# THE QUICK-START BUDGET

It's your first budget! It's also the simplest, so you can relax now.

It's time to get your feet wet with budgeting. This form is only one page, but it will show you how much money you need every month to cover necessities. While your mortgage or rent is listed here, we won't get into the details of your credit card bills, student loans, car payments and any other debt yet. The Quick-Start Budget is just your starting point.

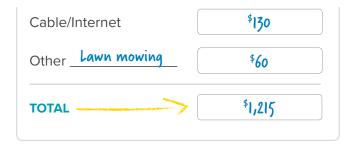
#### **1** WRITE DOWN YOUR SPENDING.

Write down what you're spending for the month in each of the categories listed. If you don't know exactly, just make your best guess. We're keeping it simple for now.



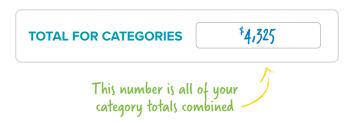
#### 2 TOTAL EACH CATEGORY.

Write the total for each category in the Total box and move on to the next category. See? Easy!



### 3 ADD ALL CATEGORY TOTALS TOGETHER.

Add up all five of your total boxes and enter that number at the bottom in the Total for Categories box. This shows you how much you're spending in a month for your basic necessities, not including any kind of debt. We'll get to all that later.



## **QUICK-START BUDGET FORM**

Taking control of your money starts here!

• GIVING	Planned	TRANSPORTATION Planned	
Church		Auto Insurance	
Charity		Gas & Oil	
TOTAL		Maintenance	
		TOTAL	
₱₩ FOOD	Planned		
Groceries		★ HOUSING Planned	
Restaurants		Mortgage/Rent	
TOTAL		Utilities	
		TOTAL	
<b>★</b> PERSONAL	Planned		
Clothing		TOTAL FOR CATEGORIES	
Phone		<u> </u>	
Fun Money		Remember, this total does not include every category that will be in your	
Gifts		that will be in your monthly budget—just a few of the big ones!	
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