

USE YOUR NOODLE

Directions Each rectangle is worth one noodle; all the rectangles next to an item must be filled in to have that item. See if you can get your noodles to buy all the things you need and want. Housing, Transportation, Utilities, Insurance, Food, and Clothing *must* be accounted for and be sure to reflect the effects of choices in one category and related categories. For example, if a participant chooses to have an automobile, they must also have automobile insurance and if a house is purchased, home insurance must be also.

HOUSING



- A. Live with relatives
- B. Share apartment or house with others
- C. Rent a place of your own
- D. Buy a home

TRANSPORTATION



- A. Walk or Bike No Cost
- B. Ride the bus or join a carpool
- C. Buy a used vehicle
- D. Buy a new vehicle
- E. Buy fuel for family
- F. Car Maintenance

UTILITIES



HEAT & LIGHT

- A. Include in rent No Cost
- B. Cost shared by roommates
- C. You pay total cost

PHONE

- A. Land phone
- B. Cell phone

CABLE/INTERNET

- A. Cable
- B. Internet
- C. Cable & Internet

SAVINGS



- A. Minimal Savings
- B. Moderate Savings
- C. Aggressive Savings

EDUCATIONAL LOANS



- A. You owe \$10,000 - \$19,999
- B. You owe \$20,000 - \$29,999
- C. You owe \$30,000 or more

CHILDCARE



- A. Family Help
- B. Subsidized Childcare
- C. Private Childcare

INSURANCE



AUTO

- A. Covered on parent's policy
- B. You pay for liability coverage only
- C. Pay for complete coverage

HOME OR RENTER'S

- A. No coverage No Cost
- B. Covered under family or roommate's policy
- C. Pay for property and liability coverage

HEALTH & DISABILITY

- A. No coverage No Cost
- B. Access public health care
- C. Fringe benefits of job
- D. Group coverage (school or job)
- E. Individual health and disability coverage
- F. Medicine (OTC or prescription)

FOOD



- A. Included in housing costs (room & board) No Cost
- B. Cook at home; dinner out once a week
- C. Purchase frequent fast food lunches, weekly dinner out and cook all other meals
- D. Purchase all meals away from home
- E. Casual Convenience Foods (i.e. Coffee Vending machines etc.)

OTHER



- A. CDs or Digital Media downloads
- B. Books
- C. Charitable giving
- D. Newspapers or magazines
- E. Hobby
- F. Movies
- G. Concerts
- H. Sports
- I. Desktop computer
- J. Laptop computer
- K. Personal Care luxuries (e.g., hairstyling, massage, etc.)
- L. Travel
- M. Toiletries/Cosmetics
- N. School Supplies

CLOTHING



- A. "Hand-Me Down" No Cost
- B. Buy clothes at thrift shops
- C. Buy clothes at department store
- D. Buy designer clothes
- E. Laundry
- F. Dry Cleaning