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| **Lifespan Plan** |
| **Timeframe** | **Career** | **Education and Training** | **Skills** | **Lifestyle Goals and Financial Resources** |
| Over the next two years… | •How will I learn more about my preferences and aptitudes as it applies to choosing a career? •What aspects of my personality will have the greatest effect on the kind of career I will choose? •Which of the career clusters are of most interest to me? Why? | What courses have I taken so far, and what courses will I need to take, to be ready for my college and career goals after high school? | •What courses have I taken so far, and what courses will I need to take, to help me develop mastery of communication skills? •What extracurricular activities have I participated in or plan to participate in that will help build my leadership skills? | •What resources are available to help fund the training and education I need?•What transportation costs will I have?•What housing costs will I have?•How will I be able to save money? |
| In five years… | •What real-world experiences will I have had by this point in my life that will help me judge whether I am on the right career path? •What will I be able to learn through on-the-job experience that I would not have been able to otherwise? | •Will I have graduated from the program of study required to pursue my career choice? •What additional training or education is needed? | •How will I have demonstrated myorganizational abilities by this time? •What evidence will I have of this to show to a potential employer? •How will I have demonstrated my *creativity* by this time? •What evidence will I have of this to show to a potential employer? | •Will I have to continue to find funding sources for additional education?•Will I be repaying student-loan debt?•Where will I live? How much of my monthly budget will be spent on housing costs?•How will I get to work? What transportation costs are associated with getting to work?•How much will I have saved to fund short-term goals, such as vacations? How much for long-term goals, such as retirement? |
| In 10 years… | •Where will I be on the career ladder by this time? •What skills have I acquired that will allow me to advance? •What additional training or practice will have been required to attain this level? | •What type of continuing education is part of my career choice? •Are continuing education credits or certification renewal part of my chosen career? If so, what is required? | •What type of data will I use to make decisions at this point in my career? •What tools will I use to help me analyze the data? | •Will I be repaying student-loan debt?•What are my transportation costs•Will I own the place where I live? How much of my monthly budget will I spend on housing?•Do I have the correct amount of life, health, and property and casualty insurance? How much will it cost on a monthly basis?•How much will I have saved to fund short-term goals, such as vacations? How much for long-term goals, such as retirement plans?•If I have a child, how will that impact my earnings, monthly costs, and ability to save? What childcare costs will I have? |
| In 30 years… | •Where will I be on the career ladder by this time? •What factors will affect my rise?•What factors are within my control and what factors are beyond my control? | What types of classes would I like to take so that I can learn more about a hobby or personal interest? | •What do I imagine a typical work day would be like for me at this stage in my career?•What tools will I work with on a daily basis? •What type of additional training may I be required to undertake to work efficiently with these new tools? | •Do I have the correct amount of life, health, and property and casualty, disability, and long-term care insurance? How much will it cost on a monthly basis?•How much will I have saved to fund short-term goals, such as vacations? How much for long-term goals, such as retirement plans?•How have my housing needs changed? •How much are my housing costs? |
| In 50 years… | •When I am ready to retire from my primary career, what career level will I have reached? •Will I have owned my own business? •Supervised others? •Invented something new? | After I have retired from my primary career, what types of training or experiences would likely be necessary to pursue meaningful paid or volunteer work opportunities? | •How will I have shown my ability to lead and motivate people to meet established goals? •What qualities will I have developed that will make me an effective leader? | •How much have I saved for retirement? •How does this number affect the age at which I will be able to retire?•What does my monthly budget look like?•If I am retired, is my lifestyle the same as when I was working? How so? |