



Telephone	* Brokerage Firm	Commission						Min. (\$)	Minimums to Balance Open Require (\$)		Cash Balance	Fees			Research
		100 Shares at Total: \$5,000 as % of Trade	500 Shares at Total: \$25,000 as % of Trade	1,000 Shares at Total: \$5,000 as % of Trade								Transfer Account (\$)	Shares in Name Account (\$)	Inactive Account (\$)	
800/494-8939	AccuTrade	30.00	0.60	38.00	0.15	48.00	0.96	30.00	5,000		Interest (\$1,000)	25			Standard
800/297-7378	American Express Brokerage	44.95	0.89	44.95	0.17	44.95	0.89	44.95			Sweep	50	15	13	Both (fee)
800/223-2638	Baker & Co.	40.00	0.80	80.00	0.32	55.00	1.11	40.00			Sweep				Standard
800/926-1111	Banc of America Inv't Serv [†]	54.00	1.08	154.50	0.61	88.50	1.77	40.00	1,000		Sweep			25	Standard (fee)
800/338-3965	Bank of San Francisco	50.00	1.00	140.00	0.56	79.50	1.59	50.00			Sweep (\$1,000)	25	25		Standard
800/221-2111	Barry Murphy & Co.	32.50	0.65	62.50	0.25	60.00	1.21	25.01			Sweep (\$1,000)	50		50	Standard (fee)
800/547-6337	Bidwell & Co.	28.00	0.56	60.00	0.24	60.00	1.21	20.00			Sweep (\$45,000)		10		Standard
800/262-5800	✕ Bull & Bear Securities	44.00	0.88	124.00	0.49	72.00	1.44	31.00			Sweep				Standard
800/621-0392	Burke Christensen & Lewis Sec	34.00	0.68	34.00	0.13	34.00	0.68	34.00			Interest	30			
800/821-4803	Bush Burns Securities	35.00	0.70	35.00	0.14	35.00	0.71	35.00			Interest (\$1,000)				
800/366-1500	Century Discount Investments	29.00	0.58	29.00	0.11	30.00	0.61	29.00			Interest	50			Standard
800/435-4000	Charles Schwab	55.00	1.10	155.00	0.62	90.00	1.81	39.00	2,500	2,500	Sweep (\$100)		15		Both (fee)
800/275-2484	✕ Citicorp Investment Services	29.95	0.59	110.00	0.44	120.00	2.41	29.95			Sweep	50			Both
800/292-6637	Consolidated Fin'l Invest	35.00	0.70	45.00	0.18	59.50	1.19	35.00			Sweep (\$500)	50			
800/536-8770	Cutter & Co. Brokerage	60.00	1.20	125.00	0.50	80.00	1.61	35.00			Sweep				Standard
800/780-3543	Downstate Discount	35.00	0.70	55.00	0.22	60.00	1.21	35.00	2,000		Sweep				Standard
800/843-5466	Dreyfus Lion Account	54.00	1.08	154.50	0.61	88.50	1.77	38.00	10,000	10,000	Sweep		10	25	Standard
800/900-8101	Empire Financial Group*	19.00	0.38	19.00	0.07	19.00	0.38	19.00			Sweep	50	20		Standard
480/951-0079	First Financial Equity	37.50	0.75	37.50	0.15	37.50	0.75	37.50				25			Both
800/359-9297	First Union Brokerage	45.00	0.90	140.00	0.56	90.00	1.81	40.00			Sweep		15		Both (fee)
800/729-7585	Freeman Welwood	39.00	0.78	59.00	0.23	50.00	1.11	34.05			Sweep (\$500)		15		Standard
800/368-7681	GIT Investment Services	50.00	1.00	147.00	0.58	90.00	1.81	41.00			Interest	25			
800/728-1266	Investors National Corp.	39.00	0.78	67.50	0.27	40.00	0.81	39.00			Sweep	25	25		Standard
800/247-3396	J.D. Seibert & Company	49.00	0.98	140.00	0.56	75.00	1.51	49.00			Sweep				
800/743-7059	John Finn & Company	49.00	0.98	160.00	0.64	111.76	2.23	49.00			Sweep (\$500)			40	
800/671-8505	Levitt & Levitt	35.00	0.70	35.00	0.14	70.00	1.41	35.00	500		Sweep (\$100)	50			
800/221-3305	Marquette de Bary Co.	42.90	0.85	146.43	0.58	69.85	1.39	20.00			Sweep (\$1,000)	50		50	Standard
800/223-6642	Max Ule	57.00	1.14	195.00	0.78	70.00	1.41	35.00			Sweep (\$1,000)	50		50	Both
800/899-6878	Mercantile Discount Investing ^{††}	45.00	0.90	130.00	0.52	80.00	1.61	39.00	2,500		Sweep (\$1,000)			20	
800/621-2627	Mongerson & Co.	35.00	0.70	95.00	0.38	66.00	1.32	30.00			Sweep			35	Standard
800/872-0711	Muriel Siebert	45.00	0.90	113.00	0.45	57.00	1.14	37.50			Sweep (\$1)				Standard (fee)

