

Design Ignites Change
Providing guidance on personal finance
management to university women

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Research

Consequences of limited financial education in college curriculum



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Consequences of limited financial education in college curriculums

- Some of the largest financial media sources including Forbes, Investopedia and The Wall Street Journal report the majority of Americans are not familiar with the ins and outs of the financial system, don't understand financial jargon, don't have adequate savings, a retirement plan, or a consistent strategy for managing their money.
- The lack of financial literacy not only affects the personal lives of individuals; it also causes the economy to suffer by leading to poor financial decisions, increased debt, and reduced investment in growth opportunities.

Research

The truth about women and money

Allianz Trade published a study in July 2023. They tested the financial literacy of both men and women in several countries with a simple nine question test.

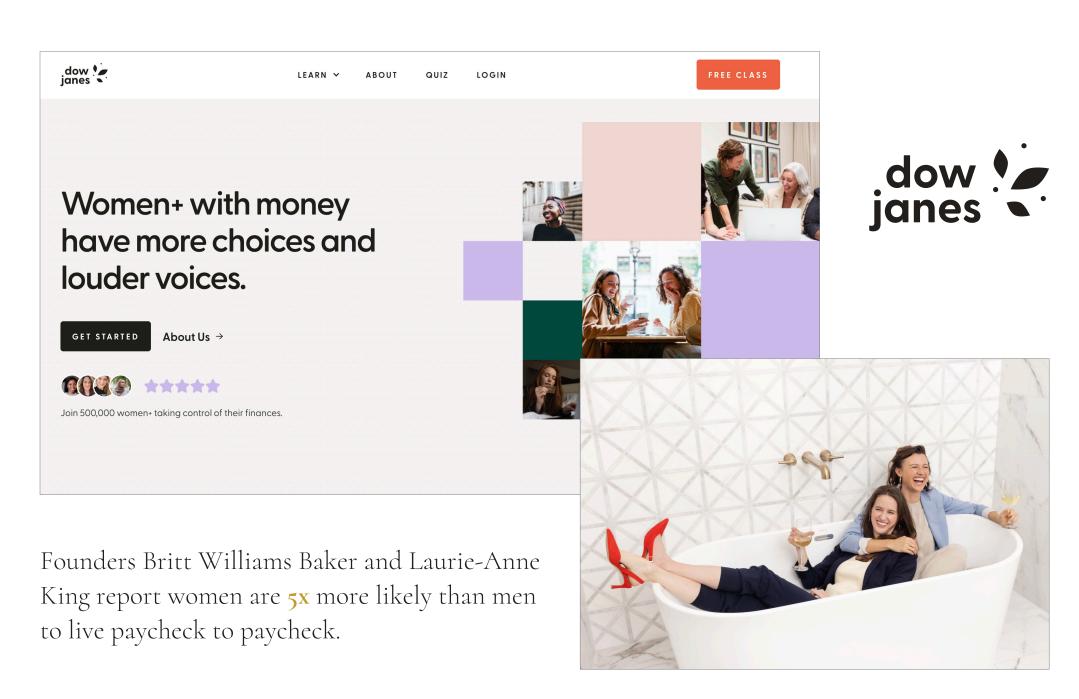
- 30% of women had 0-2 correct answers,
- 21% of men had 0-2 correct answers.
- 11% of women had 7-9 correct answers,
- 19% of men had 7-9 correct answers.

