🌱 Thrive: What's Cooking

Education pays you.

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Thrive is a self-sovereign community where you can learn any skill, especially the ones that help you become an entrepreneur. AI and crypto come first, followed by entrepreneurship and business, personal branding and creating, and self-improvement. You learn, build, and help each other, and the server rewards you for it with 💧 Drops, levels, roles, achievements, and free giveaway entries. Nobody pays to get ahead here. Showing up, learning, and helping is how you grow.

> Drops are off-chain community points. They have **no cash value** and **can't be bought or sold**. Nothing here is financial advice, and a future Thrive token is **not guaranteed**.
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> 🧪 **Where we are now:** Thrive is in a **soft launch** with a small, invite-only group of early members. Everything below is being tested and polished with them before the full public launch. **Day 1** (the official launch date) will be announced, and every "Day" in this paper counts from it.

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1. Our mission

- **Education pays you.** Instead of paying for school, learning here earns you Drops, roles, and recognition.
- **Any skill, built for builders.** Every course aims at something you can use: a tool, a side business, a brand, or a better habit.
- **Self-sovereign.** You learn to hold your own keys, protect your accounts, and own your work. Thrive runs its own bot on its own server, too.
- **Built on trust.** Staff never DM you first about money or wallets. No coin shilling, no "pools", no paid entries, and no lending.
- **For dreamers and doers.** Aspiring entrepreneurs, gig workers, freelancers, creators, gamers, and the AI- and crypto-curious, learning side by side.

Five paths: 🤖 AI skills · 🪙 Crypto · 💼 Entrepreneurship and business · 🎨 Personal branding and creating · 🧠 Self-improvement (habits, money mindset, discipline)

2. ⏱️ Start in 5 minutes

	Step	Time	What happens
1	**Join** Thrive and tap **Verify** in 🔒 verify	1 min	Solve a quick picture captcha. You become a 🌱 Seedling and the server opens up
2	**Read** 📜 **rules** and finish Discord's onboarding questions	1 min	You get a 🌱 Seedling welcome in 💬 general with your member number and first steps, and can chat everywhere
3	**Pick your paths** in **Channels & Roles** (see 🧭 start-here)	30 sec	🤖 AI, 🪙 crypto, 💼 entrepreneurship, 🎨 personal brand, 🧠 self-improvement
4	**Say hi** in 🙋 introductions and post today's 🙏 gratitude	2 min	Your first achievements and XP land right away
5	**Browse your path forums** in 📚 LEARN	1 min	Read a few posts and ask anything in ❓ ask-thrive
6	**Line up the crypto course**	30 sec	At 🍃 Lv 5, ask in 🎓 quiz-requests for 🎓 Student. That opens the lessons in 📘 intro-to-crypto and `/quiz` in 🎓 quiz-hall

Your first weeks: chat for real, collect your first-steps achievements, and reach 🍃 Lv 5 to unlock the course. Post in 🙋 introductions and stick around 7 days toward 🌿 Grower, claim roles in 🎖️ roles, check your progress with `/rank`, and try `/drops-calc` to plan ahead.

New Discord accounts: accounts less than 1 day old can't join, and accounts less than 7 days old wait for a quick staff approval before they earn anything. Use your main account to get started faster.

3. Server tour

The live 👥 **Members** counter sits at the very top of the channel list, so everyone can see how big Thrive is at a glance. It counts real people only, never bots, and updates on its own within a few minutes of someone joining or leaving.

Category	Channels	What it's for
🌱 START HERE	👋 welcome · 📜 rules · 🧭 start-here · 🎖️ roles · 📣 announcements	Read the rules, open the 🗺️ Server Directory, pick your paths, and claim roles
💬 COMMUNITY	💬 general · 🙋 introductions · 🙏 gratitude · 🏆 wins · 🎨 showcase · 📢 self-promo · 🏛️ hall-of-fame · 🤝 collabs	Chat, introduce yourself, the daily gratitude quest, wins, work, and collaborators

