



A Three Step Guide To Getting Your Finances
In Order...Finally!

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Why Read This Guide? – Congrats, you are already on your way to getting your shit together. This three step guide will walk you through getting all of your financial accounts in order. Gasp. Creating a short term budget. Gasp. And setting some goals. Let's get going!

Action One: Getting Organized – You have accounts everywhere. We all do, so don't freak out. Some accounts have positive balances (yay!) and some have negative balances (damnit!) but the first step to getting your shit together is to know exactly where all of your money actually is, and I mean to the penny!

List out all of your Accounts and Balances here:

Account Type	Individual Balances
Checking Account #1	
Checking Account #2	
Savings Account #1	
Savings Account #2	
Investment Accounts	
Roth IRA or Traditional IRA	
401(k)	
Total Balance	

Why This Changes Your Life: Financial clutter bogs you down, both psychologically and financially. By listing out all of your accounts in one location, you reduce the noise and stress of the unknown. Now it's time to continue your success even further by creating a flash budget.

Why Build A Budget? – No one likes budgeting. Seriously, it is just something no one really enjoys (unless you are me). But a quick flash budget can change your life. It gives you the view you need to start prioritizing what is important to you.

Action One: List Your Incomes – This includes your salary, side hustle, or whatever it is you do to bring in the money.

Action Two: List Your Expenses – Ugh. I know this part is annoying but think about all that you spent last month. Try to fill in all expenses related to the major categories listed below..

Action Three: Household Net Income – At the end of this process you will either have a positive or negative Net Income. If you are in the positive, then you are among the few. If you are in the negative – fear not – this is all just a starting point.

Flash Budget	Amount
Income (Salary, Side Hustle, etc.)	
Expenses:	
Rent	
Food	
Transportation	
Debt (Credit Cards, Student Loans, etc.)	
Miscellaneous/Other	
Household Net Income	

Why This Changes Your Life: The process of creating a flash budget is basically a short-term intervention. Most people don't think about how much they are spending on a monthly basis. Not you anymore. Sorry, but this just changed your life! The question now becomes how can you make your budget even better. Next, we explore setting goals and building momentum.

Why Set Goals? – Did you know that our ability to think about the future is uniquely human? Seriously, it’s true. Look it up. Use this awesome trait to your advantage and *plan* out where you want to go. You already have a starting point (listing of your accounts and a budget) and now all you have to do is think about the future and what you want it to look like.

Action One: List Your Goals – Go find a quiet spot. Sit down, and then think about where you want to be in life. This part is actually extremely important. Once you have contemplated this, fill out the chart below:

Time Frame	Financial Accomplishments
In three months...	
In twelve month...	
In three years....	
In ten years...	
In thirty years...	

Why This Changes Your Life: You can’t manage what you haven’t measured. Congrats – you have taken an inventory of your accounts, built a flash budget, and established both short and long term goals. THIS IS HUGE! But wait, there is a catch. You now have to *act* to make your financial life better. Don’t worry though, because [Launch Your Finances](#) is here to help. Read the blog, join our newsletter, or email me at Conor@launchyourfinances.com for any questions. Welcome to your future!