Allianz (11) data from 2023

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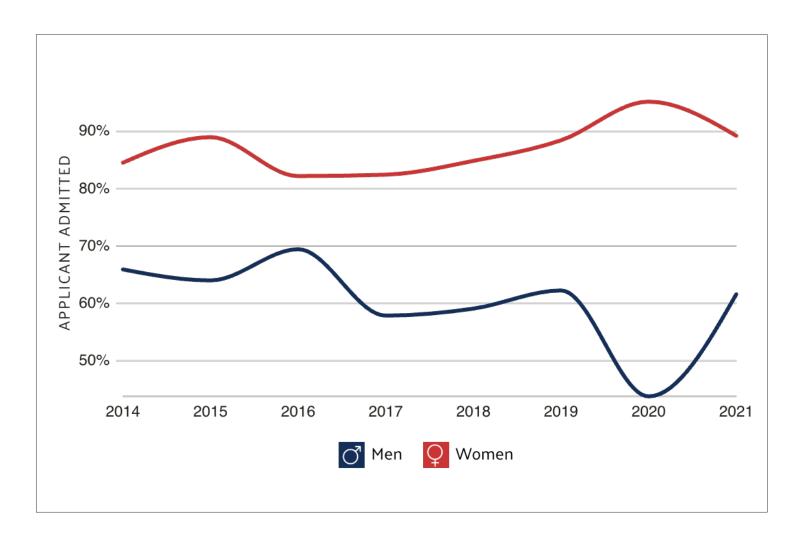
The truth about women and money

Competitor Organization: Dow Janes



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The truth about women and money



"In 2021, 41.3% of applicants to DMV universities were admitted out of 22.6% who enrolled. This was 100,007 studets, 37.3% men and 62.7% women."

Data from the Integrated Post-Secondary Fall Enrollment

Research

Understanding the Target Audience

Demographic Profile

Age: 19-24

Gender: Female

Religion and Ethnicity: Majority in

DMV schools are White and Asian

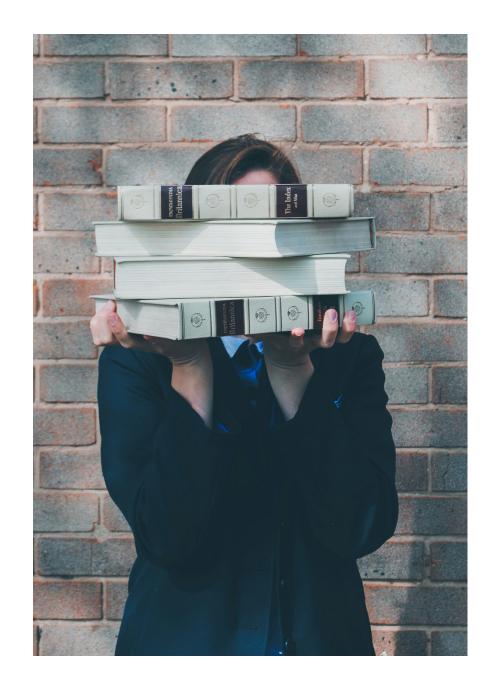
Education: High School Diploma,

currently in college

Occupation: Varies, may work as receptionists, baristas, bartenders, retail cashiers, administrative assistants, etc.

