

Common \$en\$ Budgeting Guide

Managing your repayment obligations is critical to establishing and maintaining a good credit history. **You must repay a Federal student loan.** Before applying for loans, make sure you fully understand all of your options and responsibilities. Do not borrow more than you need or more than you expect to be able to repay. Develop a sound and realistic financial plan. We are providing you with a budget worksheet to aid with planning.

Be realistic about how much money you will earn. Use www.CollegeGrad.com to help with salary planning.
Remember: Entry level pays less than higher levels.

For basic information and terminology about personal finances that will help you become financially independent and self-reliant through college and beyond, go to the Financial Aid TV link located on the "Get Set" tab on eTC. <http://tctc.financialaidtv.com/>. There are topics such as credit cards, saving, & debt that borrowers need to know.

Note: Loans are for educational expenses. This includes tuition, books, transportation, housing, and other basic day to day expenses related to attending college. This does not include tattoos, cell phones, manicures, Christmas, vacations, birthday parties, etc. Be money smart! *Your money decisions today will affect your financial circumstances the rest of your life.*

Projected Available Funds

Monthly

Yearly

- Take Home Pay
- Other Regular Income (Ex. Child Support)

TOTAL AFTER TAX INCOME

Expenses

- Savings (*Pay Yourself First!*)
- Education Loan Payments
- Housing
- Utilities
- Insurance (Home, Auto, Life)
- Transportation (Car payment, Fuel)
- Clothing
- Grocery Items
- Medical & Dental Expenses
- Credit Cards, other loans
- Child Care
- Personal Expenses
- Emergency Savings (Ex. Car Repairs)
- Miscellaneous (Christmas, Vacation)

TOTAL EXPENSES

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The Bottom Line

TOTAL INCOME	_____	_____
MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	_____	_____

Loan Repayment Comparison Chart*

Total Amount Borrowed	Number of Years	Monthly Payment	Total Interest Paid	Total Amount Repaid
\$2,000	3.8	\$50	\$274.50	\$2,274.50
\$5,500	10	\$63.29	\$2,095.52	\$7,595.52
\$10,000	10	\$115.08	\$3,809.66	\$13,809.66
\$15,000	10	\$172.62	\$5,714.49	\$20,714.49
\$25,000	10	\$287.70	\$9,524.14	\$34,524.14
\$30,000	10	\$345.24	\$11,428.97	\$41,428.97
\$40,000	10	\$460.32	\$15,238.63	\$55,238.63
\$50,000	10	\$575.40	\$19,048.28	\$69,048.28

*Calculation assumes standard, level repayment using interest rate of 6.8%