

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

Selected resources for those new to financial topics



These educational Web sites and books provide a valuable introduction to the basics of personal finance.

Online Programs and Educational Web Sites

360 DEGREES OF FINANCIAL LITERACY is one of the most comprehensive self-study courses currently available. Developed by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the modules teach core financial knowledge and skills in engaging ways that are relevant at different life stages, from childhood through college and on to career, parenthood, entrepreneurship and retirement. It includes articles, lessons and interactive tools.

<http://www.360financialliteracy.org>



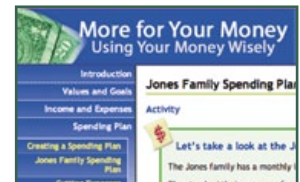
MONEY SMART PODCAST NETWORK is the portable audio (MP3) version of the Money Smart curriculum developed by the FDIC, designed to accommodate financial learning for individuals “on the go.” With descriptions and topic-based scenarios, the audio version delivers basic financial information in a dialogue format. The segments are short and organized around four major topics – general knowledge, checking and savings, budgeting and credit.

<http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/audio/index.html>



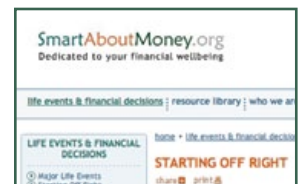
MORE FOR YOUR MONEY is the University of Illinois’ online personal finance tutorial. E-mail registration is required, but no personal information is asked for. The interactive course includes sections with tools to help learners document their goals, interests and plans.

<https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/money/index.cfm>



SMART ABOUT MONEY is the National Endowment for Financial Education’s self-study program, used in many community- and school-based financial workshops.

<http://www.smartaboutmoney.org/LifeEventsFinancialDecisions/StartingOffRight/tabid/301/Default.aspx>



MONEY 101 is a clear and interesting introduction to personal finance from *Money* magazine and CNN. The well-structured online course is neither too dry nor too simplistic.

<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/money101/index.html>



INVESTOPEDIA by *Forbes* offers a large collection of free online investing and personal finance tutorials, as well as other helpful learning resources such as the Term of the Week, a series of “101” articles and a weekly educational newsletter.

www.investopedia.com



MORNINGSTAR'S PERSONAL FINANCE section provides articles and other media on investing basics. Be sure to click on “Get Started” for the most appropriate resources.

www.morningstar.com



KHAN ACADEMY is an online catalog of quick video introductions to many financial and economic concepts – a great reference for visual learners.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/#BankingandMoney>



MARKETPLACE is an entertaining review of personal finance and business/economic news for “people who hate business and finance.” Several auxiliary programs and Web sites have spun off of the original program. On their Web site, check out the “Marketplace Money” weekly program, the “Whiteboards” section for video primers on complex financial topics and the downloadable podcasts for listening on the go.

<http://marketplace.publicradio.org>



KIPLINGER FINANCIAL and **THE MOTLEY FOOL** both provide quick, magazine-style guides to personal finance from major personal finance publishers. **ABOUT.COM**'s financial planning pages are practical and helpful as well.

<http://www.kiplinger.com/basics>

<http://financialplan.about.com>

<http://www.fool.com/how-to-invest/personal-finance/index.aspx?source=LN>



Bookshelf Essentials

THE EVERYTHING PERSONAL FINANCE IN YOUR 20s AND 30s BOOK

(2nd Edition)

THE 250 PERSONAL FINANCE QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK IN YOUR 20s AND 30s

Debby Fowles

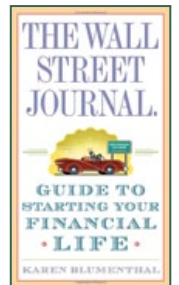


These books are good all-in-one resources for young people who are starting out on their own. Readers learn the basics of money management including how to make a budget and stick to it; build an emergency fund; splurge – the smart way; and more.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL GUIDE TO STARTING YOUR FINANCIAL LIFE

Karen Blumenthal

A starter guide for young people managing their money in today's economy. A focus on how-tos and making informed choices, including related topics like health insurance and taxes, makes this a relevant read.

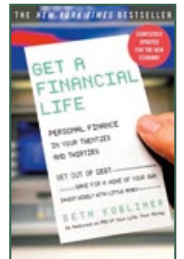


GET A FINANCIAL LIFE: PERSONAL FINANCE IN YOUR 20S AND 30S

(3rd Edition)

Beth Koblner

An excellent collection of basic money management principles specially tailored to the particular interests of young adults. Includes discussions of investing, taxes, banking, credit, retirement and other important topics.



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