Income: Typically minimum wage,

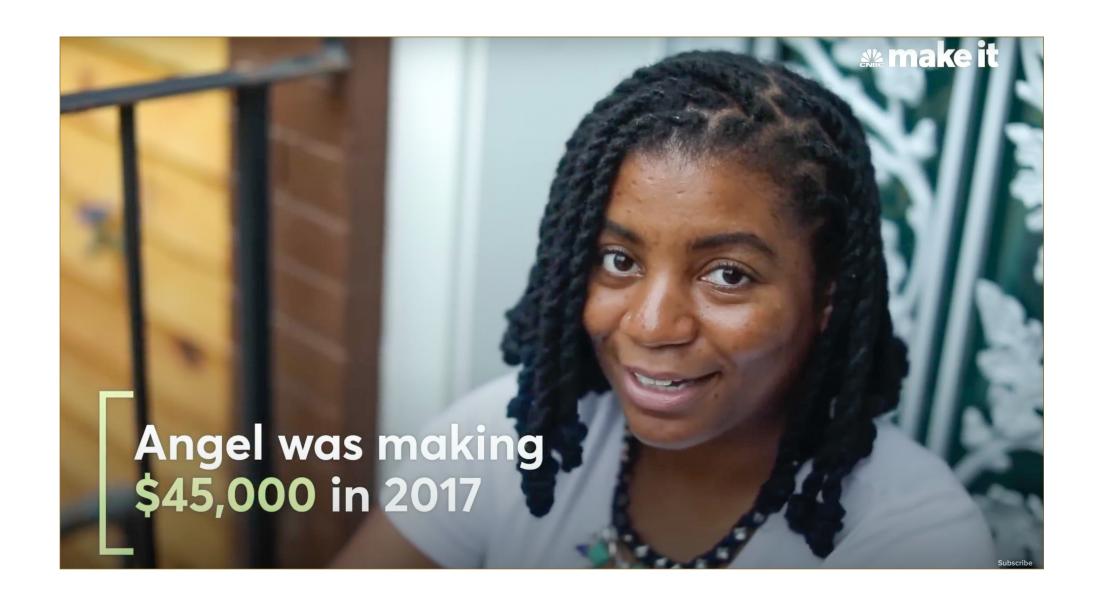
\$15 an hour



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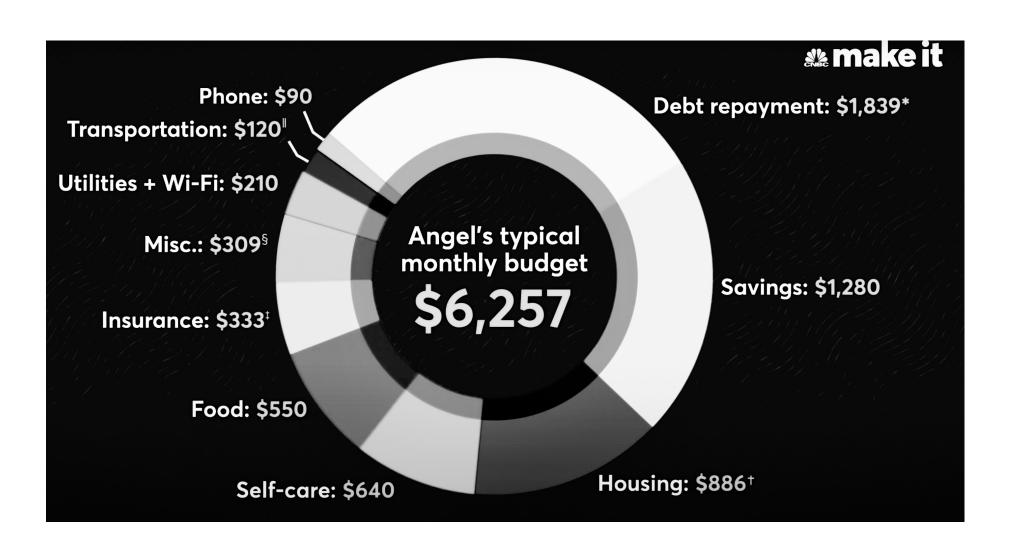
Success Story: Angel Thompson



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Research

Vision

Vision, Mission, and Values

Women who graduate from universities in the DMV area have the knowledge, skills, and confidence to manage their finances.

Mission

Educate women approaching graduation about the importance of solid personal finance skills. Inspire them to create an investment portfolio, open a retirement account, build savings, and effectively manage expenses.

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Values

Vision, Mission, and Values

Individuality.

We are committed to recognizing and addressing the unique needs and situations of each woman we work with, acknowledging their distinct requirements, preferences, and challenges.

Self-Improvement.

We work to improve women's personal lives by promoting financial wellness as a crucial aspect of

self-help and self-care.

Productivity.

We know undergraduate women are hardworking individuals who value success and achievement in their fields. They deserve to reap the rewards of their labor.

Support.

We aim to boost young women's financial confidence.

Stability.

Through our outreach, we provide financial education for undergraduate women to lead financially stable lives.

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Goals, Strategies, & Tactics

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Strategy

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• Goal #3: Provide Support

Strategy

Offer opportunities for connections between undergraduate girls and financial professionals.

Brand Identity

Name & Tagline

Athena is the goddess of war, wisdom, and knowledge, who embodied strategy, rationality, and craft.

