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**STEPS
TO BECOME A
MILLIONAIRE**





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The background is a soft-focus image of a desk. On the left, there is a glowing globe. In the center, an open book lies flat. On the right, a silver mesh pencil holder contains several colored pencils. The entire scene is bathed in a warm, yellowish light. In the top-left and top-right corners, there are dark grey rectangular shapes, each consisting of two stacked rectangles of different sizes. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark grey curved shape that resembles a shadow or a decorative element.

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Set Goals to Become a Millionaire



The first step is setting goals.

When you set goals, don't just say "I want to become a millionaire by 40." Instead, break it down into smaller actionable goals that provide a roadmap to follow. All goals to become a millionaire should be specific and actionable. Here are some example goals:

Save 15% of Your Income



You are going to need some assets to work with to grow a million-dollar net worth, and those will come from your savings.



Remember, you can't spend your way to becoming a millionaire. Instead, you must invest and grow your way over time. Treat your money like key assets.



Start by saving at least 15% of your current income – more if you can.



Pay Off Credit Card Balance



- ✓ **Millionaires avoid consumer debt**, and specifically they avoid credit cards. According to the National Study of Millionaires, 73% never had credit card debt.
- ✓ **Credit cards can be useful**, but the problem is they tempt you to overspend. And if you carry balances over from month to month, the finance charges pile up.
- ✓ **Pay down existing card** balances fast. It frees up money to invest in assets or to start or expand a business.

Invest and Leverage Compound Interest

Those who want to make a million dollars have an investing plan to grow assets. A savings account paying 1% interest on their money is not enough. Mutual funds pay greater returns, and are one of the easiest investments for entrepreneurs.

Investing is important because it makes compound interest work for you.



Start a Business or Expand One



Owning a business may increase the odds that you become a millionaire. According to the book, *The Next Millionaire Next Door*, business owners tend to have a higher net worth than those who work for others.

IRS data shows that the top 1% own businesses. In other words, business owners and entrepreneurs tend to earn more money, also.



Thank You!