

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

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| \$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!

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 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 website.
- to publish my child's artwork or story in FAT CAT Paw Prints and/or on the cufatcats.org website.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Email a photo of the coloring page to marketing@ncsecu.org, or submit your entry at your local branch or by mail: FAT CAT - State Employees' Credit Union, PO Box 27948, Raleigh, NC 27611.