Brand Concept & Logo



Signature

PHASE 2 Brand Identity

Name & Tagline



Logotype: Luxia Display kerning 140

Tagline: Cormorant Regular kerning 70



Smallest Acceptable Use: 0.75" x 2.125"



Brand Identity

Typography & Color Palette

Logotype

LUXIA

ABCDEFGHIJK LMNOPQRSTU VWXYZ

Designer: Andrew Herndon

Tagline

Cormorant

ABCDEFGHIJK LMNOPQRSTU VWXYZ

abcdefghijk lmnopqrstu vwxyz

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Designer: Christian Thalmann

Brand Identity

Body Copy

Montserrat

Typography & Color Palette

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Designer: Julieta Ulvanovsky

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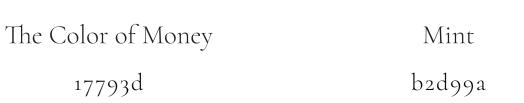
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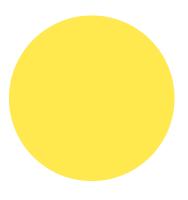




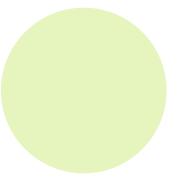
Shield Gold

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Sunshine ffe94e



Pale Green e5f5bd

Brand Identity

Iconography













Stationery Suite: Letterhead



MAY 06. 24

Cia Rodriguez ATHENA 514 19th Street NW Washington, DC, 20052

Dear Ms. Rodriguez,

Certain rules must be followed when printing letters on this stationery. The top one-third of the letterhead should be used for the name whom you are sending the letter. The date is positioned flush-left with the baseline 1.5 inches from the top of the page —aligning vertically with the address block. The address block is positioned with one blank line space between the date and the first line of the address block.

The salutation is positioned flush to the left, one blank line below the address with the body of the letter beginning one blank line below the salutation. One blank line should separate each paragraph. Abbreviations and hyphenated words should be avoided

Four blank lines should be left for your signature between the signature closing and your typed name. If the letter is to run longer than one inch off the bottom of the page, a second sheet is to be used. At least three lines, excluding the signature copy block should be continued to the second sheet.

If the above rules are followed, your stationery will fulfill its function of communicating a message in a clear, orderly, easily read fashion and will serve to enhance your corporate image.

500 17th Street NW Suite 222 Washington, DC, 20052 Sincerely yours,



Isabel Humphrey Founder ATHENA

Stationery Suite: Envelope



Stationery Suite: Business Card



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The Athena Financial Planner

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EARN

Month: _____

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Fixed Income

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Variable Income

Date	Source	Description	Earned
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Fixed + Variable Income = Total Income

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Fixed Expenses

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Fixed + Variable Income = Total Expenses

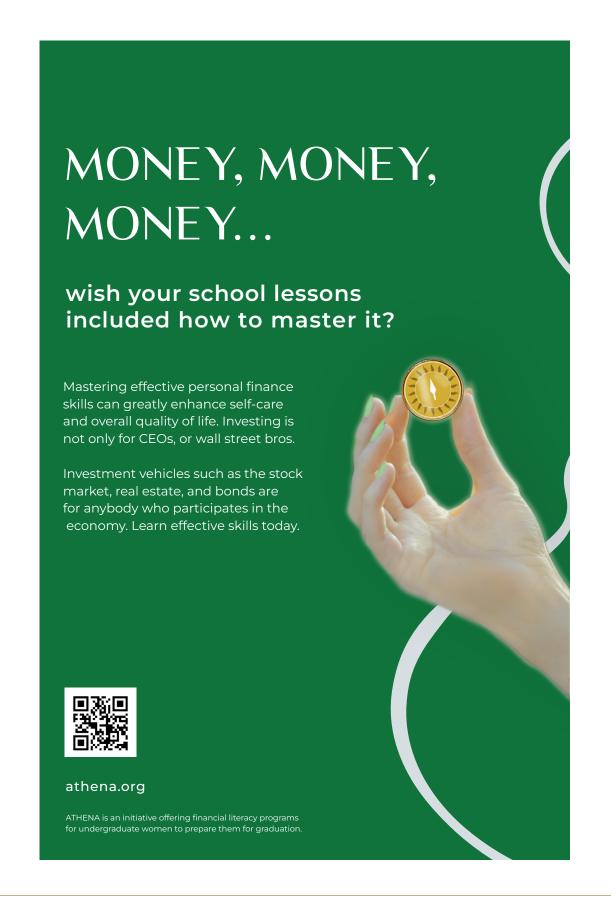
Total Income - Total Expenses = End Balance