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* Non-market orders are higher

[†] Formerly NationsBanc Investments

^{††} Formerly Bruno, Stolze

Other Securities Handled					Services								Internet Services					Internet Address http://
No-Load Mutual Funds	Bonds	Options	Annu- ities	CDs	Self-Directed IRA			Div. Reinvest Plans	Clears Trades Directly	Touch-Tone Phone				Place Trades	Com. Disc.	Free Web Research	Free Real-Time Quotes	
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Internet Services


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Free Web Research: Customers can access standard research reports at the firm's Internet site at no extra charge.

Free Real-Time Quotes: Customers can access real-time quotes on stock trades at the firm's Internet site at no extra charge.

Internet Address: Web address is given where available for all brokers. Some sites are informational only.



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		100 Shares at \$50/Share Total: \$5,000		500 Shares at \$50/Share Total: \$25,000		1,000 Shares at \$5/Share Total: \$5,000						Transfer Account	Shares in Name	Inactive Account	
		as % of Trade	as % of Trade	as % of Trade	Min. (\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)			
Telephone	* Brokerage Firm	(\$)		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)		Cash Balance					
800/999-3278	Newport Discount Brokerage	30.00	0.60	40.00	0.16	50.00	1.11	30.00		Sweep					
800/433-0738	✗ Norwest Brokerage Direct	59.00	1.18	148.00	0.59	76.50	1.53	40.00	1,000	Sweep	50			Standard	
800/235-3100	OLDE Discount Corp.	40.00	0.80	100.00	0.40	52.50	1.05	20.00	1,000	Sweep (\$1,000)				Both	
800/444-5880	✗ Perelman-Carley & Assoc.	23.00	0.46	25.00	0.10	50.00	1.11	18.00		Interest	40	18			
800/666-1440	Peremel & Co.	38.00	0.76	50.00	0.20	65.00	1.31	38.00	2,000	Sweep		15		Standard	
800/782-8871	Prestige Status*	29.50	0.59	29.50	0.11	29.50	0.59	29.50	5,000	Sweep		20			
800/672-7220	Quick & Reilly	49.00	0.98	119.50	0.47	60.50	1.21	37.50		Sweep				Standard (fee)	
800/328-8600	Recom Securities	39.00	0.78	163.00	0.65	75.00	1.51	35.00		Sweep (\$100)				Standard	
800/283-1950	Scottsdale Securities, Inc.	32.00	0.64	50.00	0.20	63.00	1.26	31.50		Sweep				Standard (fee)	
800/700-0820	Scudder Financial Services	50.00	1.00	139.50	0.55	80.00	1.61	35.00	2,500	Sweep (\$1,000)		15	35	Standard (fee)	
800/732-7678	Seaport Securities Corp.	34.00	0.68	50.00	0.20	70.00	1.41	34.00		Sweep				Standard	
800/327-3156	Securities Research	45.00	0.90	120.00	0.48	95.00	1.91	35.00		Sweep				Standard	
800/221-4242	Shearman, Ralston	40.00	0.80	110.00	0.44	106.00	2.12	40.00		Sweep (\$100)				Standard	
800/222-5520	Sherry Bruce State Disc	35.00	0.70	45.00	0.18	70.00	1.41	35.00		Sweep				Standard	
