# **EXEMPLAR**

YOUR NAME Professional Mime Rochester, NY

**Starting Salary: \$60,000** 

 Federal Income Tax (Single (.111))
 ----\$6,660.00

 Income Tax: (NYS) (.047)
 ----\$2,820.00

 Medicare Tax: (.0145)
 ----\$870.00

 Social Security Tax: (.062)
 ----\$3,720.00

 Total Yearly Taxes:
 ----\$14,070.00

Yearly Disposable Income: ----\$45,930.00
Monthly Disposable Income: ----\$3,827.50

Expenses:	Monthly Bill:	Yearly Total:
1. Rent:	\$800	\$9,600
2. Utilities:	\$150	\$1,800
3. Cell Phone:	\$60	\$720
4. Car Payment:	\$265.61	\$796.83 (3,187.32 for 4 years)
5. Car Insurance:	\$249.75	\$2,997
6. Gasoline:	\$20.05	\$240.60
7. Auto Repair:	\$100	\$1,200
8. Food/Groceries:	\$252.18	\$3,026.16
9. Toiletries/Household items:	\$200	\$2,400
10. Clothing and shoes:	\$200	\$2,400
11. Entertainment:	\$300	\$3,600
12. Student Loans:	\$172.62	\$2,071.44
13. Pets:	\$0	\$0
14. Gym Membership:	\$30	\$360
15. TV/Internet:	TV: \$16 (Hulu/Netflix) Internet: \$50	\$792
16. Renters Insurance:	\$10	\$120
17. Haircuts:	\$5.83 (once a year)	\$70
18. Laundry:	\$30	\$360
19. Gifts:	\$50	\$600
20. Savings: (What is left over)	\$865.46	\$10,385.52
TOTALS	MONTHLY: \$2,962.04	YEARLY: \$35,544.48

# **Explanation Page:**

<u>Directions:</u> This is where you provide a 4-8 sentence explanation of how you calculated these numbers. Please include screenshots or printouts of proof as requested on the assignment sheet.

### This is a different example than the budget above. YOUR explanation and budget breakdown should match.

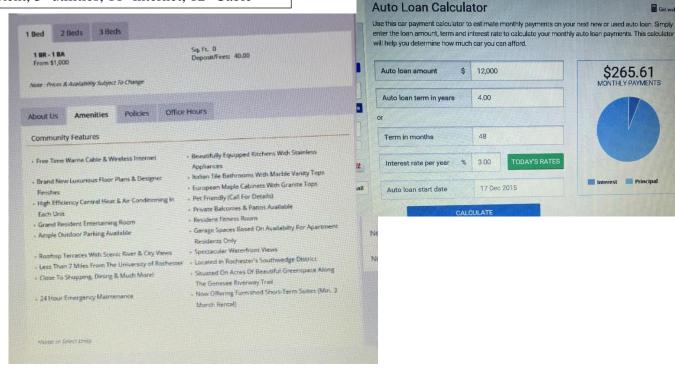
- 1. Rent: For my rent, I knew I needed an apartment that costs about 25-30% of my monthly disposable income. I found 25% of my monthly disposable income by multiplying .25 with \$7,154.87. The total came to be \$1,788.72. I knew I couldn't find an apartment that's rent was above this cost. Since I like to be extra cautious with my money, I found a nice place with a monthly rent of \$800. This is well below my budget, which is great! I multiplied this number by 12 to find the yearly total, which is \$9,600.
- 2. Utilities: Luckily, my apartment came with heat but not electricity. This means to find my electricity bill I need to take 10% of my rent, This means my monthly electricity bill would be approximately \$80. I multiplied this number by 12 to find the yearly total, which is \$960.
- **3.** Cell Phone: Because I live so close to my family, I decided to stay with my families' plan. The bill is usually around \$308 a month, so each member must pay \$60 a month for their cell phone bill. I multiplied this number by 12 to find the yearly total. This total came to be \$720.
- **4.** Car Payment: After finding the right car for me, I made sure the price was affordable. I did this by paying off my car with a 4 year plan. The full price of the car was \$12,000. Using an auto loan, each month I must pay \$265.61 with a 3% interest rate. To find the yearly cost, I multiplied this number by 12, which came to a total of \$3,187.32.
- 5. Car Insurance: I found my yearly cost for car insurance using the "Average Car Insurance by Age" graph. Since I am 22 years old, I had to average the costs for ages 21 and 25. I did this by adding \$3,620 and \$2,374 and then dividing by 2. This brought me to \$2,997 as my yearly cost. To find my monthly cost, I divided this number by 12, which brought me to \$249.75.
- **6.** Food/Groceries: To find the monthly cost of food/groceries, I used an online calculator to estimate the amount. Because I do not plan on eating out for my meals, my monthly cost was a bit pricy. The total came to \$252.18 per month. To find the yearly cost, I multiplied this number by 12, which brought me to \$3,026.16.
- **7.** Pets: I do not plan on owning any pets, so my monthly and yearly costs for pet care is \$0.
- **8.** Gasoline: To find my monthly cost for gasoline, I used an online calculator to estimate the amount. Because my car has an average of 20,671 miles per gallon, and my commute to work is 10 miles, 5 days a week, my monthly total for gasoline came to be \$20.05. This is much more affordable than I expected it to be. I did not need to calculate the yearly cost because it was already given to me by the online calculator. This number came to be \$240.60.
- 9. Internet: My internet comes free with my apartment, so my monthly and yearly costs for internet is \$0.
- 10. Cable TV/DISH: My apartment comes with free Time Warner Cable, so my monthly and yearly costs for this is \$0.
- **11.** Entertainment: For entertainment, I wanted to keep a decent amount of money because I would hate to be bored at home with nothing to do because I couldn't afford to do anything fun. At the same time, I knew I would

be busy most of the time with work, so I wouldn't need to spend too much money on doing fun things. Due to these reasons, I decided to save \$300 a month for entertainment. This should be enough money for me to do fun activities on the weekends. To find the yearly cost I multiplied this number by 2, which came to be \$3,600.

