



## Budget Worksheet – Young Adults

**Use the worksheet below to create a monthly budget and track your actual spending.** If you have an expense that is not paid monthly, convert it to a monthly amount. For example, if you pay your car insurance bill every six months, divide the amount of the bill by six.

| CATEGORY  | MONTHLY BUDGET AMOUNT | MONTHLY ACTUAL AMOUNT | DIFFERENCE |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                   |                       |                       |            |
| Salary/wages (after taxes and other deductions) |                       |                       |            |
| Bonuses/commissions                             |                       |                       |            |
| Other income                                    |                       |                       |            |
|   |                       |                       |            |
|   |                       |                       |            |
| <b>INCOME SUBTOTAL</b>                          |                       |                       |            |
|   |                       |                       |            |
| <b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>                           |                       |                       |            |
| Housing (rent)                                  |                       |                       |            |
| Renter's insurance                              |                       |                       |            |
| Telephone (basic monthly service)               |                       |                       |            |
| Car payment                                     |                       |                       |            |
| Car insurance                                   |                       |                       |            |
| Debt payments (credit cards, loans)             |                       |                       |            |
| Other fixed expenses                            |                       |                       |            |
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|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>FLEXIBLE EXPENSES</b>                                |                              |                              |                   |
| Groceries   |                              |                              |                   |
| Transportation (gas, repairs, tolls, bus, subway, etc.) |                              |                              |                   |
| Medical/dental  |                              |                              |                   |
| Utilities (Electricity, gas, etc.)                      |                              |                              |                   |
| Clothes   |                              |                              |                   |
| Personal care services (laundry, haircuts, etc.)        |                              |                              |                   |
| Long distance telephone                                 |                              |                              |                   |
| Other flexible expenses                                 |                              |                              |                   |
|   |                              |                              |                   |
|   |                              |                              |                   |
| <b>DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES</b>                           |                              |                              |                   |
| Savings   |                              |                              |                   |
| Internet services                                       |                              |                              |                   |
| Cell phone  |                              |                              |                   |
| Cable TV  |                              |                              |                   |
| Restaurant meals  |                              |                              |                   |
| Gifts   |                              |                              |                   |
| Entertainment/recreation/vacation                       |                              |                              |                   |
| Books/magazines/newspapers                              |                              |                              |                   |
| Charity   |                              |                              |                   |
| Other discretionary expenses                            |                              |                              |                   |
|   |                              |                              |                   |
|   |                              |                              |                   |
| <b>EXPENSES SUBTOTAL</b>                                |                              |                              |                   |
|   |                              |                              |                   |
| <b>NET INCOME</b><br><b>(Income less expenses)</b>      |                              |                              |                   |

## **Additional budgeting tips**

- If you're still living with your family, first, contribute your fair share to the household. If your family's supporting you 100%, be realistic: this "free ride" won't last forever, so set aside some money every week or every month for your short and long term goals. Leave yourself enough to pay for your day-to-day expenses, and, some money to have fun.
- If you're away at school or already living on your own:
  - First, pay your bills: for example your rent, utilities, car payment, insurance, and credit card bill. Remember, there are many potential penalties if you pay your bills late, such as late fees, losing possession of things you've bought on credit, even being evicted from an apartment! Also, paying late can seriously damage your ability to borrow money in the future.
  - Next, set aside the money you'll need for your weekly and day-to-day expenses, like groceries and bus fare. Finally, you'll want to save some money for emergencies, if you can. Over time, if you begin to earn more, try to increase the amount you save as much as you can. Start by building up your emergency fund for unexpected expenses; for example car repairs or being unable to work due to an accident. Try to set aside two months of take-home pay to fall back on in case of an unexpected financial emergency.
  - Next set aside money for larger expenses you know are coming, such as school books and clothing.
  - Finally, set aside money for your major future goals whether it's more education, a new car, or travel.

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