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Where am I today?



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Budgeting



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The Four Uses of Cash

- U** Unexpected Expenses and Emergencies
- S** Specific Short-term Savings Goals
- E** Everyday Spending
- S** Sources of Investment

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The Four Uses of Cash

- E** Everyday Spending
 - Groceries
 - Utilities
 - Entertainment
 - Mortgage
 - Car/gas/insurance
 - Other debt payments

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AutoPay Bills

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How Much Is Too Much?



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Unexpected Expenses and Emergencies

- Job loss
- Home repair
- Auto repair
- Unplanned medical expense

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TIP



Build Your Reserves

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Specific Short-term Savings Goals

- New car
- Vacation
- Wedding

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TIP



**Separate Savings
and Checking**

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Sources of Investment

- Strategic allocations
- Temporary allocations for a future investment

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Strategic Allocation

- Hold cash as an asset class to diversify investments
- Up to 5% of your fixed-income allocation in cash

Temporary Allocation

- Dollar cost averaging or systematic investing

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Mastering Credit

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TIP



**Think of Debit
and Credit Cards
As Spending Tools**

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Good Debt, Bad Debt

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Credit Cards and Minimum Payments

New Balance	\$1,786.00
Minimum Payment Due	\$53.00
Payment Due Date	2/13/15

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above, you may have to pay a \$35 fee and your APRs may be increased up to the penalty rate of 28.99%.

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance.

For example:

If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay ...	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about ...	And you will end up paying an estimated total of ...
Only the minimum payment	8 years	\$2,785
\$62	3 years	\$2,232 (Savings = \$553)

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Your Credit Profile

Credit Score

- Range: 300-850
- Best Rates: 740+

Credit Report



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Credit Score Factors

- History of on-time payments
- Credit utilization
- Length of credit history
- Recent searches for credit
- Types of credit used

Credit score available for
a fee at www.myFICO.com

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Credit Report

Credit Bureaus

- Equifax
- Experian
- TransUnion

Request your annual credit report at
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Credit Card Payoff Strategy

Credit Card	Amount Owed	Interest Rate	Minimum Payment
Credit Card 1	\$750	21%	\$25
Credit Card 2	\$1,250	21%	\$75
Credit Card 3	\$1,000	20%	\$50
Credit Card 4	\$2,500	18%	\$50
Credit Card 5	\$4,000	18%	\$50
	\$9,500		\$250

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Refinancing

- Mortgage
- Auto Loans



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Review Your Strategy

Mastering Credit:

- Good vs. Bad Debt
- The Credit CARD Act
- Credit Scores and Credit Reports
- Debt Consolidation and Payoff Strategies