

Your first time being financially independent might be when you're a student. Having a budget can help you keep track of your income and expenses.

Try this template to help you budget for the school year. You'll need to know your monthly income after taxes, your monthly expenses, and how much you want to set aside for savings. If your income is mostly annual lump-sums, try breaking it down into a monthly amount.

Don't forget things like tuition, textbooks and other school supplies, may only be one-time costs.

If you're new to budgeting, try tracking your expenses for a month or two and then adjust.

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## Student Budget Worksheet



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## Student Budget Worksheet (continued)

| Student Budget Summary |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total Monthly Savings   <br> Total Income Total Expenses Total Monthly Savings <br> $\$ 0$ $-\$ 0$ $=\$ 0$ |  |  |

If your result is positive, that means you have extra to save or spend. If your result is negative, that means you'll need to reconsider your expenses or income to make the budget balance.

| Monthly Savings |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Monthly Savings | $\$ 0$ |
| Emergency fund <br> (60\% of annual savings) | $\$ 0$ |
| Travel fund <br> (30\% of annual savings) | $\$ 0$ |
| Other <br> (10\% of annual savings) | $\$ 0$ |

## Yearly or One-Time Expenses

As a student you have some one-time or occasional expenses throughout the year, that you might not account for in your monthly budget. Use this section to note these costs and how you anticipate paying for them.

## Total Yearly or One-Time Expenses

| Tuition <br> (avg for the year) |
| :--- |
| Textbooks |
| (avg for the semester) |$\quad \square$

## Notes

## Sample

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| Monthly Income |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Employment income | $\$ 0$ |
| Government aid/OSAP | $\$ 2,000$ |
| Scholarships | $\$ 0$ |
| Family contributions | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Total Monthly Income |  |
| Ot,000 |  |
| Other Expenses |  |
| Otal Payments | $\$ 0$ |
| Tother Expenses | $\$ 0$ |


| Monthly Living Expenses |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rent/residence fees | $\$ 1,500$ |
| Utilities <br> (hydro/water/heat) <br> Insurance | $\$ 250$ |
| Internet/cable | $\$ 0$ |
| Cell phone | $\$ 50$ |
| Transit/gas | $\$ 250$ |
| Groceries | $\$ 150$ |
| Other | $\$ 0$ |
| Total Monthly |  |
| Living Expenses | $\$ 2,255$ |


| Monthly Personal Expenses |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dining/going out | $\$ 100$ |
| Shopping | $\$ 100$ |
| Streaming/subscriptions | $\$ 15$ |
| Sports/hobbies | $\$ 30$ |
| Personal care | $\$ 40$ |
| Medications/health | $\$ 0$ |
| Pet care | $\$ 0$ |
| Other | $\$ 0$ |
| Total Monthly |  |
| Personal Expenses | $\$ 285$ |

## Sample

## Student Budget Worksheet (continued)

| Student Budget Summary |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Monthly Savings |  |  |
| Total Income | Total Expenses | Total Monthly Savings |
| \$4,000 | \$2,540 | $=\$ 1,460$ |

If your result is positive, that means you have extra to save or spend. If your result is negative, that means you'll need to reconsider your expenses or income to make the budget balance.

| Monthly Savings |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Monthly Savings | $\$ 1,460$ |
| Emergency fund <br> (60\% of annual savings) | $\$ 876$ |
| Travel fund <br> (30\% of annual savings) | $\$ 438$ |
| Other <br> (10\% of annual savings) | $\$ 146$ |

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## Total Yearly or One-Time Expenses

| Tuition <br> (avg for the year) | $\$ 9,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Textbooks <br> (avg for the semester) | $\$ 375$ |
| Computer | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Other fees | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Total Yearly or <br> One-Time Expenses | $\$ 11,375$ |

## Notes

Can use OSAP for tuition payments

May not need new computer this year, check upgrade needs first

