

Announcing Dollar Bank's 2020-2021 Tuition Scholarship Contest

At Dollar Bank, we believe that financial education is necessary for students of all ages, and we have made extensive efforts to offer our Educational Banking Program to many local schools and organizations. Dollar Bank employees actively work with students to help them learn how to become financially responsible young adults.

Dollar Bank's 2020-2021 Tuition Scholarship Contest focuses on providing beneficial financial education for high school seniors to help them with their transition to college and beyond.

Through these newsletters and a virtual presentation, students will learn about budgeting, financially preparing for the future, understanding credit and more.

Students will also have the opportunity to win a scholarship. For more information about Dollar Bank's 2020-2021 Tuition Scholarship Contest and how to enter, please visit dollar.bank/scholarshipcontest and review the contest terms and conditions at the end of this newsletter.



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How Do You Choose a Bank?

You probably have a savings account that a parent or guardian set up for you to keep your extra birthday and holiday funds in over the years. One of the first steps in becoming a financially savvy young adult is to start using a checking account. How do you determine what bank and which account are right for you? Most young adults choose their parent's or guardian's bank to establish their first checking account. If you have not chosen a financial institution, there are some questions to keep in mind while searching out the best bank for you.

- ◆ **Do they have convenient locations and online/mobile services?**
- ◆ **Will my money be safe?**
- ◆ **Is there a minimum balance requirement for accounts?**
- ◆ **What kinds of fees are associated with their accounts and services?**

Convenience Services:

The average consumer only visits their bank two to three times a year so the convenience services offered are an important factor. Make sure you select a financial institution and account that will allow you to bank regardless of your actual physical location. Online banking, mobile banking and apps can provide free access to your account. These services will also make it easy to keep track of your transactions, which will help prevent overdrafts. You should also consider what kind of ATM network the bank has. Often, smaller regional banks and credit unions are part of ATM networks which allow their customer to access ATMs owned by other financial institutions for free.

Account Safety:

How will you know if your bank is safe? Most financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), which means that an account owner is insured up to \$250,000 per account. Look for signs in the branch about FDIC or NCUA.

Account Options:

Look at the bank's checking account options. Make sure that you can meet the requirements of the account you select. In today's financial environment, you should be able to get an account for free through the balance you maintain in your account, the number of transactions you do or the amount of your direct deposit. Also consider what kind of fees are associated with the account or any other services that you might need, such as a cashier's check or wire transfer.

Some additional resources to aid you in your search are:

- ◆ Bankrate.com
- ◆ [Better Business Bureau \(bbb.org\)](http://Better Business Bureau (bbb.org))
- ◆ Nerdwallet.com
- ◆ [American Bankers Association \(aba.com\)](http://American Bankers Association (aba.com))

Having Funds for Your Future!

As you look toward your last few months of high school, you may start to dream of what the future will hold: Attending college, traveling with friends, buying a new car, living on your own, purchasing your own house and more. The first step toward accomplishing these goals is saving the funds for them!

Pay Yourself First:

Before you pay your bills, buy your groceries, etc., put a portion of your pay into a savings account. By automatically saving a portion of your pay right away, you ensure that your savings account continues to grow each month. Some financial institutions will allow you to set up an automatic payment from your checking to your savings account on a monthly basis. Try to save around 20% of your pay each month. (Around 50% of your pay will go to necessities of living while the other 30% usually accounts for discretionary items.)

Set a Budget:

Setting up a budget will help you plan for the future and prepare for the unexpected. One of the most important steps when tracking your budget is learning where you spend your money. Do you know how much you spend on coffee or soft drinks in a week? These small items will add up.

To start, track how you normally spend your money for a month. Make sure to account for every dollar! Then, determine your spending categories and create a budget:

- ◆ What expenses were **fixed committed expenses** (expenses that are a consistent set expense) such as rent, insurance, savings, loan payments or car payments?
- ◆ What expenses were **variable committed expenses** (expenses that change and are committed each month) such as your cell phone bill, groceries, utilities or transportation expenses?
- ◆ What expenses were **discretionary expenses** (expenses that are "extra") such as entertainment, dining out, movies, vacation or sporting events? Expenses in this category can be reduced to help you save money.

