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**CONGRATULATIONS!** You just graduated from college and are officially on your own. In this project you will compile your monthly budget. You will do everything from finding a job and deciding where to live to figuring our gas and groceries.

This should be close to real life. You won’t graduate and immediately be a surgeon or high profile lawyer. Be as realistic as possible when making your choices. Driving a Lambo just out of college is probably not something you can afford….yet. Ready or not…let’s jump 8 years in the future!

**What Will You Do For a Living?**

***TASK 1 –*** *Use the career inventory you take on the website to fill in this section.*

What were the top 3 career fields your career inventory told you should do?

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Click on each career field and look at the possible jobs within the career field. Which one’s interest you most? Explain why. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Task 2***

Career Field: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Job: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tell Me About Your Career *(include what your career field does, what will be an entry level job within your field and what job it will lead to):* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Your Yearly Salary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Initials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Loans**: Does your job require an advanced degree? \_\_\_\_\_\_

* *If your job requires a masters, add $150 a month for student loans*
* *If your job requires a doctorate, add $300 for student loans.*

***Task 3***

On the website use the paycheck calculator to determine your salary after taxes. After computing your salary using the paycheck calculator, what is your monthly salary?

Your Monthly Gross Pay: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of taxes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Net Monthly Salary After Taxes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Your monthly salary is the base of your entire budget.**

**Where Will You Live?**

Circle Your Option:

Rent an Apartment/House Buy a House/Townhouse/Condo

Tell me about your place. Include things such as location, cost, square footage, and design details.

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How much is it monthly? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Cost: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Mortgage/Rent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Utilities *(water, gas, electricity & trash)*

Utilities are usually based on the size of your house. The average utility cost is approximately $0.15 per square foot.

Square Footage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x 0.15 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Utilities Monthly total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

Time to deduct! Use your deduction sheet to determine how much money you have left.

 **What Will You Drive?**

Type of Car: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Description of Your Car. Be sure to include year, make, model color, interior, & **miles per gallon**:

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Car Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Monthly Payment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Car Insurance Premium: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ÷12 = Monthly Insurance Cost: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Time to deduct! Use your deduction sheet to determine how much money you have left.

***Gasoline***

It takes gas to run your car. The average American drives around 1,000 miles a month. Figure your gasoline cost by dividing 1,000 by your cars MPG and then multiplying by the average cost of gas, $2.74.

1000 ÷ MPG × $2.74 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TV/Internet/Cell Phone Bill**

Name of your Cell provider: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Description of your plan: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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State and federal taxes add on to your cell phone bill. Calculate your estimated monthly cost below.

Plan Cost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x 17% (avg tax) = Total Monthly Payment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TV/Internet Base Cost: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cable taxes us too. Take your total and apply the following fees.

+ Tax (7%) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

+ Franchise Fee ($4.95)

+ Universal Service Charge ($8.85)

=Total Monthly TV/Internet Cost: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hulu, Netflix and/or Amazon Prime Video: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Time to deduct! Use your deduction sheet to determine how much money you have left.

**HUNGRY??? Food Cost**

Figuring breakfast, lunch and dinner, you will have 21 meals in a week. How much will you spend on food? The average cost of a meal at home is $3 while the average cost of going out to eat is $12. Decide how many of your 21 meals you will cook yourself and how many you will have out. Then add the 2 totals together to find your food cost for the month.

\_\_\_\_ # of meals at home x $5 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ # of meals out x $12 = \_\_\_\_\_\_

Food cost per week \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x 4 weeks = Total food cost: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Shopping***

You need things like toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and more each month. If you’re someone who wear makeup and toenail polish that cost only grows. Choose how much, between $100 and $150 to set aside for your shopping needs each month.

**Time to Have a Little Fun…If You Can Afford It!**

Our time isn’t only spent at work. Being an adult, you get to spend some money on play too. Plan at least 4 activities you plan on doing for entertainment and how much it will cost.

 **Activity**  **Cost**

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|  **Total Cost** |  |

Time to deduct! Use your deduction sheet to determine how much money you have

**Do You Have Money Left? What Are You Going to Do With It?**

If you have money left, it would be smart to put at least 5% of your monthly paycheck in your savings account. But then again, maybe you would like to buy tinted windows, a new Xbox game or a Spotify subscription. List any extras and their costs below, or simply state that the remainder of your money will go to savings!

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| **Item** | **Cost** |
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|  **Total Cost:** |  |

Time to deduct! Use your deduction sheet to determine how much money you have left.

If you chose to put the remainder of your budget in savings, describe why on the lines below.

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**YOU DID IT! How much money do you have left? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**How do you feel about budgeting? Why is it important? Why are your job and a college education important? Describe your thoughts on the lines below.**

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**Budget Balance Sheet**

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| Monthly Paycheck (After Taxes) |  |
| Student Loan | - |
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| House/Apartment | - |
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| Home/Renter Insurance | - |
| balance |  |
| Utilities | - |
| balance |  |
| Car Payment | - |
| balance |  |
| Car Insurance | - |
| balance |  |
| Cellphone Bill | - |
| balance |  |
| TV/Internet | - |
| balance |  |
| Groceries | - |
| balance |  |
| Shopping Cost | - |
| balance |  |
| Time for Fun Expenses | - |
|  balance |  |
|  Extra Expenses | - |
|  ending balance |  |