800/327-1536	Shochet Securities	65.00	1.30	152.00	0.60	97.00	1.94	40.00		Sweep (\$1,000)	50		40	Standard	
800/726-7401	St. Louis Discount	39.00	0.78	66.00	0.26	64.00	1.28	39.00		Interest				Standard	
800/782-1522	Sterling Investment	45.00	0.90	124.50	0.49	69.50	1.39	40.00		Sweep				Standard	
800/225-6196	✗ StockCross*	33.50	0.67	67.50	0.27	110.00	2.21	25.09		Interest (\$3,000)			50		
800/328-4854	Strong Investments†	53.00	1.06	153.00	0.61	90.00	1.81	37.00		Sweep				Standard	
800/631-1635	Summit Financial Services	45.00	0.90	95.00	0.38	60.50	1.21	35.00		Sweep			50	(fee)	
800/638-5660	T. Rowe Price Brokerage	46.00	0.92	134.00	0.53	80.00	1.61	35.00		Sweep		15		Both	
888/907-9797	Trade-Well Discount Investing	27.00	0.54	27.00	0.10	27.00	0.54	27.00	500	Sweep (\$500)	35	25		Both (fee)	
800/961-1500	TradeStar*	24.00	0.48	24.00	0.09	24.00	0.48	24.00	2,000	Sweep	25	25	30		
800/531-8343	USAA Brokerage Services	45.00	0.90	136.00	0.54	72.00	1.44	35.00		Interest	25			Standard	
800/862-7283	Unified Financial Services	54.00	1.08	154.00	0.61	90.00	1.81	38.00		Sweep	25	15	35		
800/992-8327	Vanguard Brokerage Services	48.00	0.96	60.00	0.24	75.00	1.51	45.03	3,000	Sweep				Standard (fee)	
800/374-1940	Vision Securities	45.00	0.90	60.00	0.24	100.00	2.11	45.00		Sweep				Both	
800/922-9008	Wachovia Investments	55.00	1.10	149.95	0.59	89.95	1.79	40.00		Sweep		15	30	Standard	
800/925-5781	Wall Street Access	45.00	0.90	45.00	0.18	45.00	0.91	45.00	10,000	Sweep (\$2,000)				Standard	
800/321-4877	Wall Street Equity, Inc.*	15.00	0.30	15.00	0.06	15.00	0.31	15.00	2,000	Interest (\$2,000)	50	25			
800/926-9991	Wilshire Capital Mgmt, LLC	15.00	0.30	25.00	0.10	30.00	0.61	15.00	25,000	Sweep		25		Standard	

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No-Load Mutual Funds	Bonds	Options	Annu- ities	CDs	Self-Directed IRA Can Open	Set-up (\$)	Main. (\$)	Div. Reinvest Plans	Clears Trades Directly	Touch-Tone Phone				Place Trades	Com. Disc.	Free Web Research	Free Real-Time Quotes	
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The American Association of Individual Investors

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		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)	(\$)		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	
800/221-3154	York Securities	35.00	0.70	43.00	0.17	53.00	1.06	35.00		Sweep				Standard
800/433-5132	Young, Stovall	50.00	1.00	136.00	0.54	78.00	1.56	35.00		Sweep (\$100)				Standard
800/800-3215	Your Discount Broker	35.00	0.70	55.00	0.22	70.00	1.41	35.00		Sweep (\$1,000)		20	25	Both
	Average	40.62	0.81	89.88	0.35	66.36	1.32	34.45						
	Highest	65.00	1.30	195.00	0.78	120.00	2.41	50.00						
	Lowest	15.00	0.30	15.00	0.06	15.00	0.31	15.00						

