What can you learn from your taxes?

We can all use every dollar we earn. When you overpay on your taxes throughout the year, though, you essentially give the government an interest-free loan. That’s money you don’t get to invest and use for yourself during the year. Did you know that the average income tax return in 2022 was $3,039¹ Have you considered what putting those dollars to work within your KBOR Voluntary Retirement Savings Plan could mean for you over time?

Every pretax dollar you contribute reduces your taxable income by a dollar. As a result, you’ll pay less in your current income taxes for the year because, in the eyes of the IRS, you’ve been paid less money. This can help reduce the impact to your overall take-home pay. You’ll pay taxes on the contributions and earnings in the year the money is distributed, which could mean a lower tax bracket when you’re older.* This tax season, consider contributing more to your retirement now for the potential of a whole lot more later.

Increase your contributions to the KBOR Voluntary Plan by completing a salary reduction agreement. This form is available through your HR/Benefits office or your employer’s website and must be returned to your HR/Benefits office.

Source:

Time to check in on your financial literacy

April is Financial Literacy Month, a national campaign that encourages everyone to take the time to learn important financial skills, so they can improve their own fiscal wellness. Financial literacy is essential because it’s a cornerstone of a stable financial future. Without knowledge of essential financial skills, like how to budget, invest and prepare for retirement, life can become much more difficult. During Financial Literacy Month, it’s a great opportunity to seek out tips, tutorials and webinars to help you brush up on your knowledge of key financial management concepts. Keep reading to start growing your financial awareness.

TIAA

Just like your physical health differs from your co-worker’s, so does your financial health. Knowing this, TIAA created a program that provides how-to resources for practically every need:

- How to save & budget
- Tackle debt
- Manage financial goals
- Protect your savings

Visit TIAA.org/financialwellness to check out resources that can help you find firmer ground. There’s a lot to gain and not much to lose, except some stress.

Voya

Voya’s Financial Literacy Knowledge Center was developed to offer a wide range of topics to help increase your money knowledge so you can take the steps needed to make confident financial decisions.

Getting to where you want to go will depend on the choices you make today. Are you ready to learn more so you can better manage your money for life? Visit voya.com/page/voya-financial-literacy-knowledge-center for more information.
Edelivery—Go paperless and simplify your finances

Want a faster way to keep track of your retirement account? For faster and more secure communications, TIAA and Voya offer email delivery for many of your documents.

**TIAA:**
Log in to your account at TIAA.org/kbor. Once you see your account home page, select your profile (click on the icon with your initials on the top right corner) and select Communication preferences. Click Go paperless and Save preferences at the bottom.

**Voya:**
Log in to your account at kbor.beready2retire.com. Go to your profile (upper right-hand corner) and select Communications Preferences. Follow the prompts to provide your email address and update your paperless or mail options.

Questions about your retirement plan?

For more information about the KBOR Retirement Program, please contact TIAA or Voya for personal retirement planning support and advice.** Meeting with a TIAA or Voya financial consultant is included as a benefit of the KBOR retirement plan at no additional cost.

**TIAA**
By phone: Call 800-842-2252, weekdays, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (CT)
Online: TIAA.org/schedulenow

**Voya**
By phone: Call 800-814-1643, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (CT)
Online: kbor.beready2retire.com/contact-information/contact-us

*Please note: income derived from the KBOR 403(b) Mandatory and Voluntary plans is currently exempt from Kansas State income tax.

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