- 12. Clothing and Shoes: I do not usually buy myself new clothes every single month, but when I do it tends to be a little expensive. As a compromise, I saved myself \$200 a month for clothing and shoes. This should be enough money for me to buy enough things at decent priced. To find my yearly total, I multiplied this number by 12, which came to be \$2,400.
- **13.** Gym Membership: My apartment comes with a fitness room for free, so I do not need to pay for a gym membership. This leaves my monthly and yearly total to be \$0.
- **14.** Student Loans: To find my monthly cost for my student loan, I used an online calculator. Because my loan was \$15,000, and there is an interest rate of 6.8%, my monthly total cost came to be \$172.62. This cost includes the total interest cost, which is \$5,714.45. I must pay this monthly cost for 120 months. To find the yearly total, I multiplied \$172.62 by 12 and found the cost to be \$2,071.44.
- **15.** Toiletries: Knowing myself, I tend to buy a lot of things like shampoo, lotions, makeup, etc. Because of this, I saved myself enough money to buy enough of these toiletries, without needing to decrease my spending. I chose my monthly total to be \$200. To find the yearly total, I multiplied this number by 12, which gave me a cost of \$2,400.
- **16.** Laundry: My apartment comes with a washer and dryer hook-up, so I do not need to pay for the laundry. This leaves my monthly and yearly total to be \$0.
- 17. Hair Cuts: I usually only get my hair cut once a year because I like to keep it long. However, when I do get it cut, it is usually a bit expensive. I decided to make my monthly cost \$70 so I could get myself a really nice haircut. However, my yearly cost would not change, it would still be \$70.
- **18.** Gifts: I don't really have many reasons to buy gift for people, and when I do I usually do not spend more than \$50. Because of this reason, I decided to make my monthly cost for gifts \$50. This should be enough to buy a friend or family member a nice gift when their birthday comes around. To find the yearly cost, I multiplied this number by 12, bringing the total to \$600.
- 19. Household Items: There are a number of household items I need to buy, however the items are usually inexpensive things like paper towel rolls, or Windex. For this reason, I made my monthly cost \$100 for household items. This way, I can purchase a great number of items that are already at a cheap price. To find the yearly cost I multiplied this number by 12, which makes the total to be \$1,200.
- 20. Savings: I knew I needed to keep a decent amount of my income for my monthly savings. Knowing that you should try and save at least 10-15% of your monthly disposable income for your monthly savings, I decided to go with 15%. I knew my income was great enough to keep more than 10% for my savings, but to be safe, I went with 15% so that I can spend more money on other bills. To calculate my monthly savings, I multiplied .15 with my monthly disposable income (\$7,154.87). As a result, my monthly savings came to \$1,073.23. I multiplied this number by 12 to find the yearly total, which is \$12,878.77.

# **Proof Needed:**

2- Rent, 3- utilities, 11- internet, 12- Cable



5- Car payment

Auto loan term in years

Auto loan start date

Interest rate per year % 3.00

Term in months

\$ 12,000

4.00

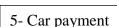
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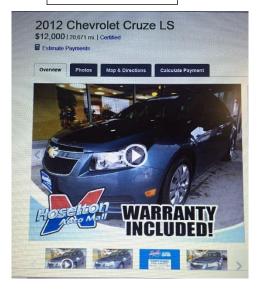
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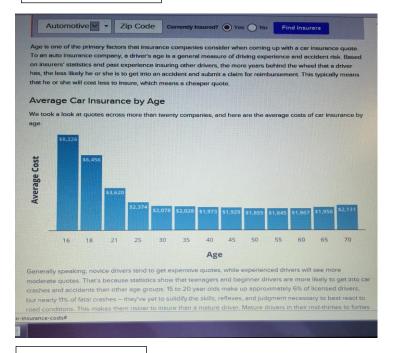
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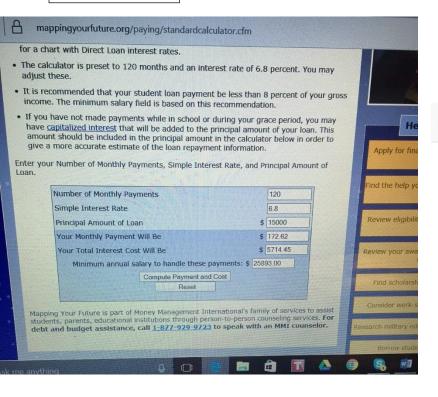




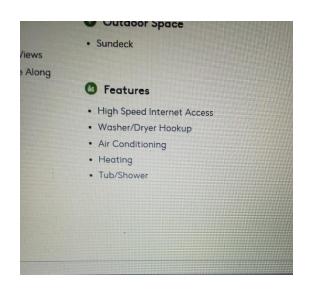
#### 6- Car insurance



### 16- Student loan



# 18- Laundry



## 4- Cell phone

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