



# **Budget Module**

## **Student Budgeting Exercises**

**Copy equal amount of the two exercises with the total amount copied equal to number of students.**

# **Budget Exercise Handout** **College Graduate**

**Budget Exercise - College Graduate**

Fulltime Employee – 40 hours per week

**Income:**

Gross Salary: \$31,200 (\$15/hour)

Net Salary (After taxes &amp; Health benefits): \$24,000

**Monthly Expenses:**

1. Savings – Pay Yourself First: \$50
2. Rent for two-bedroom apartment: \$575
3. Phone: \$45
4. Gas/Electric: \$45
5. Car Payment: \$407 (Toyota Forerunner – Cost - \$27,000. Loan: 7 years @ 7% interest)
6. Student Loans: \$182
  - Average undergraduate debt in 2002 was 16,500 and average monthly payment is \$182.
7. Car Insurance: \$75
8. Gasoline: \$50
9. Groceries: \$130
10. Eating Out: \$20
11. Direct TV: \$55
12. Internet Access: \$20
13. Clothing: \$50
14. Recreation & Entertainment: \$120
15. Personal expenses: \$60 (Dry cleaning, Haircuts, Cosmetics, etc.)
16. Bank Credit Card: \$25 (Balance: \$1,000. Interest: 11%)
  - \*Estimated time to payoff debt: 49 months (Paying minimum payment, with no further charges)
17. Furniture Store Credit Card (Big Screen T.V.): \$50 (Balance: \$1250. Interest: 21%)
  - \*Estimated time to payoff debt: 33 months (Paying minimum payment, with no further charges)

## Budgeting Worksheet

### My Income

Include: Job, allowance, babysitting etc.

Wages \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public assistance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child support/ Alimony \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interest/ Dividends \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Odd Jobs \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allowance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Total Income \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### My Expenses

#### Fixed Expenses

Rent/Mortgage \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property taxes/ Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mass transit (*bus, etc.*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other loan payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card Payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day care \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Flexible Expenses

Savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gas/Oil \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation/Gas \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Discretionary Expenses

Haircut, CD's etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Expenses \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scenario 2**  
**Budget Exercise Handout**  
**High School Graduate**

**Budget Exercise – High School Graduate**

Fulltime Employee – 40 hours per week.

**Income:**

Gross Salary: \$20,800 (\$10/hour)

Net Salary (after taxes &amp; health benefits): \$16,000

**Monthly Expenses:**

1. Rent for 1 bedroom apartment: \$425
2. Phone: \$45
3. Gas/Electric: \$40
4. Internet Access: \$19
5. Car Payment: \$257 (Honda Civic – Cost \$13,000. Loan: 5 years @ 7% interest)
6. Insurance: \$55
7. Bank Credit Card: \$75 (Balance: \$1,900. Interest Rate: 15%)  
\*Estimated time to payoff debt: 31 months (Paying minimum payment, with no further charges)
8. Gasoline: \$25
9. Personal Care (Haircuts, household items, cosmetics, magazines, etc.): \$75
10. Clothing Store Credit Card: \$40 (Balance \$800. Interest Rate: 21%)  
\*Estimated time to payoff debt: 25 months (Paying minimum payment, with no further charges)
11. Groceries: \$125
12. Eating Out: \$15
13. Recreation & Entertainment: \$100
14. Cable: \$45
15. Savings – Pay Yourself First: \_\_\_\_\_

## Budgeting Worksheet

### My Income

Include: Job, allowance, babysitting etc.

Wages \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public assistance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child support/ Alimony \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interest/ Dividends \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Odd Jobs \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allowance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Income \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### My Expenses

#### Fixed Expenses

Rent/Mortgage \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property taxes/ Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mass transit (*bus, etc.*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other loan payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Car Payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day care \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Flexible Expenses

Savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gas/Oil \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation/Gas \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Discretionary Expenses

Haircut, CD's etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Expenses \$** \_\_\_\_\_