Category	Channels	What it's for
📚 LEARN	🪙 crypto · 📘 intro-to-crypto *(🎓 Student)* · 🎨 personal-brand · 🤖 ai-skills · 💼 entrepreneurship · 🧠 self-improvement · ❓ ask-thrive · 📚 resources · 🎓 quiz-requests · 🎓 quiz-hall	Searchable topic forums, Q&A, curated guides, and Thrive Academy quizzes
🎁 REWARDS	🎯 challenges *(on hold)* · ✅ submissions · 🎁 giveaways · 💸 promo-board *(Day 30)*	Free giveaways, challenge entries, and the promo board
💎 PERKS	💎 supporter-lounge · 🤝 network · 🏔️ summit-lounge	Lounges unlocked by roles
🔊 VOICE	🎙️ Lounge · 📖 Study Room · 🎤 Workshop Stage	Hang out, co-work, and join live workshops and AMAs

Locked channels appear once you earn the role next to them. The 🗺️ Server Directory in 🧭 start-here is your map. Birthday and holiday shout-outs post in 💬 general at 9 AM Central, and level-ups post right where you leveled up.

🎣 **self-promo** is free for 🌿 Grower and up: one link per post, with a 6-hour slow-mode. No sub4sub, no follow-for-follow, and no token shilling.

4. Roles, levels, and perks

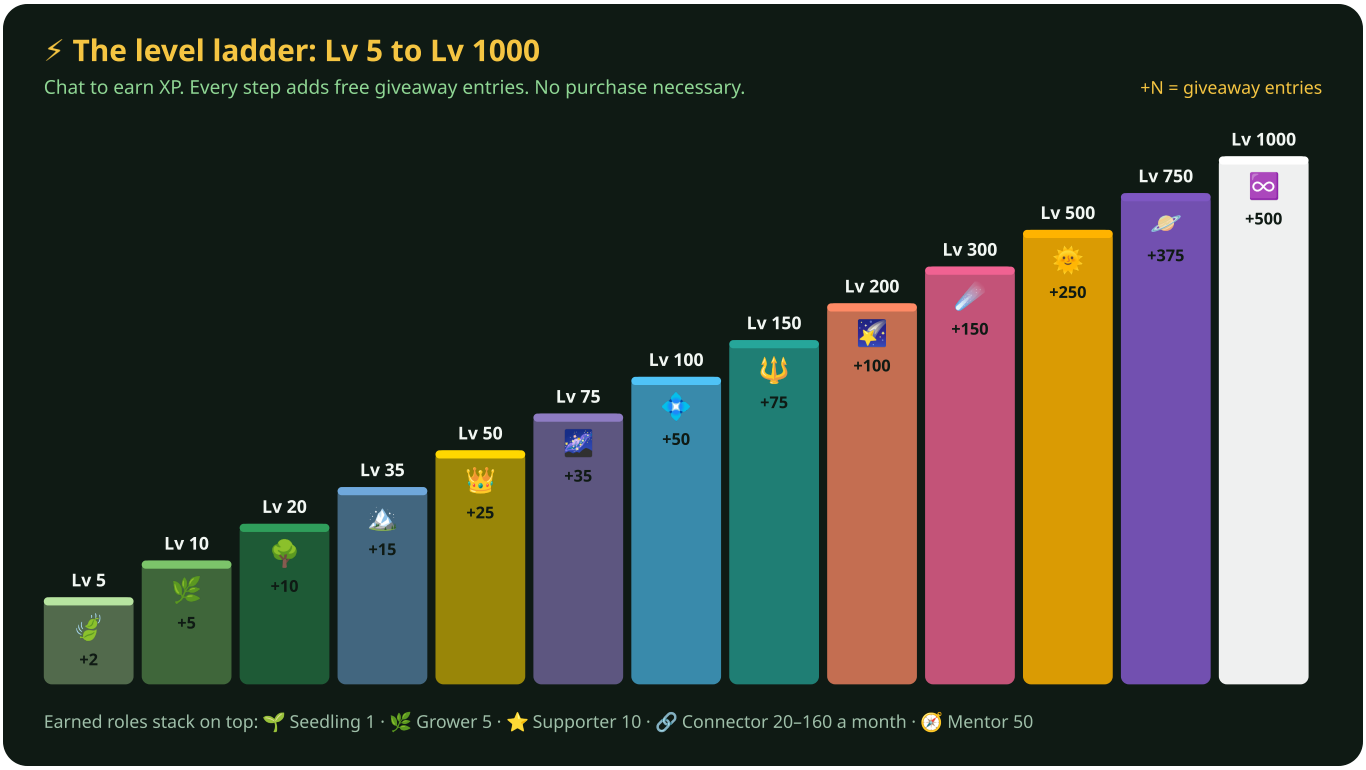
Every role and every giveaway entry is earned for free. **No purchase necessary**, ever. There are no paid or VIP tiers.