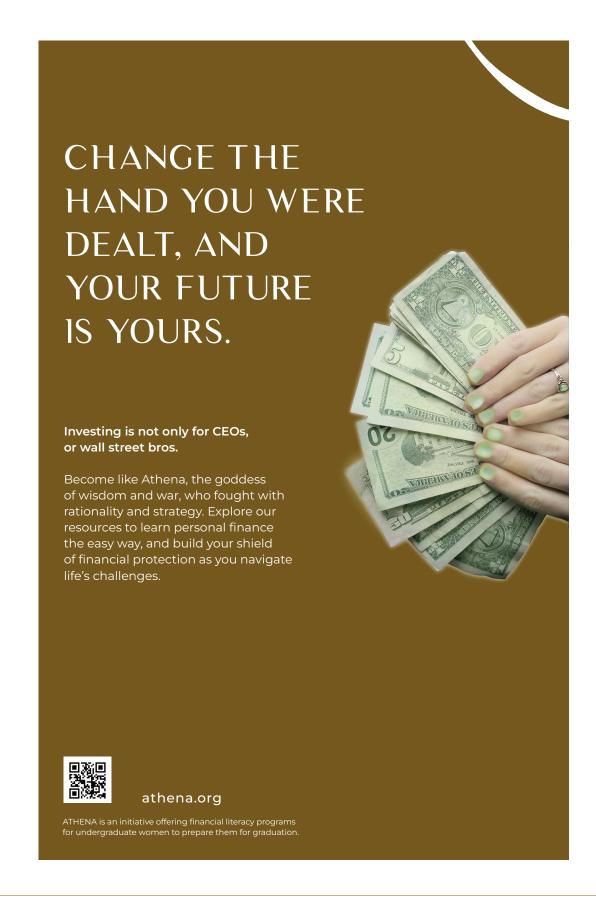
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Athena's Tip

Ensure your income surpasses your expenses. Analyze your total income compared to your total expenses and make sure your income is higher. Track your spending and earnings to achieve the desired imbalance. Then, your end balance might look a little friendly!











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Finance Workshops for Students



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Cia Rodriguez ATHENA 514 19th Street NW Washington, DC, 20052

Dear Ms. Rodriguez,

I am pleased to formally invite you to our upcoming finance workshop, happening Friday, April 12 from 5-8pm at 500 17th Street NW, Suite 222. In our first of three workshops, we'll be going over a basic introduction to handling personal finance. This first event is designed for you to get your feet wet in thinking about what real life financial situations you might encounter, and how you'd handle them.

Attatched is the schedule for our first workshop, titled Athena's Financial Wisdom: Introduction to Personal Finance for Women. A presentation will be given explaining the campaign along with helpful financial advice. We'll also play an interactive game, where you'll break into groups and discuss common financial dillemmas based on the scenario card your group is given. Additionally, you'll receive a small notepad to jot down ideas on how to earn some extra cash as we all share our ideas.

You'll also receive a **free gold charmed necklace** as a thank you for coming! The first step on the journey to financial wellness is earning and learning to think with strategy (like Athena,) so you won't want to miss this! It's also a great way to network with other women before graduation.

We hope to see you there, Cia!

500 17th Street NW Suite 222 Washington, DC, 20052 Sincerely yours,

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Athena's Financial Wisdom: Introduction to Personal Finance for Women

Objective: To support undergraduate women with essential personal finance skills and create a community for sharing financial experiences and advice.

Workshop Outline

Introduction

20 minutes

We'll start with a welcome and icebreaker activity to create a comfortable atmosphere, in which we invite you to meet your fellow Athenas (attendees.) Next we'll have a brief overview of the importance of personal finance for women.

