## **Your Money Matters**



## **Saving for College**

## How much should you be saving for your child's college education?

How much will your child's college education cost? How much should you start saving today in order to pay for your child's college tuition? You can make the expense of college education more manageable by starting a savings plan early in your child's life.

Use this worksheet to determine how much money you should put away each year to cover four years of future college tuition, fees, and room and board.\*



Saving for College Worksheet*	EXAMPLE: 3 yr. old child planning to attend a public college	
1. Age of Child		3
2. Current Annual College Costs (Use the cost of the school of your choice or \$10,909 for public schools; \$23,651 for private schools)		<u>\$10,909</u>
3. Factor Based on Child's Age (Use chart below, column A)	X	x 2.759
4. Future Costs of First Year of College (Line 2 times Line 3)	= X 4.44	= \$30,098 × 4.44
5. Future Total Cost of 4 Years of College (Line 4 times 4.44)	=	= \$133,635
6. Yearly Savings Factor (Column B below)	X	x 0.0325

Age of Child	А	В		Age of Child	А	В
Newborn	3.380	0.0246	-	9	1.828	0.0617
1	3.159	0.0269	-	10	1.718	0.0699
2	2.952	0.0295		11	1.606	0.0799
3	2.759	0.0325		12	1.501	0.0921
4	2.579	0.0358	-	13	1.403	0.1076
5	2.410	0.0396		14	1.311	0.1275
6	2.252	0.0439		15	1.225	0.1543
7	2.105	0.0489		16	1.145	0.1919
8	1.967	0.0548	-	17	1.070	0.2486

## Start saving today for your child's education! The sooner you start, the less you'll need to invest!

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\$4,343

7. Amount You Need to Invest Each Year (Line 3 times the factor from column B below)

<sup>\*</sup> Assuming your child will enter college at age 18, you will continue saving throughout your child's college years, college costs will increase at 7% a year, and your investment will earn 7% a year after taxes. Source: Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.