Earned roles (access and leadership perks)

Role	How to earn it	Entries	Perks
🌱 Seedling	Pass the verify captcha	1	Chat across the server
🌿 Grower	Introduction post + 7 days	5	Post links, 🎨 showcase, 🎣 self-promo
⭐ Supporter	Boost the server, **or** like, comment, and subscribe to Thrive and post proof	10	💎 supporter-lounge, priority speaker
🔗 Connector I–IV	5 / 10 / 20 / 40 invites	20 / 40 / 80 / 160 a month	🤝 network, create events
🧭 Mentor	Hand-picked helpers	50	Post resources, host the Stage

Levels 1 to 1000. Thrive Academy, our own bot, tracks your exact level. You earn XP for real conversation (3–5 XP per counted message, at most once a minute) and for **achievements**. Leveling is deliberately slow, so high levels mean something: Lv 5 takes about 10 days of active chat, and Lv 10 about 6 weeks. Achievements speed up the early climb a lot. Spam, copy-paste, and emoji-only messages earn nothing. Check yours any time with `/rank` or `/leaderboard`.

Level	Role	Entries	Perk
5	🌱 Sprout	+2	External emojis and stickers, the crypto course, and the 🌳 Well game from Day 30
10	🌿 Rooted	+5	Post images, GIFs, and files; vote; tipping and the promo board from Day 30
20	🌳 Evergreen	+10	Soundboard
35	🏔️ Summit	+15	🏔️ summit-lounge
50	👑 Legend	+25	Gold name at the top
75	🌌 Mythic	+35	Create polls
100	💠 Eternal	+50	Voice Activities
150	🔱 Ascended	+75	Voice status, suggest a giveaway prize
200	🌠 Immortal	+100	Enshrined in 🏛️ hall-of-fame
300	☄️ Celestial	+150	Add an emoji or sticker to the server
500	🌞 Radiant	+250	Your own custom role
750	🪐 Cosmic	+375	Name a channel for a month
1000	♾️ Infinite	+500	Lifetime Hall of Fame title



Level roles stack, so you keep every one you've reached. Each level role also pays a one-time Drops bonus (10× its entries, from 20 Drops at Sprout up to 5,000 at Infinite).

🏅 **Achievements** give one-time XP (never Drops directly) and show under the **Achievements** button on `/rank`.

Group	Examples
First steps	🔓 Verified · 👋 Hello, Thrive · 🙋 Introduced · 🧭 Found my path
Learning	📗 Lesson passed · 🌟 Perfect lesson · 🎓 Course complete
Community	🌿 Grower · 🤝 Helpful · 🙏 Grateful Heart
Streaks	🔥 7-day · 🔥 30-day · ☄️ 100-day
Loyalty	🌱 Getting Settled · 📅 One Month In · 🌿 Four Months In · 🌳 Eight Months In · 💚 Years Loyal
Well game	🌰 Planted · tree stage milestones

Giveaways: entries come only from free roles. Drops can never buy or boost entries. No purchase necessary.