Financial literacy survey to test your knowledge

15 minutes

We will distribute and collect surveys to assess participant's current financial literacy levels. We do this to compare your results when the survey is taken again after the last workshop

Scenario Cards Interactive Game

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We'll divide participants into small groups, and hand out a few ATHENA branded cards to each group. Each card will describe a common financial scenario experienced by college girls (e.g., student loans, budgeting for groceries, managing credit cards, etc.) Next, each group will discuss and decide the best course of action for each scenario. This is a chance to connect with peers on common issues and learn new strategies for handling financial challenges that you may not have considered.

Next we'll ask teams to share their answers. Groups that proposolutions backed by strategy, rationality, and a future-oriented

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Afterwards, we'll reveal the optimal financial decision related to each card on our slideshow and discuss strategies for financial success.

Brainstorm Ways to Earn

20 minutes

Since this is the first ATHENA workshop, we will tackle the first step in the journey to financial wellness: earning.

We will hand out ATHENA branded note pads to each attendee. All participants will jot down ideas for earning some extra cash. After five minutes, another open discussion occurs in which ideas are shared out loud. Again, you may hear ideas from others you'll find applicable, and add them to your list. Last, we'll share some more ideas on our slideshow.

This part will be especially beneficial to women who are struggling financially. With this format, the advice is distributed while privacy is maintained.

Group Discussion - Athena's Wisdom Circle

45 minutes

We will facilitate interpersonal discussions where participants share their financial struggles, successes, and advice.

We encourage supportive dialogue and the exchange of practical tips for managing finances. This is also chance to network with other Athenas.

Closing and Reflection

10 minutes

We'll summarize key takeaways from the workshop, encourage participants to continue building their financial literacy, and suggest a couple resources on how to do so.

Your Reward - The ATHENA Shield Necklace

15 minutes

All attendees will receive a free reward: the ATHENA Shield necklace. We will distribute a stylish, gold chain necklace with our ATHENA shield charm as a thank you, and as a symbol of wisdom and protection in your ongoing financial journey.

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Soon, you'll learn to battle with wisdom, strategy, logic, and rationality. Learn personal finance the easy way, and build your shield of financial protection as you navigate life's challenges.





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PART-TIME JOB OR FULL TIME STUDY

You are offered a part-time job that could help cover your living expenses but might impact your study time. How do you balance work and academics, and what are your priorities?



BUDGETING FOR STUDY ABROAD

You have the opportunity to study abroad for a semester. How do you budget for the additional expenses such as travel, accommodation, and daily living costs while still managing your regular financial responsibilities at home?



EMERGENCY FUND

You've received a small inheritance from a distant relative. Do you use it to pay off some of your student loans, start an emergency fund, or put it towards a high-yield savings account? What are the pros and cons of each choice?



ROOMMATE DILEMMA

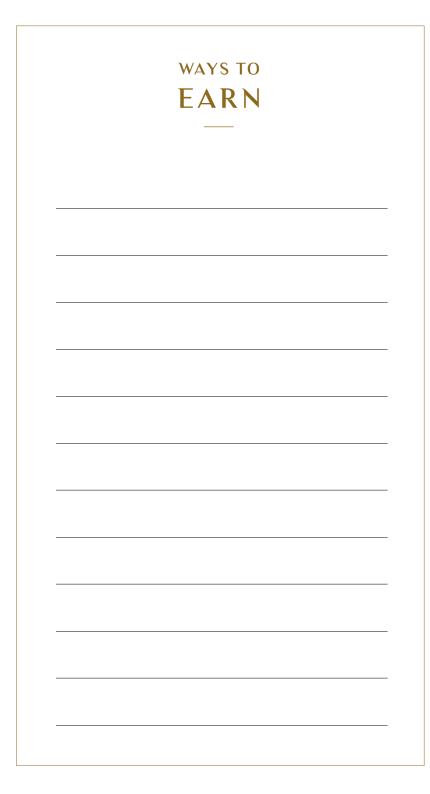
Your roommate frequently asks to borrow money for groceries and bills but often forgets to pay you back.
How do you address this situation without damaging your relationship, and what financial boundaries should you set?

