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Who is The Bank of Missouri?

Founded in 1891, The Bank of Missouri (TBOM) is a trusted financial institution with \$2.9 billion in assets. The Bank provides personalized banking solutions and empowers individuals to achieve their financial goals so they can Live Well, Bank Well. TBOM remains an independent community bank; small enough to offer personalized service, yet large enough to meet nearly any financial need.

Who is Continental Finance?

Continental Finance Company ("Continental Finance") is one of America's leading marketers and servicers of credit cards issued by partner banks for consumers with less-than-perfect credit. Since the company's founding in 2005, Continental Finance has prided itself on fostering financial inclusion with innovative and flexible technology to deliver best-in-class customer support for those consumers who are excluded by traditional credit card programs.

How do I contact Continental Finance?

Click on the [Contact](#) link for a listing of our Telephone Numbers and Mailing Addresses.

How do I view Credit Card Agreement or the specific Cardholder Agreement for my Account?

View [Cardholder Agreement](#)

Applying for a Credit Card

How do I apply for a credit card?

You may apply online, over the phone with a reservation number, or after receiving a pre-selected offer in the mail.

What information is required when I apply for a credit card?

You'll need to provide personal information, including your:

- Full name
- Social Security number
- Date of birth
- Physical address (No P.O. Box)
- Estimated gross monthly income.



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Why do you need my personal information for my credit card application?

We need your personal information for two reasons:

1. Federal law requires us to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. As a result, your personal information is required and used for identification purposes.
2. We use your personal information, like Social Security number, to pull your credit bureau data, which in turn is used with other information like monthly income to process your application.

Do I need to complete all the information on my credit card application?

Yes. We need all of the information to make an informed decision on a customer's creditworthiness and to assess risk.

Why can't I use a P.O. Box as an address on my credit card application?

We need a physical address in order to process your application.

Can I apply for a credit card with a co-applicant?

No, we do not offer the option for co-applicants at this time, but you may add an authorized user during the application process or any time after your account is opened. There is a one-time fee of \$30 for each individual user you add to your account.

How long does it take to decision my application?

In most cases, we will provide an instant decision. However, in some cases we need to collect additional information to make a decision which could take up to 30 days.

Do you share the contact information on my credit card application with other companies?

The Bank of Missouri and Continental Finance take our commitment to protecting your privacy seriously. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more information.

After Applying

When will I receive my new credit card?

If you're approved and you pay a processing fee (if applicable), your credit card and welcome materials will be mailed within (3) business days.



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What will my credit limit be?

Upon approval, you will be granted a credit limit between \$300-\$1,500. With double your credit limit products, simply make at least your first six monthly minimum payments on time, and your initial credit limit will double.

Can I activate my new credit card online?

Yes, credit cards can be activated through our [online portal](#), mobile app (CFC Mobile Access), or over the phone. To activate over the phone, please call from the number that you provided on your application to the toll-free activation number printed on the sticker affixed to your new card.

How long do I have to activate my new credit card?

You have 30 days to activate your credit card. If you do not activate your credit card in that timeframe your credit card will automatically be closed, and you will be unable to use your new credit card for purchases or other transactions.

What will my annual percentage rate be?

Please see the [Cardholder Agreement](#) page for your APR information.

Can I add someone to my credit card account?

Yes. Simply call the Customer Service phone number on the back of your card. Please note that to add an authorized user to your account; you must be the primary cardholder and fees will apply.

Online Account Access

Can I manage my credit card account online?

Yes. You will be able to register for an account through our [online portal](#) or mobile app (CFC Mobile Access) to do all of the following and more:

- Pay your credit card bill.
- Enroll to receive electronic communications.
- View recent transactions.
- View previous statements.
- View payment history
- View your balance.

How much does it cost to view my transaction activity online?

The [online portal](#) and mobile app (CFC Mobile Access) are free services provided to you as a feature of your credit card.



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If I use the online portal or mobile app service, will I still get a paper statement in the mail?

Yes, you will continue to receive a paper statement unless you change your statement delivery method to receive electronic statements. It may take up to 72 hours to process a statement delivery method change.

Continental Credit Protection

What is Continental Credit Protection?

Continental Credit Protection provides innovative credit protection programs to customers serviced by Continental Finance Company. Credit protection programs are designed to assist customers with their credit card payments in the event of a covered event; such as job loss, disability, hospitalization or the death of a cardholder.

What benefits does Continental Credit Protection offer?

In the event of job loss or disability the Continental Credit Protection Program covers up to twelve (12) continuous minimum monthly payments for the primary cardholder, one (1) minimum monthly payment for hospitalization and cancels the full balance in the event of death (the lesser of the outstanding account balance on the date of death or \$5,000).

How do I request Program benefits?

You may visit our website www.CPCustomerCare.com at any time for information about your program and benefits. Follow the instructions there to open your Benefit Activation and upload your information. Or you can call, email, fax or contact us by regular mail.

Phone: 866-665-7967

Email: CPClaims@CPCustomerCare.com

Mail: Credit Protection, PO Box 8099, Newark, DE 19714-8099

What are the requirements when requesting activation of Program benefits?