If you are saving for something particular, such as a new car, it is recommended to set aside around 10% toward that purchase. Use the chart shown on the next page to assist you in creating your budget.

The key to identifying types of expenses is to decide if it is a need or a want. Our priorities should help us in making that determination. It may sound easy, but it is something that people of all ages struggle with and will continue to struggle with over time.

For additional information, refer to:



Bankrate.com

Investorguide.com

Nerdwallet.com

Managing Your Money | Budgeting in the Real World

Monthly Budget

For _____ Date _____

Directions: Divide annual income and expenses by 12 to get a monthly figure. Some expenses (like utilities) will vary through the year, so use a monthly average.

INCOME	
Take Home Pay	\$ _____
Allowance	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ _____
Part-time Jobs and Chores	\$ _____
Other Sources	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

HOUSEHOLD	
Rent/Mortgage (25-30% of income)	\$ _____
Utilities (electric, gas, trash, water)	\$ _____
Cable/Satellite TV	\$ _____
Internet	\$ _____
Cell Phone	\$ _____
Other Household Expenses	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

TRANSPORTATION (15% of income)

Car Payment	\$ _____
Insurance	\$ _____
Gasoline	\$ _____
Maintenance and Repairs	\$ _____
Public Transportation	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

FOOD (15% of income)

Groceries	\$ _____
Eating Out	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

ENTERTAINMENT (5-10% of income)

Games/Concerts	\$ _____
Dates/Trips	\$ _____
Movies/Music/Downloads	\$ _____
Movies in the theater	\$ _____
Hobbies	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

LOOKING GOOD (5% of income)

Clothes and Shoes	\$ _____
Toiletries	\$ _____
Hair Cut	\$ _____
Other Looking Good Expenses	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

MISCELLANEOUS

Credit Card	\$ _____
Savings/Investments (10% of income)	\$ _____
Education (tuition, books, fees)	\$ _____
Gifts and Charity	\$ _____
Pets	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL	
TOTAL ALL INCOME	\$ _____
Subtract	-
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ _____
BOTTOM LINE	\$ _____



Identity Theft

What is Identity Theft?

Identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information and uses it without your permission, for financial gain or to further any unlawful purpose. Identity theft is a serious crime. It can disrupt your finances, credit history and reputation, as well as take time, money and patience to resolve. Identity thieves might:

- ◆ Go through trash cans and dumpsters, stealing bills and documents that have sensitive information.
- ◆ Work for businesses, medical offices or government agencies and steal personal information on the job.
- ◆ Misuse the name of a legitimate business to call or send e-mails that trick you into revealing personal information.
- ◆ Pretend to offer a job, a loan or an apartment and ask you to send personal information to “qualify.”
- ◆ Steal your wallet, purse, backpack or mail and remove items that show personal information such as your credit cards, driver’s license, passport and health insurance card.

How Do You Protect Your Information?

- ◆ Read your credit reports. You have a right to a free credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. Order all three reports at once, or order one report every four months. To order, go to annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

- ◆ Read your bank, credit card, account statements and explanations of medical benefits from your health plan. If a statement has mistakes or doesn’t come on time, contact the business.

- ◆ Shred all documents that show personal, financial and medical information before you throw them away.

- ◆ Don’t respond to e-mails, texts and phone messages that ask for personal information. Legitimate companies don’t ask for information this way. Delete the messages.

- ◆ Create passwords that mix letters, numbers and special characters. Don’t use the same password for more than one account.

- ◆ If you shop or bank online, use websites that protect your financial information with encryption. An encrypted site has “https” at the beginning of the web address; “s” is for secure.

- ◆ If you use a public wireless network, don’t send information to any website that isn’t fully encrypted.

- ◆ Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a firewall on your computer.

- ◆ Set your computer’s operating system, web browser and security system for automatic updates.

