Making a budget

Job: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Starting Pay: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Calculate costs (monthly)
   1. Mortgage payment (limited to $100K-150K for house)
   2. Car payment—its new:
   3. Food
   4. Phone, internet. cable (satellite)
   5. Utilities (water, sewer, gas, electricity)
   6. Entertainment
   7. Savings (how much you would like to save)
   8. Can also include: car insurance, health insurance, gasoline bill, student loans, cell phone, anything else you can think of)
   9. Total Expense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per month
2. Find the job you want to do
   1. Salary—starting salary for the profession you want
   2. Find income tax rates (federal and state) and payroll taxes--subtract taxes.
   3. Federal rate is progressive, Google Federal Tax Rate—will depend on yearly income. FED TAX \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. State is now 5.8% for everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Payroll (Social security and Medicare) is 7.65%) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   6. Subtract All taxes from starting Salary
   7. Divide by 12 to find monthly income
   8. Total Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Now total your costs.
   1. Do you have enough to cover your expenses?
   2. Where could you cut/increase spending? (will discuss saving/investing on day 3)