 years
\$5:	5.8 years
\$10:	5.7 years
\$20:	11.1 years
\$50:	14.9 years
\$100:	24 years

Source: Federal Reserve

### 2. A coin can last around 30 years

After 20-30 years, the Federal Reserve takes coins out of circulation and melts them down to use for other purposes.

Source: U.S. Mint Coin Classroom

### 3. U.S. bills are green for a reason

During the mid-1800s, the government started using green ink to print paper money. The color was selected because the ink didn't fade or easily decompose, and it helped prevent counterfeiting.

Source: History.com

## Look Who's Turning 25!

In November 2000, FAT CAT® was introduced as SECU's new youth mascot for members 12 and under. As FAT CAT and SECU celebrate this big milestone, we're so excited to share that over 118,700\* youth are actively saving almost \$117 million\* in FAT CAT Share Accounts. That's amazing! To make this birthday even more special, FAT CAT is encouraging you to continue adding to your savings for a bright financial future! Happy Birthday, FAT CAT — and hat's off to all of our paw-some savers!

\* As of May 2025



# Complete the Coloring!

View previous winners in FAT CAT's Art Gallery at [www.cufatcats.org](http://www.cufatcats.org)!

Send in your completed coloring along with your full name, address, and age by **December 1, 2025** for the chance to win in a random drawing. Winners will receive a FAT CAT backpack!



## IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS:

If you are willing to have your child's submission published in the newsletter and/or on the [cufatcats.org](http://cufatcats.org) website, please complete, sign, and mail this form in along with your child's submission. We will not publish your child's last name or street address. Thank you!

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check each statement that applies. I give State Employees' Credit Union permission:

☐ to publish my child's first name, age, and hometown in FAT CAT Paw Prints and/or on the [cufatcats.org](http://cufatcats.org) website.

☐ to publish my child's artwork or story in FAT CAT Paw Prints and/or on the [cufatcats.org](http://cufatcats.org) website.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email a photo of the coloring page to [marketing@ncsecu.org](mailto:marketing@ncsecu.org), or submit your entry at your local branch or by mail:  
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