Identity Theft Red Flags

Below are some indicators, also known as “red flags,” that could mean your identity has been stolen:

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- ◆ Mistakes on your bank, credit card, or other account statements.
- ◆ Mistakes on the explanation of medical benefits from your health plan.
- ◆ Your regular bills and account statements don't arrive on time.
- ◆ Bills or collection notices for products or services you never received.
- ◆ Calls from debt collectors about debts that don't belong to you.
- ◆ A written notice from the IRS that someone used your Social Security Number.
- ◆ Mail, e-mails or calls about accounts or jobs in your minor child's name.
- ◆ Unwarranted collection notices on your credit report.
- ◆ Businesses turn down your checks.
- ◆ You are turned down unexpectedly for a loan or job.

Adapted from: Identity Theft—What To Know—What To Do
Federal Trade Commission FTC.GOV/IDTHEFT

In The Next Edition:

- ◆ **How Do You Establish Credit?**
- ◆ **Selecting the Best Credit Card for Your Needs**
- ◆ **To Finance or Pay Cash, that Is the Question**
- ◆ **10 Tips for Managing Your Student Loans**

Dollar Bank's 2020-2021 Tuition Scholarship Contest Terms and Conditions

NO PURCHASE OR TRANSACTION NECESSARY.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Open to full-time 12th grade students who: (a) currently attend an accredited high school in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington or Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania (the "Pittsburgh Area"); Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Summit or Medina County, Ohio (the "Cleveland Area"); or the City of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk or Portsmouth (the "Hampton Roads Area"); and expect to graduate in June, 2021¹; (b) attend one (1) financial literacy virtual presentation (the "Presentation") conducted by Dollar Bank (the "Bank"); and (c) plan to attend an accredited post-secondary school or college/university (hereinafter any such institution of higher learning is referred to as a "College"). There is one contest for students from the Pittsburgh Area, one for students from the Cleveland Area, and one for students from the Hampton Roads Area.

2. Employees, officers, directors, agents and other representatives of the Bank, the Bank's subsidiaries, affiliates, suppliers, and advertising and/or promotional agencies and their immediate families (spouse, parents, children and siblings, and their respective spouses) and individuals living in the households of their immediate families are NOT eligible to participate or win.

HOW TO ENTER:

To enter the contest, a student must: (a) access the registration by visiting <https://dollar.bank/scholarshipcontest>, complete all fields in the registration, and submit the registration online on or before 5:00 pm EST May 16; (b) access four Scholarship Series newsletters by visiting <https://dollar.bank/scholarshipcontest>, read the four (4) newsletters, answer the questions at the end of each newsletter, and submit the answers to all four sets of questions (the "Answers"); and (c) in accordance with the submission requirements described below, develop a personal annual budget and write an essay in response to a question that will be provided to Seminar attendees, and send the personal budget, essay, and Answers via email to EducationalBankingProgram@dollarbank.com. If a budget and essay are sent via email, they must be attached as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx) or as a pdf file; any essay or budget sent in the body of the email will automatically be disqualified.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. The personal budget must be typewritten in English, no longer than one page (8 1/2 by 11) in length and include breakdowns of the student's anticipated annual income and annual expenses.
2. The essay must be typewritten in English and contain no fewer than 1,500 and no more than 2,000 words, answering the question provided to students who attend the Presentation. Essays will be disqualified if they are illegible or handwritten.
3. Budget, essay and Answers must be received by 5:00 pm EST June 13, 2021 for the Pittsburgh Contest, the Cleveland Contest, and the Hampton Roads Contest.
4. Budget, essays and Answers will not be returned and become the property of the Bank.
5. An essay must be the original work of the submitting student and written solely by the submitting student.

¹Home-schooled students may enter as long as their course of study is equivalent to that of a senior in high school.

PRIZES:

For one (1) student from the Pittsburgh Area in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington and Westmoreland Counties: one (1) tuition scholarship in the amount of \$10,000, payable in four (4) annual installments of \$2,500 each to the College at which the student is enrolled.

For one (1) student from the Cleveland Area in Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Summit and Medina Counties: one (1) tuition scholarship in the amount of \$10,000, payable in four (4) annual installments of \$2,500 each to the College at which the student is enrolled.

For one (1) student from the Hampton Roads Area in the cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk and Portsmouth: one (1) tuition scholarship in the amount of \$10,000, payable in four (4) annual installments of \$2,500 each to the College at which the student is enrolled.

