

Vote Missouri!

ELECT YOUR TREASURER



What would three billion dollars look like?

According to Missouri's state treasurer, a \$3 billion stack of \$10 bills would be 7,500 feet high, or more than 11 Gateway Arch Monuments stacked up! And if we started counting to 3 billion right now, it would take us over 90 years to finish. Three billion dollars is the amount of money that the state treasurer takes care of for the state of Missouri. The treasurer invests the money and then gives it to businesses, farmers and Missouri communities that need extra money.

The state treasurer also has Missouri's lost and found department. It's not the kind of lost and found you'd look in if you misplaced your backpack or CD case — it is where

businesses like banks turn in money that has been lost or forgotten. Missouri is holding over \$300 million in unclaimed property belonging to 1.5 million owners.

What do you want to be when you grow up? More than 85 percent of all new jobs in the 21st Century will require some education beyond high school. What

does that have to do with

the treasurer's office? The treasurer oversees the Missouri Saving for Tuition, or MOST program. This is an account that helps parents save money for college.

A person may only serve as state treasurer for two terms.

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Treasurer Facts

1. Alfred Morrison was re-elected treasurer in 1860, but had to be replaced when the Civil War broke out because he refused to take an oath of loyalty to the Union side — he sympathized with the Confederacy.
2. Nancy Farmer was the first woman to hold the office (2001-2005).
3. Two recent state treasurers, Bob Holden and Mel Carnahan, went on to become the governor of Missouri.
4. George Caleb Bingham, a famous artist, served as state treasurer from 1862-1865.

LEARNING EXTENSIONS

- 1 For all grade levels, go to www.treasurer.missouri.gov for more information on the treasurer's office.
- 2 Grades 4-6: ACTIVITY #1—What is the most important job of the state treasurer—taking care of \$3 billion, having a lost and found department, or having a program to help with college costs? Why? ACTIVITY #2—Draw what \$3 billion looks like to you. ACTIVITY #3—Check out the unclaimed property database at www.showmemoney.com. Maybe you can help your parents and relatives find some lost money!
- 3 Grades 7-12: ACTIVITY #1—The state treasurer is the only elected official besides the governor and lieutenant governor who can run only two times for office. Why do you think the treasurer would have this limitation? Do you agree with this term limit? Why or why not? ACTIVITY #2—Research how property in Missouri becomes “unclaimed” and how long the state has to hold onto this property before it can use it for state business. ACTIVITY #3—What qualifications or experiences would you want someone running for state treasurer to have? ACTIVITY #4—Learn about how to help your parents save money for your college education by going to www.missourimost.org.

MISSOURI STANDARDS ALIGNMENT:

GLE—SS3-A1, C, CA2, 3, 1.6 (for grades K-8)

CLE—SS2C, CA 2, 3, 1.6 (for grades 9-12)