5. 🎓 Thrive Academy

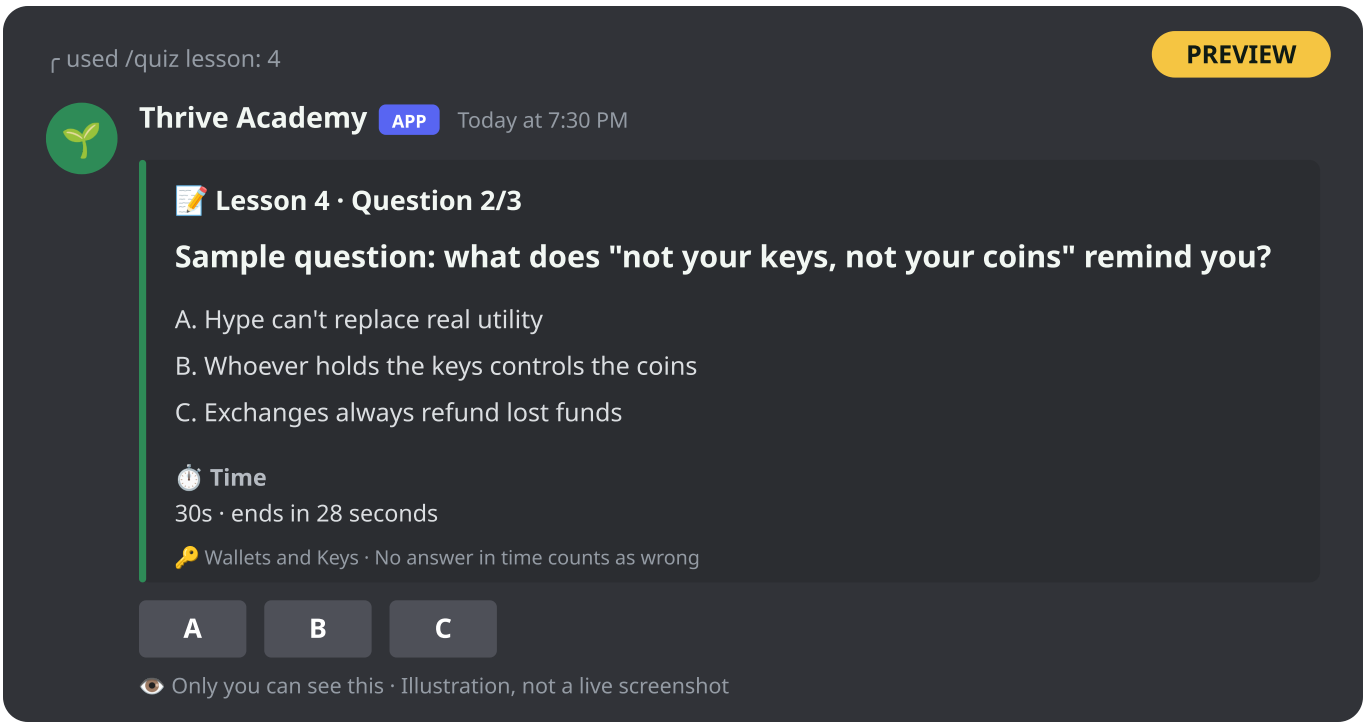
Thrive Academy teaches any skill that helps you build. The first course is ready now, and more are on the way: 🤖 **Intro to AI**, 💼 **Entrepreneurship 101**, and 🧠 **Self-improvement** (habits, money mindset, discipline).

Intro to Crypto: 14 plain-language lessons, from "what is crypto" to your own personal plan.

1. 💰 What Crypto Is and Why It Exists
2. 🧱 Blockchain Basics
3. ⚙️ Consensus, Block Rewards, and Halving
4. 🔑 Wallets and Keys
5. 🛡️ Security and Scams
6. 🛒 Buying Your First Crypto Safely
7. ⚖️ Bitcoin, Ethereum, Altcoins, and Stablecoins
8. 📜 Smart Contracts
9. 🎨 Tokens, Minting, and NFTs
10. 🔄 Swaps, DEXs, Slippage, and Gas
11. 🏦 DeFi Basics and Risks
12. 📈 ETFs and Traditional Access
13. 🧾 Taxes and Record Keeping
14. 🌱 Your Personal Plan and Next Steps

Timed, graded quizzes

- **Unlock:** reach 🍃 Lv 5, then ask in 🎓 quiz-requests. Staff give you the 🎓 **Student** role, which opens the lessons in 📘 intro-to-crypto (Student-only) and the quizzes in 🎓 quiz-hall.
- **Take them** in 🎓 quiz-hall with `/quiz`. Each lesson has a **9-question bank**, and every attempt draws **3 questions** at random, privately, with 30 seconds per question. Every try is a little different.
- **Drops on your best score:** 3/3 = 30 · 2/3 = 20 · 1/3 = 5, so **up to 30 Drops per lesson**. A retake pays only the improvement over your best, with a **1-week cooldown** per lesson.
- **Course completion:** pass all 14 lessons (2/3 or better) for **+100 Drops** and the 🎓 **Crypto Graduate** role. A perfect course adds **+50**.
- **Achievement XP:** every first pass, first perfect score, and course completion also pays XP toward your level.



Preview with a sample question. Real questions come from the graded bank and change on every attempt.

The course is education, not financial advice.

6. 💧 Drops

Earn by showing up. Learning always pays the most.