The tuition scholarship will be payable over the course of study provided the winner meets certain conditions described below. Payment of each installment is contingent upon the Bank's receipt of verification that the winner meets the conditions.

1. To be awarded to the first installment, the winner must provide the Bank with a letter in which he/she commits to enroll at a College no later than fall of 2021 along with College contact information so the Bank may make payment of the installment directly to the College. The commitment letter and contact information must be sent to the address below. The first installment will be awarded immediately prior to the beginning of the fall 2021 semester/term.
2. To be awarded each of the three (3) subsequent annual installments, the winner must maintain a minimum grade point average ("GPA") of 2.5 and provide proof thereof on an annual basis to the Bank. After completion of the first and subsequent years of study, but no later than June 30 of each year, the winner must submit a request to the Bank for payment of the next installment and provide the Bank with an official copy of his/her school transcript reflecting a minimum GPA of 2.5. If the winner enrolls at a College other than the one to which the previous installment was paid, the winner must also provide the Bank with a letter in which he/she commits to enroll at the new College, along with contact information so the Bank may make payment of the installment directly to the new College. The commitment letter and contact information must be sent to the address below. The winner must make a request for the fourth and final installment on or before June 31, 2025.
3. Essays will be reviewed and judged by a panel of up to three judges. Essays will be judged based on content and grammar. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
4. Winners will be selected and notified via phone or mail on or before June 30, 2021. If a winner cannot be contacted after reasonable attempts or fails to claim the prize on or before July 9, 2021, the Bank may select another winner in his/her place at a later date.
5. Prizes are not transferable. No substitution of prizes is permitted except at the sole discretion of the Bank.
6. Winners are responsible for federal, state, and local taxes related to the prize and all expenses related to the acceptance and use of the prize.

7. By entering the contest, winners grant the Bank permission to use their names, address, photos and/or likenesses for advertising and/or trade and/or any other purpose in any media without additional compensation, permission, or notification. Winners further agree that the Bank may use submitted essay (or an edited version) for any purpose in any media without additional compensation, permission, or notification.

8. Winners must sign an affidavit of eligibility and a written release of liability and return them to the Bank within 14 days of notification. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the prize.

9. Winners under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the required affidavit and release.

ODDS:

Odds of winning a prize depend upon the total number of eligible entries received.

LIST OF WINNERS:

To obtain a list of winners, send a request via email to EducationalBankingProgram@dollarbank.com.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. One entry per student.
2. There will be limited availability at the Presentations due to Microsoft Teams Meeting limitations and attendance will be permitted on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. By participating, entrants: (a) agree that the decisions of the Bank shall be final in all respects; and (b) release, discharge, and hold harmless the Bank and its subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, officers, directors, agents and other representatives from any liability, claims, or damages arising out of the entrant's participation in the contest and his/her acceptance, misuse, or possession of any prize, including but not limited to illness, injury or loss of life, damage or other irregularities resulting therefrom.
4. The Bank reserves the right to interpret these rules and make decisions concerning the award, acceptance and use of a prize in situations not covered by these rules.
5. The Bank expressly reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time and to award no prizes for any reason. The Bank will not be responsible for: (a) any printing errors and/or omissions; (b) lost, misdirected, or late entries; or (c) any emails sent to the Bank but not received by the Bank (for security or other reasons). Noncompliance with these rules may result in disqualification of the entry and/or forfeiture of any prize.
6. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. Contest subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Dollar Bank's 2020-2021 Tuition Scholarship Contest Newsletter #1 Review Questions:

Name: _____

Directions: Print this page. Answer the following questions based on the articles read in this Scholarship Financial News Newsletter. Save this review because it must be submitted with your essay to be eligible for the Tuition Scholarship Contest.

1. The average consumer visits their bank _____ a year so the convenience services offered are an important factor.
2. Most financial institutions are insured through _____ or _____.
3. What is an example of a fixed committed expense? _____
4. What is an example of a variable committed expense? _____
5. When setting up a budget, what spending expenses can have the biggest impact of making or breaking your budget? _____
6. How can you order a free credit report? _____
7. Define Pay Yourself First : _____

These answers must be e-mailed to EducationalBankingProgram@dollarbank.com.