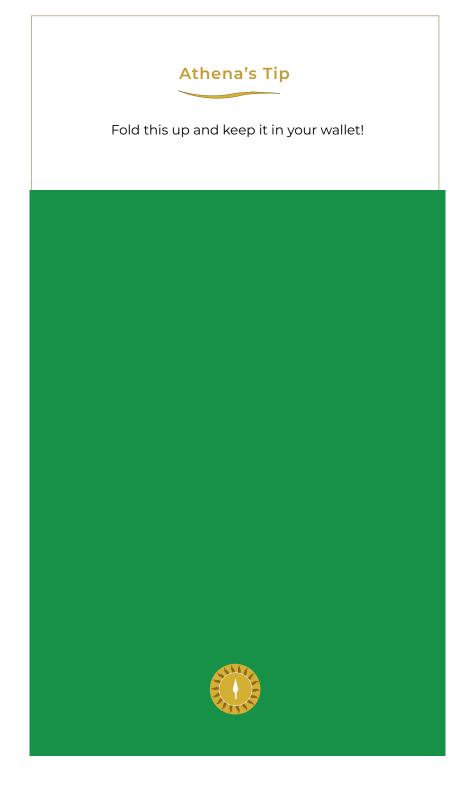


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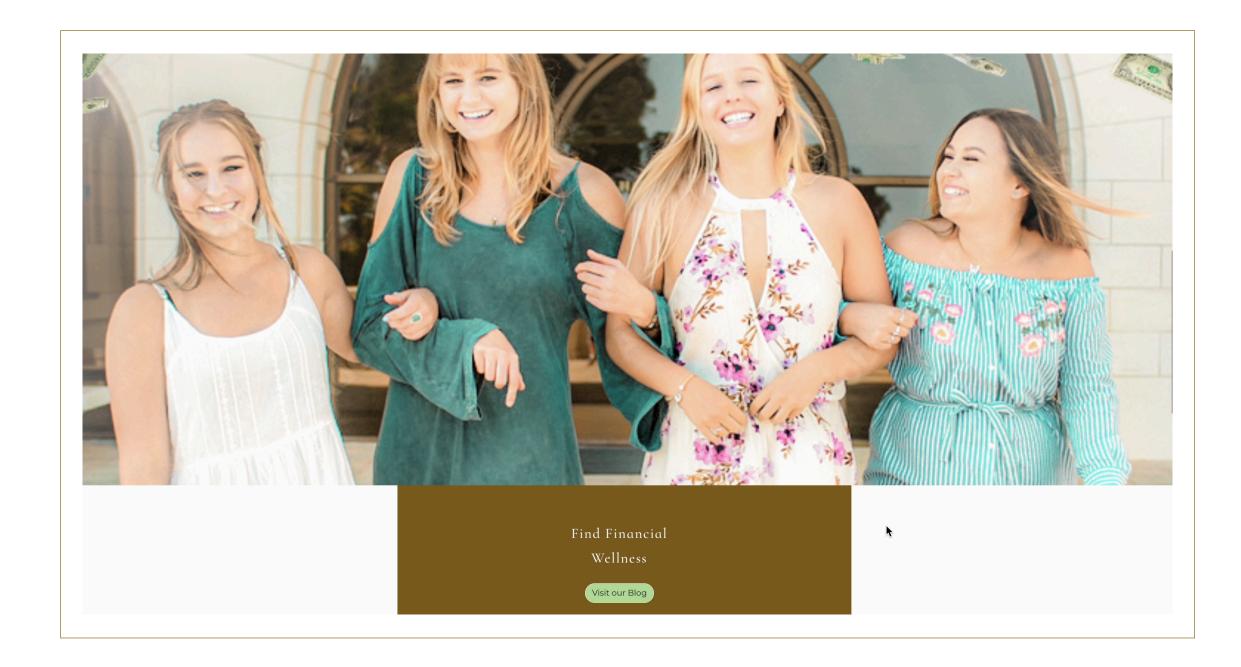
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Thank You!