



Capital One Secured Credit Card

Eligibility:

- Cannot owe Capital One money
- Cannot have a non-discharged bankruptcy
- Appropriate for those rebuilding credit
- Must demonstrate ability to repay when considering debt to income ratio

Terms:

- Credit line ranges from \$200-\$3,000
- Minimum security deposit: \$49, \$99 or \$200 refundable deposit, based on creditworthiness
- Security Deposit: Option to pay within 80 days of being approved with minimum payment of \$20 at a time
- 24.9% variable APR, based on Prime Rate
- No Annual fee
- \$19 late fee and \$25 NSF
- 25 day grace period or due date
 - Interest accrues on the balance that is NOT paid off by the due date
- Minimum interest charge is \$0.50
- No transfer fee
- \$10 or 3% for cash advances (whichever is greater)
 - JP advises that credit cards NOT be used for this purpose
- Reports to all three credit bureaus - TransUnion, Experian and Equifax
- Customer Service: 1-800-CAPITAL (1-800-227-4825)

How to Pay:

- Online banking: Enrollment requires your Capital One account number and the 3-digit security code on the back, SSN, email address
- Bill pay through your bank
- By mail: Capital One
P.O. Box 30279
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0279

Best Practices:

- View the secured credit card as a credit building tool to pay for an item (such as one tank of gas; cell phone bill of \$50) that is already within your budget.
- Pay on time! At the very least, pay the minimum monthly payment. To maximize, pay the balance in full monthly.
- Charge no more than 30% of the limit to the card in one billing statement (ie. Limits \$300, balance should always remain under \$90) – It is even better if you can keep the balance under \$50 as you will see a greater increase in score.
- Your high credit is the maximum amount you charged to the card – even if you pay off the balance the same day, it is likely that the maximum amount charged will still report to the bureaus!
- Credit card usage is one of the most influential factors on your credit report – stay focused with the card to achieve your long term goals!