Way to earn	Drops
Lesson quizzes	up to 30 per lesson, on your best score
Course completion / perfect course	+100 / +50
🙏 Daily gratitude quest	5 a day (plus 15 XP), and +15 for a 7-day streak
Level milestones	One-time bonus per level role (20 up to 5,000)
💚 Loyalty milestones	One-time awards at 1 week, 1, 4, and 8 months, and every year you stay active
💬 Chatting *(coming soon)*	Planned: a small amount per real message (about 0.1–0.34), less when you post fast, credited hourly. Not switched on yet; chatting earns XP for now. Spam, copy-paste, and bot posting will earn nothing

Way to earn	Drops
Helpful answers in ❓ ask-thrive	+15 when a Mentor marks it helpful
Workshops and Stage events	+10
7-day activity streak	+5 a week
Referrals	+25 once your friend sticks around
Weekly challenges	*On hold for now.* Gratitude is the daily quest in the meantime
Certifications and degrees	Coming later, after the verification policy is published

🙏 **The daily gratitude quest.** Every morning at 6 AM Central a new prompt posts in 🙏 gratitude. Share one genuine post a day that fits the prompt. The bot checks it (a real sentence or two, not emoji-only, not a copy of an earlier post) and marks it ✅. Seven days in a row earns the 🙏 Grateful Heart achievement.

🎁 **Bonus Drops.** These boosts raise everything you earn the normal way (quizzes, gratitude, Well claims, level and loyalty milestones) is boosted:

Boost	When	Extra
🎂 Birthday	24 hours from your birthday shout-out (set it with `/birthday`, month and day only)	+25%
🎉 Holidays	New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Thrive's anniversary, midnight to midnight Central	+25%
💚 Loyalty	Permanent, for every year you stay active (70% of days)	+2% a year, up to +20%
⚔️ Raid win	24 hours after your grove wins a Well raid	+10% on your tree's daily drip

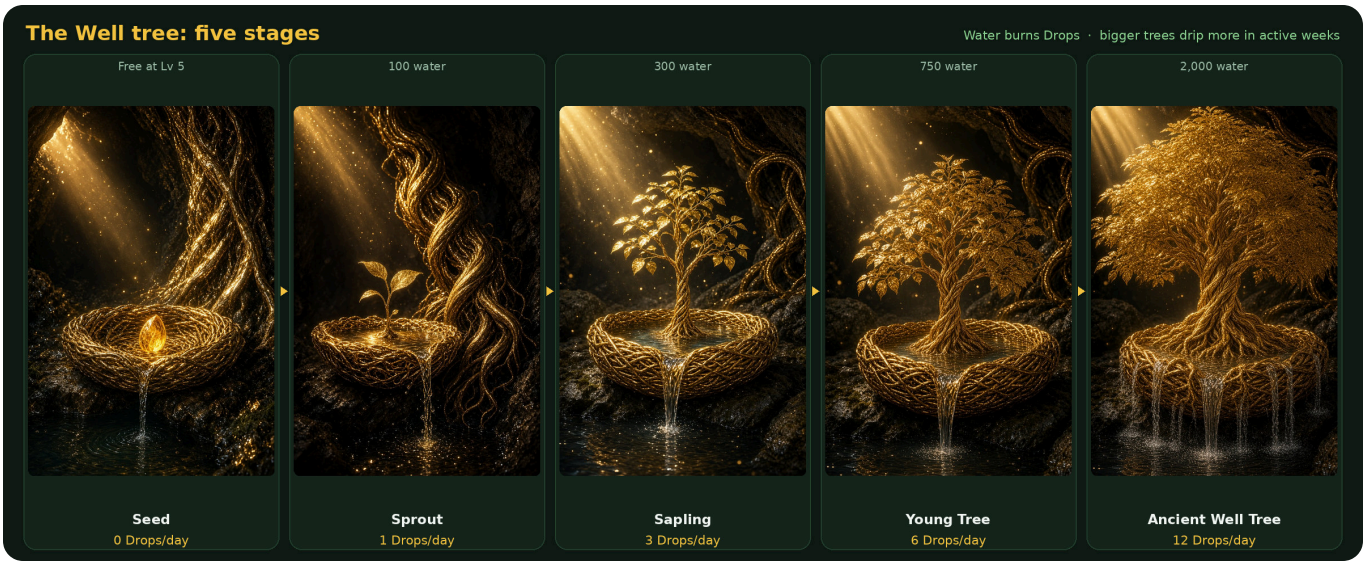
Boosts multiply together (a birthday on a holiday is ×1.5625) and never apply to giveaway entries, which Drops can't touch.

