



# Breaking Down the Wall: A Beginner's Guide - Beating the System (Without a Million Bucks)

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## 1. Welcome to the Rebellion

Congratulations.

If you're reading this, you've already started tearing down a wall that was built to keep you out.

Here at **Wall St Walls**, we believe the financial system was built by - and for - the elite. The so-called "rules" are just velvet ropes disguised as protection. But knowledge is a crowbar, and this guide is your first swing.

## 2. What Exactly Is an Accredited Investor Anyway?

According to the SEC, to become an "accredited investor," you need:

- A **net worth** of over **\$1 million** (excluding your home), **or**
- An **income** of over **\$200K/year** for two consecutive years (\$300K if married)
- Or, in some cases, fancy financial credentials (e.g., Series 7 license)

What does this get you? Access to **pre-IPO deals**, **hedge funds**, **private placements**, **real estate syndications**, **angel investing**, and more.

If you're not in that club, you're locked out—not because you're too dumb, but because you're too broke for their taste. Charming, right?

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### 3. Why the System Is Rigged – and Who’s Behind It

The SEC says it’s all about *protection*. They don’t want you investing in risky startups or shady hedge funds. But here’s the hypocrisy:

- You can bet your entire paycheck on crypto. ✓
- You can max out credit cards on meme stocks. ✓
- You can lose your shirt at a casino, lottery, or sports betting app. ✓
- But you *can’t* invest \$1,000 in a promising startup? ✗

This isn’t about risk. It’s about **control**.

And the system is very comfortable with you staying on the outside, working your job, buying index funds, and staying out of the big-money games.

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### 4. Where the Real Opportunities Are (Even Without the Club Invite)

Here’s the good news: you don’t need the SEC’s permission slip to build wealth.

Non-accredited investors still have access to:

- **Crowdfunding Platforms**  
e.g. [Wefunder](#), [Republic](#), [StartEngine](#)
- **REITs** (Real Estate Investment Trusts)  
e.g. [Fundrise](#), [RealtyMogul](#)
- **Micro-Investing Apps**  
e.g. [Public](#), [M1 Finance](#), [Acorns](#)
- **Crypto (Cautiously)**  
You don’t need to YOLO your rent money into meme coins, but you can learn about DeFi protocols that offer yields better than banks.

Wall St Walls is here to break all this down—with honesty, irreverence, and zero Wall Street snobbery.

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### 5. 10 Ways to Start Investing Now Without Being “Qualified”






1. Start with a **high-yield savings account** (4–5% APY isn’t bad for zero risk)
2. Try **REIT platforms** with \$10–\$100 minimums
3. Buy **fractional shares** of stocks through commission-free brokerages
4. Explore **dividend stocks** for slow, steady growth
5. Join **real estate crowdfunding** platforms
6. Put some skin in the game with **startup investing via Reg CF**
7. Learn about **crypto staking or lending** (start small, DYOR!)

8. Use **M1 Finance pies** to build your own ETF-style portfolio
  9. Join investing **Discords or subreddits** with educational value
  10. Invest in your **skills**—certs, bootcamps, small business ideas, etc.
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## 6. Avoid These Rookie Mistakes

- ✗ FOMO Investing – Don't chase hype. If someone's flexing Lambos, run.
  - ✗ All-In on One Asset – Diversify like your rent depends on it (because it might).
  - ✗ Ignoring Fees – Hidden fees quietly kill your returns.
  - ✗ Thinking You're Late – You're not. Markets will always create new cycles.
  - ✗ Confusing Activity with Strategy – You don't need 10 trades a day. You need a plan.
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## 7. Wall St Walls Toolbox: Resources to Get Ahead

-  [Investopedia](#): great for definitions and “What Is X?”
  -  [Wefunder](#): invest in startups as a non-accredited investor
  -  [The Motley Fool](#): solid beginner investing ideas
  -  [WallStWalls.com/news](#): our spin on daily financial drama
  -  [Substack/Blog](#): rants, guides, and financial myth-busting
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## 8. Final Word: You're Not Unqualified—Just Uninvited

They built the walls. We're giving you a ladder.




You don't need millions to make moves. You need **information, intention**, and a healthy dose of "*screw the status quo.*"

Wall St Walls is your home base for fighting the good fight—with your brain, your budget, and your browser. You in?

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### Bonus: Use This Guide However You Want

-  Print it. Share it. Annotate it. Quote it.
  -  Link to it in your email newsletter.
  -  Keep it by your side when investing, and update it as you grow.
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