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## Bank Your Future

 Student WorkbookUse the space below to take notes on what you want to remember and what you want to share with others.

Extra Resources:
Use this QR Code to access additional resources for topics discussed in this lesson.


Fill in the key terms of the Income Equation.


Fill in the key aspects of a budget.

|  | Gross Paycheck | \$360 2 (2 times a month) | \$720 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Other | Additional Income | \$60 |
|  | Taxes |  | -\$145 |
|  |  | Net Pay | \$635 |
|  |  | Potential Savings | \$100 |
|  |  | Cell Phone | \$50 |
|  |  | Car Payment \& Insurance | \$200 |
|  |  | Total Fixed Expenses | \$190 |
|  |  | Restaurants/Snacks | \$75 |
|  |  | Entertainment | \$60 |
|  |  | Shopping | \$100 |
|  |  | Bus Fare or Gas \& Upkeep | \$50 |
|  |  | Other | \$50 |
|  |  | Total Variable Expenses | \$335 |
|  |  | Total Expenses | \$535 |

How do you make savings a habit? $\qquad$ .

Fill in the salaries for two or three of the paths you are most interested in.

$\left.$| Path | Average Income | Path | Average Income |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Enter the <br> workforce |  | 4 Year Bachelor's <br> Degree (Avg.) |  |
| - Food preparation <br> and service-related <br> occupations |  | - Communications |  |
| - Production <br> Occupations |  | - Health Professions |  |
| - Healthcare <br> Occupations |  | - Business |  |
| 2 Year Associate's <br> Degree (Avg.) |  | Apprenticeship in the <br> skilled trades |  |
| - Business and Financial |  |  |  |
| Occupations Operations |  |  |  |$\quad$| Military (includes |
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| cost of living) |$\quad \right\rvert\,$

## FAFSA

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- FAFSA is a very important application that you need in order to qualify for student aid. www.fafsa.gov
- You MUST complete FAFSA to qualify for financial aid. Don’t miss the application deadline!
- Talk to your guidance counselors at your school. Talk to your parents. Get all your documents together.
- Reapply every year that you are in school! Don't forget to reapply for scholarships, too!
- Find more information by scanning the QR code on page 1.


## Building Your Budget at Age 22

The first step in creating financial success is to create a budget. It's a simple process where you take your income and map out how you will SAVE it and SPEND it.

## STEP ONE: INCOME

What's your monthly net pay?



## STEP 2: SAVING

What future needs and wants do you want to save for? Review the table below for ideas.

## Saving Goals Categories

Emergency fund

New car in a few years
Down payment for a house in ten years

Suggested Amount to Save

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\(\$ 150 / \mathrm{mo}\) gets you \(\$ 1800\) in 12 months
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$\$ 100 / \mathrm{mo}$. for 3 years gets you $\$ 3600$
$\$ 150 / \mathrm{mo}$. gets you $\$ 18,000$ in 10 years

In the table below, write down the goals you want to save for and how much you will save each month.

My Saving Goals
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## Amount I Will Save <br> (minimum of $\$ 150$ in total)

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## STEP 3: SPENDING

How will I spend what's left after saving for my financial goals?
The table below lists the primary budget categories you need to plan for. The middle column details what the average person spends per month in this category. It is based off of the average spending of an individual under age 25 with an annual salary between $\$ 30,000$ and $\$ 39,999$, before taxes. Use it as a guide to set your amount, but note that the total average spending is more than your net pay.


My Spending Plan


## Step 4: BALANCING YOUR BUDGET

Do you have a surplus or a deficit? Ideally, you want a balanced budget where the answer is $\$ 0$ !


How did you handle your surplus or deficit?

Why is it important to set savings goals?

How can you apply budgeting today as a high school student?

## GO DO IT NOW!

| Financial Issue | Best Practices to Help Manage Money Responsibly | My Financial To Do List |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paycheck and Taxes <br> (if you have a job) | $\square$ I have opened checking and savings accounts. <br> $\square$ Direct Deposit is set up with my account at a bank or credit union. <br> $\square$ I review my earnings statement and understand my deductions. |  |
| Spending | I track my expenses by using online banking tools, writing them down, or using my phone. <br> $\square$ I understand how I spend my money on needs vs. wants. |  |
| Budgeting | - I have a written budget and have set spending limits and a monthly savings goal. <br> - I compare my monthly expenses to my planned budget to make sure I am on track to save. |  |
| Saving | $\square$ I "Pay Myself First" each week or month and then spend. <br> - I have set a savings goal for something I need or want to pay for in the next 1-2 years. My goal is to save \$ $\qquad$ to pay for $\qquad$ <br> The monthly amount I will save to accomplish this goal is \$ $\qquad$ <br> $\square$ I have set up a retirement account to start saving early. |  |