📏 **A fixed monthly budget.** Every Drop is created from one budget that's set in advance and posted on the Drops tab: **120,000 Drops a month in the launch year, then 30,000 a month from month 13 on, the same every month.** Lessons, gratitude, milestones, loyalty, Well trees, chat Drops and the Root bonus all draw from it, and so do staff grants, which are logged with who gave them. Each day gets an even share of what's left that month. If the server earns faster than that,

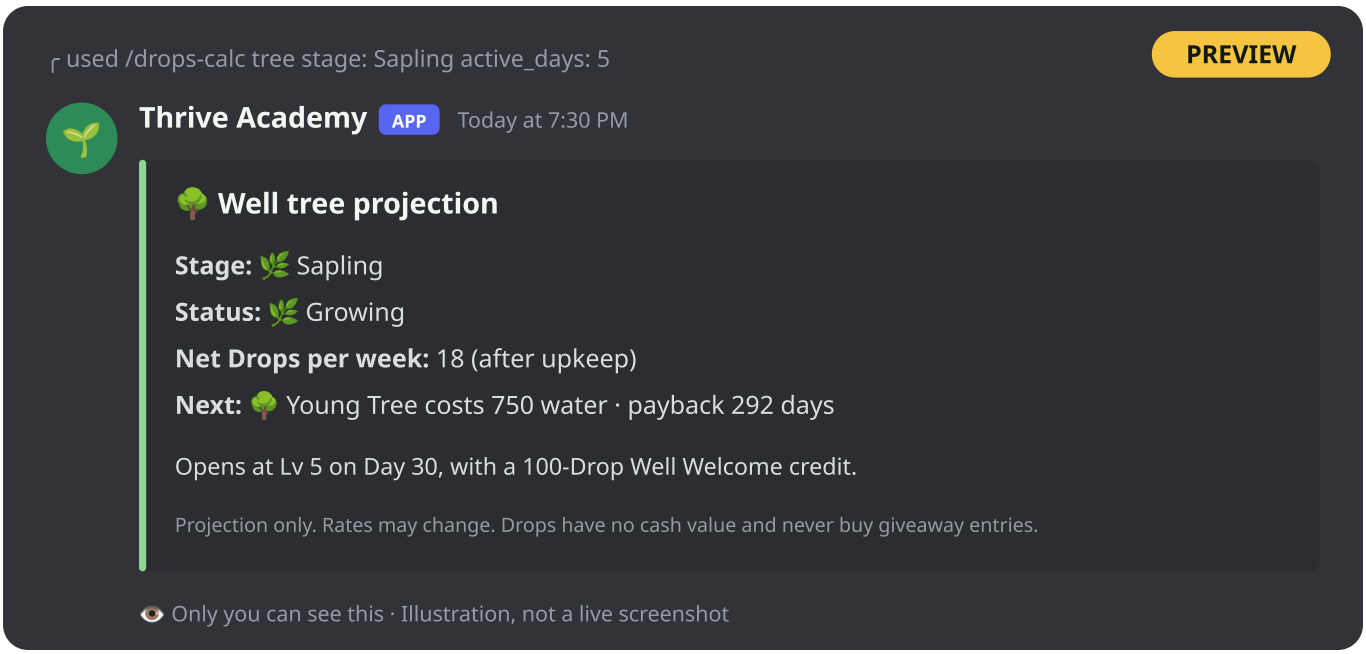
everyone's rewards that day scale down by the same percentage, whatever time you show up. Unused budget doesn't carry over. Watering, upkeep, fees and the shop take Drops out for good, with a goal of 40% or more of everything created. In our 500-member model, supply grows about 18% in year 2 and 14% in year 3 (instead of 108% and 50% with no budget), and about half of all Drops created leave circulation. These are planning estimates, not promises.

Use your Drops (from Day 30)

- 🌳 **Well tree:** grow one tree per member with the Drops you earned. You get a 100-Drop **Well Welcome** credit that grows your Seed into a Sprout right away. Water it to grow it through Seed, Sprout, Sapling, Young Tree, and Ancient Well Tree. Bigger trees drip more Drops each day, up to 12, during weeks you're active. See the Well Tree game in section 8.



