



# Lesson

# Mastering

## Topic

## Build Your Budget for Grad School

### Assignment 18: Create your Savings Budget for Graduate School

#### Purpose

Scholars will assess their current expenses and expected costs for testing and applying to graduate school. They will create a budget that permits them to save and prepare in advance for these costs. For assistance, schedule a visit with [AAP Pre-Grad Advisors](#).

#### Instructions

Use the Excel spreadsheet to track your monthly monetary spending.

**Find it Here:** [Monthly Budget Template](#) & [Monthly Income Estimate](#)

My monthly income is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My monthly expenses are: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Average Costs of Applying for Graduate School:

<b>GRE Registration Fee</b>	
<b>GRE fee to send test scores to graduate programs</b>	
<b>GRE Study Materials</b>	
<b>Graduate Program Application Fees</b>	
<b>Transcripts</b>	
<b>Travel to Graduate School Programs</b>	
	<b>Total:</b>

To save money I can cut current costs in \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

To make more money I will:

<b>Get a job (Y/N)</b>	<b>In...</b>
<b>Applying for Scholarships (Y/N)</b>	<b>Like...</b>
<b>Start a Go Fund Me (Y/N)</b>	<b>For...</b>