

CASH for COLLEGE

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Picture your perfect life in 10 years, and see what you'll have to do to support your ideal lifestyle during your first two years in the workforce. Circle your answers in each category and write the cost of your choice on the line under "My Cost." Add up your total expenses on the last line.

	Cost per Month	My Cost
Housing: I'd like to live in...		
a. A one-bedroom apartment	\$575	_____
b. A one-bedroom apartment with a roommate	\$250	_____
c. A rented two-bedroom house with a roommate	\$400	_____
d. A two-bedroom house that I will own (w/ homeowner's insurance)	\$1,030	_____
Entertainment: My entertainment will be... (Circle all that apply)		
a. A movie, four times a month	\$50	_____
b. Golfing, three times a month	\$90	_____
c. Surfing the internet and watching cable TV	\$100	_____
d. Biking, rollerblading, hiking and outdoor sports	\$0	_____
e. Attending a concert, once a month	\$70	_____
Transportation: I'd like to drive a...		
a. New economy car	\$400	_____
b. Used economy car	\$250	_____
c. New sports car or truck	\$700	_____
d. Used sports car or truck	\$450	_____
Food: I'd like to...		
a. Buy groceries and cook all my meals	\$250	_____
b. Eat all my meals at fast food restaurants	\$450	_____
c. Cook some and eat out some	\$300	_____
Phone, Utilities, Car Insurance, Doctor/Dentist Visits, etc.	\$400	\$400
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES		_____

Can you support your lifestyle? Circle your education plan below and see what your expected monthly income will be. Don't forget that you should be saving for emergencies and big purchases, too.

	Income per Month
Education plans: I plan to attend...	
a. I don't plan to finish high school	\$1,100
b. High school and graduate	\$1,400
c. A proprietary (private career) school	\$2,100
d. An apprenticeship program	\$2,100
e. College for two years	\$2,000
f. College for four years	\$2,800
g. College for four years, plus a master's degree (two years)	\$3,000
h. College for a professional degree (such as law or medical degrees)	\$5,200