- 🌱 **Roots** and 🌳 **Deep Roots:** set Drops aside in 100-day periods (Roots, with an early-exit fee) or lock them for 1–3 periods with no early exit (Deep Roots). Members who keep showing up get a **Root bonus**: bonus Drops credited weekly, **only for weeks you're active**, so it rewards participation, not just holding. Deep Roots earn a larger Root bonus. **Fair bands:** the full Root bonus applies to your first 5,000 across Roots and Deep Roots, half up to 25,000, and a quarter beyond that, so big holders can't run away with it.
- 💸 **Tipping:** thank someone with a small tip. Lv 10+, 30+ days in the server, small daily limits, and 10% of every tip is burned.
- 💸 **Promo board:** fund a promo with Drops, or earn Drops by watching a creator's work and leaving a real comment or feedback. Follow, like, and subscribe are always optional and never required. Lv 10+, 30+ days, and one claim per promo.
- 🛍️ **Shop:** cosmetics such as tree skins, color roles, and naming rights. Never giveaway entries, and never random packs.



Preview of `/drops-calc tree`. Try it yourself any time; projections are estimates and rates may change.

Fair by design

- 🤖 **Anti-bot:** quality checks on chat, verified members only, and level and time requirements for the Well, tips, and promos.
- 🐋 **Anti-whale:** rate bands, one Well tree each, a 🎓 leaderboard that ranks **learning** Drops, not balances, and votes that ignore your balance.
- 🔍 **Transparent:** every Drop is recorded in a ledger, a weekly summary is posted, and fraud is clawed back.

7. 🗳️ Governance: your voice, earned

- **Who votes:** everyone at 🌿 **Lv 10** or higher.
- **How:** `/vote` opens a private ballot in Discord. Each voting period lasts **5 days**, you can change your answers until it closes, and results post automatically.
- **When:** votes run **monthly for the first 3 months** (Days 20–25, 50–55, and 80–85), then **every 100 days**.
- **Weight:** for the first votes, your votes equal your Thrive level (Lv 37 = 37 votes), because levels are earned by showing up. After that, weight is planned to shift toward learning and commitment, capped at 21 votes per member. Your Drops balance never counts.
- **Safety first:** members vote on community items such as tree names, skins, and launch formats. Legal, safety, giveaway, and anti-spam rules stay with staff, and any staff veto is explained publicly.

8. 🎮 The Well Tree game

Your Well tree becomes your character. It's being built and tested right now.

- **Testing now:** only members with the 🧪 **Game Tester** role can play during the soft launch.
- **Opens to everyone at 🍃 Lv 5+ on Day 30** (Day 1 + 30 days), alongside Phase 2.
- **Care, not grind:** `/tree`, `/water`, and `/claim`, plus a once-a-day **Tend** button. Streaks are built for real life, with freezes and an away mode, so shift workers never lose progress for working a double.
- **Groves of 5–20 members** team up for weekly co-op **Blight Raids**. Damage comes from playing, not spending, and contribution is capped so nobody can carry a grove. A raid win gives every winner's tree **+10% drip for 24 hours**. Losing never takes anything away.
- **Seasonal blights** and **grove leagues** rank raid clears and teamwork, never wealth.
- **Rewards** are cosmetic skins, badges, achievements, and bragging rights.
- **No pay-to-play, no loot boxes, no NFTs, and no wallet needed.** Major game choices go to a community vote first.

9. 🛡️ Safety and reliability

Keeping Thrive safe

- **Verify gate:** new members see only 🔒 verify until they pass a quick picture captcha in Discord. Unverified accounts are removed after 24 hours.
- **New-account protection:** accounts under 1 day old are turned away, and accounts under 7 days old are held for a quick staff review.
- **Raid shield:** a sudden wave of joins triggers an automatic lockdown that ends on its own.
- **Alt and impersonation checks:** look-alike staff names, duplicate names, and quick rejoins are flagged for staff (never auto-banned). Flagged accounts can't earn Drops, XP, or votes until staff clear them.
- **Discord's own protections:** a verified email is required, plus AutoMod filters for scam links and spam.
- **No DMs about money, ever.** Staff never message you first about money or wallets.
- **Your data:** the bot keeps only what it needs to run (your Discord ID, Drops, levels, quiz scores, achievements, your tree, an optional birthday month and day, and private ballots). It never asks for your email, real name, wallet, or seed phrase.

Built to last

- **Our own server:** Thrive Academy runs 24/7 on Thrive's own dedicated cloud server in Chicago. It restarts itself within seconds after a crash or reboot.