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		100 Shares at \$50/Share Total: \$5,000 as % of Trade		500 Shares at \$50/Share Total: \$25,000 as % of Trade		1,000 Shares at \$5/Share Total: \$5,000 as % of Trade		Open	Balance Require		Transfer Account	Shares in Name	Inactive Account	
		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)	(\$)		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	
888/229-2853	A.B. Watley Group, Inc.	9.95	0.19	9.95	0.03	9.95	0.19	9.95	3,000	Sweep		15		Standard
888/682-6973	AFTrader	14.95	0.29	14.95	0.05	14.95	0.29	14.95		Sweep				Standard
800/669-3900	Ameritrade*	8.00	0.16	8.00	0.03	8.00	0.16	8.00	2,000	Sweep (\$1,000)	25	15		
800/822-2021	Brown & Co.*	5.00	0.10	5.00	0.02	5.00	0.11	5.00	15,000	Interest (\$1,000)		20		
800/432-0327	CompuTel Securities*	14.00	0.28	14.00	0.05	9.00	0.18	9.00	5,000	Sweep (\$100)				Standard
888/762-9237	CyBerCorp.com	14.95	0.29	14.95	0.05	14.95	0.29	14.95	10,000 5,000	Interest		15		
800/825-5723	DLdirect Inc.	20.00	0.40	20.00	0.08	20.00	0.41	20.00		Sweep		15		Custom
888/463-2835	Datek Online	9.99	0.19	9.99	0.03	9.99	0.19	9.99	2,000	Interest		50		

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No-Load	Bonds	Options	Annu- ities	CDs	Self-Directed IRA			Div. Reinvest Plans	Clears Trades Directly	Touch-Tone Phone				Place Trades	Com. Disc.	Free Web Research	Free Real-Time Quotes	
Mutual Funds					Can Open	Set-up (\$)	Main. (\$)			Acct. Info.	Place Trades	Com. Disc.						
✓	✓	✓			✓		25	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.yorktrade.com
✓ (fee)	✓	✓			✓		35	✓										www.youngstovall.com
✓	✓	✓			✓		35	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.ydb.com

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Services

Self-Directed IRA: Self-directed individual retirement accounts can be set up. If the firm charges a fee for initial set up or annual maintenance, the amount is noted.

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commission rate for trades placed through a touch-tone phone, this is noted under **Com. Disc.**

Internet Services

Place Trades: On-line trading can be conducted through the Internet. If trading through this option carries lower commission rates, this is noted under **Com. Disc.**

Free Web Research: Customers can access standard research reports at the firm's Internet site at no extra charge.

Free Real-Time Quotes: Customers can access real-time quotes on stock trades at the firm's Internet site at no extra charge.

Internet Address: Web address is given where available for all brokers. Some sites are informational only.

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					Can Open	Set-up (\$)	Main. (\$)			Acct. Info.	Place Trades	Com. Disc.						
✓ (fee)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	www.abwatley.com	
		✓			✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	www.afttrader.com	
✓ (fee)	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		www.ameritrade.com	
✓ (fee)	✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	www.brownco.com	
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					✓	35							✓		✓	✓	www.cybercorp.com	
✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	www.dljdirect.com	
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Live Broker: Maintains staff of brokers that handles trades by phone when customers have difficulty placing trades on-line. If commissions for broker-assisted trades are higher than on-line commissions, this is noted under **Live Com. Higher.**

Free Web Research: Customers can access research reports through firm's Internet site at no charge.