You must qualify for the benefit based on the criteria in the Continental Credit Protection Program Addendum and complete and supply all verification information/forms requested.



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How will the monthly Program charge be billed?

The monthly Program charge is billed to your account and will be shown on your monthly billing statement. The charge is based on your outstanding balance multiplied by \$1.39 per \$100 of outstanding balance. As an example, if your balance is \$200, your Credit Protection charge billed that month would be \$2.78. And if your balance is less than \$100, for example \$70, the Credit Protection charge billed that month would be \$.97 cents.

How soon after I enroll can I request benefits under this Program?

You must purchase and be enrolled in the Continental Credit Protection Program for thirty (30) days before you are eligible to receive benefits. After the thirty-day (30) period, you are eligible to file for a benefit activation if you experience a Covered Event. Covered Events under the Program include involuntary job loss, disability, hospitalization and loss of life. Any events that occur in the first thirty (30) days of your enrollment are not eligible for benefits under the terms of the Program.

After I purchase the Program, can I cancel?

Yes. You may cancel at any time. Additionally, you can cancel within thirty (30) calendar days of your effective date, and your account will be credited for any Credit Protection charges billed.

Vantage Score® 3.0

Why isn't my score printing on my statement?

VantageScore® 3.0 is available monthly when you enroll to receive statements electronically. To enroll, log in to your account at www.yourcreditcardinfo.com and chose Electronic Delivery under the Statements menu.

How can I learn more about my VantageScore® 3.0 credit score?

For any questions about the VantageScore® 3.0 and score factors, please visit www.your.vantagescore.com.

How do I get a copy of my credit report?

Request your free annual credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com.

What's the difference between a credit score and credit report?

Credit reports, also known as credit files, are composed of the credit-related data a credit reporting company (CRC) has gathered about consumers from different sources. Credit reports include records of mortgage payments, credit card balances, credit card payments, auto loan payments, and credit inquiries. It may also



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include public records, such as tax liens and other information from government sources.

A credit score is a three-digit number (derived using a mathematical formula) from all the information in your credit report. That mathematical formula is called a credit scoring model, which attempts to measure the likelihood that you may default on a loan payment, which is defined as being more than 90 days past due. Not all credit scores will be the same; nor will they remain the same. Credit scores may differ from one source to the next because different lenders use different credit scoring models. And since a score is based on frequently updated credit files, it may vary over time.

What do different credit scores mean?

VantageScore® 3.0 model uses a score range of 300 to 850. Regardless of the model's score range, higher scores indicate to lenders that you're a less risky borrower, while lower scores indicate that you're an increased risk.

How are credit scores calculated?

A credit score summarizes your credit report into variables. Your score is not physically a part of your credit report. It is calculated at the time a lender requested your credit report.

How can I improve my credit score?

- **Pay your bills on time.** How promptly you pay your bills has the strongest influence on your VantageScore® 3.0 credit score.
- **Apply for credit only when you need it.** Do not open too many accounts too frequently. And avoid opening multiple accounts within a short time span.
- **Keep your outstanding balances low.** A good rule of thumb? Keep balances below 30 percent of the credit limit on any account.
- **Reduce your total debt.** It is not necessarily bad to owe some money. But it is not good to owe too much money. Consider paying down some of your outstanding loans.
- **Build up a credit history.** Maintaining a timely payment history for a mix of accounts (e.g., credit cards, auto, mortgage) over a longer period can improve your score.



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What is the difference between VantageScore® 3.0 and FICO® Score?

Both are types of credit scores, but there are differences:

- VantageScore® 3.0: Scores range from 300-850. Created by the nation's three major Credit Bureaus and used by some lenders to decision loans. Most influential factors include payment history, age and type of credit, percentage of credit limit used and total debt.
- FICO® Score: Scores range from 300-850. Created by Fair Isaac Corporation and used by some lenders to decision loans. Most influential factors include: payment history, amounts owed and length of credit history.

Security and Privacy

What do we do to protect the personal information sent in my application over the Internet?

We are committed to providing secure Internet service through security and encryption technology. We use 128-bit encryption technology, to protect the information you provide to us over the Internet. You can tell that the session is secure when you see a locked padlock displayed at the bottom of most browser windows. Since all of the information being passed through this secured site is encrypted, only we can decipher the application information.

Can anyone other than the cardholder view statements or make bill payments?

Using the unique, secure log-in and password established at account registration, cardholders can enter the site, view their own account information and make payments on their account.

What if my credit card gets lost or stolen?

If you have a missing credit card, report it immediately to our 24-hour Customer Service number located on the [Contact](#) page. This number is also printed on your monthly billing statements. When you report a missing credit card, we will cancel your card and send you a new one.

If my card is lost or stolen, how can I make sure that I am not held responsible with unauthorized charges on my bill?

You will not be liable for any unauthorized use that occurs after you notify us. You may, however, be liable for unauthorized use that occurs before your notice to us. In any case, your liability will not exceed \$50. If you suspect your card has been stolen you should call us right away at the number shown on the Contact page.

What if I want to dispute a charge on my statement?

If you have a problem with the quality of property or services that you have purchased with your credit card; and



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you have tried in good faith to correct the problem with the merchant, call us at the number shown on the Contact page.

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