- **Backed up every night:** the bot's database is backed up nightly (the last 30 are kept), and the whole server is backed up automatically too.
- **Owned by Thrive:** the bot's code lives in Thrive's own private code repository, with a plain-language restart guide, so the community never depends on one person or one outside service.
- **Discord keeps working regardless:** channels, roles, onboarding, AutoMod, events, and the Stage are native Discord features, so the server stays usable even during bot maintenance.
- **What's next:** a **web verification page** on Thrive's own website, **jointhriveeveryday.com**, will add stronger alt protection with a clear privacy notice before anyone signs in. Longer term, the plan is to move Thrive to **Spacebar**, a self-hosted, Discord-compatible platform the community can own outright.

10. 🗓️ Timeline

Day 1 is launch day. The exact date will be announced.

When	What's cooking
Now: soft launch	🧪 A small invite-only group tries the course, quizzes, levels, gratitude quest, and Drops, and helps us polish. Game Testers play the Well early
Day 1	🚀 Full launch: Intro to Crypto course, graded quizzes, 💧 Drops, levels and achievements go live for everyone
Days 1–30	📣 Hype build-up: Well tree art reveals, `/drops-calc` explainers, a Lv 10 drive, a Stage Q&A, and community milestones
Days 20–25	🗳️ Vote #1, our first community vote
Day 30	🌳 Phase 2 launch event: Well trees open to Lv 5+, 🌱 Roots, 🌳 Deep Roots, 💸 tipping, and the 💸 promo board open live on Stage
Days 50–55	🗳️ Vote #2
Days 80–85	🗳️ Vote #3, then a vote every 100 days
Later	📚 New courses: 🤖 Intro to AI, 💼 Entrepreneurship 101, and 🧠 Self-improvement, plus certifications (after the verification policy) · 🎮 groves, raids, and seasons in the Well Tree game · 🌐 web verification on jointhriveeveryday.com · 🛰️ self-hosting on Spacebar · 🪙 an exploratory Thrive token, on testnet first and only after legal review

11. 📊 Proof

> 📌 **To be filled after launch.** We'll only publish real numbers from the ledger and quotes shared with permission. Until then, these stay blank. The live member count is always at the top of the server.

Measure	Value	As of
Members	*[to fill after launch]*	*[date]*

Measure	Value	As of
Drops earned by the community	*[to fill after launch]*	*[date]*
Lessons completed	*[to fill after launch]*	*[date]*
🎓 Crypto Graduates	*[to fill after launch]*	*[date]*

Early members

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12. ❓ FAQ

Is this a crypto scam?

No. There is nothing to buy, nothing to deposit, and no wallet to connect. Drops can't be bought or sold, staff never DM you first about money or wallets, and nobody here will ask for your seed phrase. Lesson 5 teaches you to spot the scams that do exist, and anyone who pushes "pools" or coins on you gets removed.

Can I cash out?

No. Drops are community points with no cash value, and they can't be exchanged for money. A future Thrive token is only an idea being explored, depends on legal review, and may never happen. Join to learn, not to make money.

Why is it free?

Thrive grows when members learn, build, and help each other, so the best things are earned, not sold. Boosting the server is optional and only one of the ways to become a ⭐ Supporter. Every role and giveaway entry stays free.

Do I need a wallet?

No. You never need a wallet, an exchange account, or any coins to take part. Lesson 4 explains wallets so you understand them, at your own pace.

Why did the captcha hold me?

If your Discord account is less than 7 days old, a staff member approves you before you start earning. It usually doesn't take long, and it keeps fake accounts from farming rewards.

How do I earn the most?

Learn. Passing all 14 lessons with perfect scores earns up to 570 Drops (14 × 30, plus 100 for finishing and 50 for a perfect course). Add the daily gratitude quest, helpful answers in ❓ ask-thrive, Stage events, your weekly streak, and loyalty milestones. Chat Drops are coming soon and will count only real conversation: spam and copy-paste will earn nothing.

What happens if the bot goes down?

The server keeps working, since channels, roles, and moderation are native Discord. The bot restarts itself automatically, and its data is backed up every night.

Is my data safe?

The bot keeps only what it needs to run: your Discord user ID, your Drops history, levels and achievements, quiz scores, your Well tree, an optional birthday (month and day, never the year), and your private ballots. Results are shared as totals. It never asks for your email, real name, wallet address, or seed phrase.

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