

Financing My Dreams

Complete the five steps to earn your Financing My Dreams Badge.

1. **Explore Dream Jobs:**

Take a virtual tour of a day in the life of your dream job. Research the steps it takes to achieve this goal. Would you need to go to graduate school? What skills will you need to perform this job? What is the average salary for this position? Below are some examples to help you get started!

[Dancer](#)

[Chef](#)

[Scientist](#)

[Doctor](#)

[Teacher](#)

2. **Price out buying your dream home:** Join Jessica to learn the steps you will need to take to buy your dream home!

3. **Research dream vacations:** Choose one location that you would love to visit someday and answer the following questions.

- How long will you be traveling for? Use the example provided here to help you build your travel [budget](#).
- Where will you stay? Use Trip [Advisor](#) to help you find a hotel that is affordable and also close to all of your favorite tourist attractions.
- What tourist attractions will you visit? Will these attractions cost money? Use your travel budget sheet to track your expenses.
- Will you need to rent a car or use public transportation? Estimate the daily cost.

4. **Make a dream giving goal:** Picture this: You have just been hired at your dream job, you have your own place (apartment or house), you make a fair salary, and you are able to take care of yourself very well.

What would you do with your “extra” money? Once you have paid your bills and taken care of your necessary expenses what good could you do for those around you?

Make a short video or draw a sketch of how you would share your good fortune with others!

5. **Add up your dreams:** When dreams become a reality it can be easy to lose sight of what’s important and sometimes if you aren’t responsible with your finances you can cause yourself a lot of trouble.

Watch the [tutorial](#) to learn more about being financially responsible.

After you watch the video challenge yourself to create a savings plan that will help you reach your dreams. How much will it cost to go on your dream vacation or buy your dream car? Think about how much you can realistically save every day or every week to get you closer to your goals. Below is an example to help you get started!



The image shows a colorful graphic for a "52 WEEK MONEY SAVING CHALLENGE FOR TEENS". It features a calculator, a game controller, and a microphone. Below the graphic is a two-column table with 52 rows, each representing a week. The columns are labeled "WEEK OF", "DEPOSIT", "BALANCE", and a checkmark icon. The deposit amount increases by \$1 each week, and the balance is the cumulative total of deposits up to that week.

WEEK OF	DEPOSIT	BALANCE	✓	WEEK OF	DEPOSIT	BALANCE	✓
1	\$1	\$1	<input type="checkbox"/>	27	\$27	\$378	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	\$2	\$3	<input type="checkbox"/>	28	\$28	\$406	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	\$3	\$6	<input type="checkbox"/>	29	\$29	\$435	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	\$4	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	\$30	\$465	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	\$5	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>	31	\$31	\$496	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	\$6	\$21	<input type="checkbox"/>	32	\$32	\$528	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	\$7	\$28	<input type="checkbox"/>	33	\$33	\$561	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	\$8	\$36	<input type="checkbox"/>	34	\$34	\$595	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	\$9	\$45	<input type="checkbox"/>	35	\$35	\$630	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	\$10	\$55	<input type="checkbox"/>	36	\$36	\$666	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	\$11	\$66	<input type="checkbox"/>	37	\$37	\$703	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	\$12	\$78	<input type="checkbox"/>	38	\$38	\$741	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	\$13	\$91	<input type="checkbox"/>	39	\$39	\$780	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	\$14	\$105	<input type="checkbox"/>	40	\$40	\$820	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	\$15	\$120	<input type="checkbox"/>	41	\$41	\$861	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	\$16	\$136	<input type="checkbox"/>	42	\$42	\$903	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	\$17	\$153	<input type="checkbox"/>	43	\$43	\$946	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	\$18	\$171	<input type="checkbox"/>	44	\$44	\$990	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	\$19	\$190	<input type="checkbox"/>	45	\$45	\$1035	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	\$20	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/>	46	\$46	\$1081	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	\$21	\$231	<input type="checkbox"/>	47	\$47	\$1128	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	\$22	\$253	<input type="checkbox"/>	48	\$48	\$1176	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	\$23	\$276	<input type="checkbox"/>	49	\$49	\$1225	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	\$24	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	\$50	\$1275	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	\$25	\$325	<input type="checkbox"/>	51	\$51	\$1326	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	\$26	\$351	<input type="checkbox"/>	52	\$52	\$1378	<input type="checkbox"/>

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