Types of Savings Accounts

🏛️ 1. Traditional (Regular) Savings Account

- **Where:** Offered by banks and credit unions.
- **Interest Rate:** Usually low (but stable).
- **Access:** Easy access through online transfers, ATMs, or in-branch withdrawals.
- **Best For:** Emergency funds or short-term savings.
- **Pros:** Very liquid, FDIC/NCUA insured up to $250,000.
- **Cons:** Low interest and usually limited withdrawals per month.

💻 2. High-Yield Savings Account

- **Where:** Typically offered by online banks.
- **Interest Rate:** Higher than traditional savings (sometimes 10–20x more).
- **Access:** Online only, transfers take a few days.
- **Best For:** Growing savings faster while keeping flexibility.
- **Pros:** Great interest rates, safe.
- **Cons:** No physical branches, may require electronic transfers.

📈 3. Money Market Account (MMA)

- **Where:** Banks and credit unions.
- **Interest Rate:** Usually higher than traditional savings but may require a larger minimum balance.
- **Access:** Limited check writing and debit card access.
- **Best For:** Holding larger savings with some liquidity.
- **Pros:** Competitive interest, limited spending flexibility.
- **Cons:** Possible monthly fees, minimum balance requirements.

🔒 4. Certificate of Deposit (CD)

- **Where:** Banks and credit unions.
- **Interest Rate:** Fixed and typically higher than regular savings.
- **Access:** Funds locked for a set term (e.g., 6 months–5 years).
- **Best For:** Money you don't need access to for a while.
- **Pros:** Guaranteed returns, safe.
- **Cons:** Penalties for early withdrawal.

💸 5. Cash Management Account (CMA)

- **Where:** Offered by brokerages or fintech companies (like Fidelity or Wealthfront).
- **Interest Rate:** Often competitive with high-yield savings accounts.
- **Access:** Check writing and debit cards, with FDIC sweep insurance.
- **Best For:** People who want flexible savings tied to an investment account.
- **Pros:** Combined banking and investment features, good rates.
- **Cons:** Not every CMA is insured the same way—need to confirm details.