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The stirring Minuteman image was then applied to a new savings stamp introduced on November 30, 1954. The United States Savings stamps program was created to encourage savings and thrift among American schoolchildren.



*Stamp issued on
March 13, 1957*

Stamps were issued in denominations of 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1, and \$5. Albums and other materials that appealed to the spirit of patriotism accompanied the “Minuteman” Savings stamps.

US Savings stamps were purchased by school administrators at local post offices and resold to students. An album containing \$18.75 in Savings stamps could be exchanged for a US Savings Bond with a face value of \$25.00.



*Stamp issued on
November 18, 1958*

In 1958, the 25¢ Savings stamp was reissued with a new design that incorporated a 48-star US flag. In 1961, the 25¢ stamp was updated to include a 50-star US flag in recognition of Alaska and Hawaii’s admission to the Union. The US Savings stamp program was discontinued in 1970.



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