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		Total: \$5,000 as % of (\$)	Trade	Total: \$25,000 as % of (\$)	Trade	Total: \$5,000 as % of (\$)	Trade								
800/421-8395	Dreyfus Brokerage Services†	15.00	0.30	15.00	0.06	15.00	0.31	15.00		Interest		35		Standard	
800/786-2575	E*Trade Securities*	14.95	0.29	14.95	0.05	14.95	0.29	14.95	1,000	Sweep (\$100)		25	5	Custom (fee)	
800/544-8666	Fidelity Brokerage Services*	25.00	0.50	25.00	0.10	25.00	0.51	25.00	5,000	5,000	Sweep		15	24	Standard (fee)
888/988-6168	Firstrade Securities, Inc.*	6.95	0.13	6.95	0.02	6.95	0.13	6.95		Sweep					
800/381-1481	Freedom Investments	15.00	0.30	15.00	0.06	15.00	0.31	15.00	2,000	Interest (\$2,000)		25	50	25	Standard
800/354-7429	GFN Investments*	14.95	0.29	14.95	0.05	14.95	0.29	14.95		Sweep					Standard
800/696-2811	InternetTrading.com	14.00	0.28	14.00	0.05	14.00	0.28	14.00	10,000	Sweep (\$1,000)		50	25	25	
800/392-7192	InvestEXpress On-line	13.95	0.27	13.95	0.05	13.95	0.27	13.95		Sweep					Standard
800-327-1883	InvestIN Securities Corp.	9.95	0.19	9.95	0.03	9.95	0.19	9.95	1,000	2,000		15	15		Standard
800/498-7120	Investrade*	7.95	0.15	7.95	0.03	7.95	0.15	7.95	2,000	Sweep (\$500)			50		Standard
800-946-1776	J.B. Oxford & Company*	14.50	0.29	14.50	0.05	14.50	0.29	14.50	2,000	Sweep		45	25	25	Standard
800/688-3462	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Online††	29.95	0.59	29.95	0.11	29.95	0.59	29.95	2,000	Sweep					Both (fee)
800/470-1896	Mr. Stock*	14.95	0.29	14.95	0.05	14.95	0.29	14.95	2,000	Sweep			25		Standard
888/882-5600	Mydiscountbroker.com†††	12.00	0.24	12.00	0.04	12.00	0.24	12.00		Sweep			25		Standard
800/888-3999	National Discount Brokers*	14.75	0.29	14.75	0.05	14.75	0.29	14.75		Sweep (\$1,000)			15		Standard (fee)
800/638-4250	Net Investor	20.95	0.41	24.95	0.09	29.95	0.59	19.96	5,000	Sweep		50	25	50	
888/889-9178	Preferred Trade††††*	15.00	0.30	15.00	0.06	20.00	0.41	15.00	1,000	Interest			15	35	
800/786-9000	Regal Discount*	18.95	0.37	18.95	0.07	18.95	0.37	18.95	2,000	Sweep (\$500)		25	25		Standard
877/477-4337	Spider Securities	14.95	0.29	14.95	0.05	14.95	0.29	14.95		Sweep (\$100)		25			
401/642-6900	SureTrade*	7.95	0.15	7.95	0.03	7.95	0.15	7.95		Interest			20		Standard
800/934-4443	TD Waterhouse Securities	12.00	0.24	12.00	0.04	12.00	0.24	12.00		Sweep			15		Standard (fee)
800/925-8566	Trading Direct	9.95	0.19	9.95	0.03	9.95	0.19	9.95		Interest (\$1)			10		
888/887-7422	U.S. Rica Financial Inc.	10.00	0.20	4.95	0.01	4.95	0.09	4.95	2,000	Sweep					Standard
888/474-4281	WIT Capital*	14.95	0.29	14.95	0.05	14.95	0.29	14.95	2,000	Sweep (\$1)			25		Both
888/925-5783	✗ Wall Street Electronica	21.95	0.43	29.95	0.11	39.95	0.79	19.95	2,000	Sweep (\$100)		50	25	75	Both
800/872-3377	WellsTrade	29.95	0.59	29.95	0.11	29.95	0.59	29.95	1,000	Sweep		25		20	
Average On-Line		14.62	0.29	14.83	0.05	15.27	0.31	14.24							
Highest On-Line		29.95	0.59	29.95	0.11	39.95	0.79	29.95							
Lowest On-Line		5.00	0.10	4.95	0.01	4.95	0.09	4.95							

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