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## EDUCATION FUNDING GOALS Introduction

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## THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION

According to The College Board's annual report, Trends in College Pricing 2014, median annual income for bachelor's degree recipients is 60 percent higher than median income for those with only a high school diploma. Over a lifetime that difference exceeds $\$ 1,000,000$.

While a college education can be expensive, it is clearly an investment that will pay off in the long run.

## COLLEGE IS EXPENSIVE

Inflation: The U.S. Department of Education estimates that slightly more than one-quarter of fulltime undergraduate students live on campus. According to The College Board, the average in-state tuition costs for 2021-2022 were $\$ 10,740$ and $\$ 38,070$ per year for four-year public and private universities, respectively. That represents a $3.4 \%$ increase over the prior year.

Other Costs: Room and board charges averaged $\$ 11,510$ for public and $\$ 12,990$ for private universities.
These are real costs that should be looked at carefully when preparing to set aside funds for college.

## THE COSTS ARE INCREASING

College tuition and fees in the United States experienced an average annual inflation rate of $11.5 \%$ over the past 20 years, according to Department of Labor statistics.

## THE SOONER YOU SAVE, THE BETTER

Often times, because it seems far off in the future, little thought is given as to how to save and plan financially for a college education. However, it is much easier to save while the child is growing up and pay for college from our savings than to attempt to pay for college as the expenses are incurred, out of income. In addition, advance planning can often provide significant income tax benefits which may not be available if you postpone saving.

## YOUR CURRENT SITUATION

Accumulation planning makes your goals specific and tries to fund them using the most cost effective method of saving and taxation of income available to you. If you have a plan, your long-term goals are much more likely to be met.

By looking at the numbers, future plans become more real and significant cost savings methods may be found to save you money. Significant tax savings may also be available through proper planning. You have indicated the following goals, objectives and assumptions:
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## DEPENDENT FUNDING INFORMATION

| NAME | AGE | SCHOOL | CURRENT ANNUAL COST | SET ASIDE (TAXABLE) | SET ASIDE (TAX ADVANTAGED) | \% YOU PAY | STARTING AGE | YEARS NEEDED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Child 1 | 13 | UH Manoa | \$12,000 | \$0 | \$7,000 | 50\% | 18 | 5 |
| Child 2 | 10 | HPU | \$23,000 | \$0 | \$7,000 | 50\% | 18 | 5 |


| Marginal Tax Rate (Combined fed and state) | 25.0 <br> $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| College Cost Inflation Rate | 2.0 |
|  | $\%$ |
| Annual Increase in Contributions | 0.0 |
|  | $\%$ |
| Before-Tax Investment Return | 6.0 |
|  | $\%$ |

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## IMPACT OF INFLATION

As you can see in the table below, there is a dramatic difference between what college would cost today, and what it may cost in the future.

| NAME | COLLEGE COSTS WITHOUT INFLATION |  | COLLEGE COSTS AT 2.0\% INFLATION |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FIRST YEAR COST | CUMULATIVE COST | FIRST YEAR COST | CUMULATIVE COST |
| Child 1 | \$6,000 | \$30,000 | \$6,624 | \$34,819 |
| Child 2 | \$11,500 | \$57,500 | \$13,474 | \$70,821 |
| COLLEGE COSTS WITHOUT INFLATIONCOLLEGE COSTS AT $2.0 \%$ INFLATION |  |  |  | \$105,640 |

## SUMMARY OF COSTS

The following chart and table illustrate the estimated annual inflation-adjusted cost of your education funding goals.

## ANNUAL INFLATED COST BY DEPENDENT



| Year | Child 1 | Child 2 |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 3,312 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,312 |
| 7 | 6,757 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,757 |
| 8 | 6,892 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,892 |
| 9 | 7,030 | 6,737 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,767 |
| 10 | 7,171 | 13,744 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,914 |
| 11 | 3,657 | 14,018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,675 |
| 12 | 0 | 14,299 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,299 |
| 13 | 0 | 14,585 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,585 |
| 14 | 0 | 7,438 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,438 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There are several savings and investment strategies that can help you accrue money for college, lowering the total cost of your funding goals. The sooner you begin to accumulate assets for your goals, the less your "out-of-pocket" cost will be. Below are some savings ideas that may help you better prepare for the task of funding your children's college educations.

## THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Pay As You Go-The most expensive way to pay for your dependent needs is to simply wait for the bills to start rolling in, then paying them out-of-pocket.

Save Annually (Taxable Account)-By setting aside funds each year beginning now you can take advantage of earning interest, saving you money in the long run.

Save Annually (Tax Advantaged)-In addition to setting aside funds on an annual basis you may want to consider saving into a tax-advantaged account such as a Section 529 plan.

Invest a Lump Sum (Taxable Account)-You can further reduce the cost of paying for your dependent goals by setting aside a lump sum today.
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Invest a Lump Sum (Tax Advantaged)-The least expensive means of paying for your dependent goals is to save a lump sum in a tax advantaged account.

|  |  | TAXABLE SAVING | TAX-ADVANTAGED | TAXABLE SAVING | TAX-ADVANTAGED <br> PLAN |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Child 1 | 34,819 |  | 3,476 | 18,034 | $\mathbf{1 5 , 5 1 9}$ |
| Child 2 | 70,821 | 5,458 | 4,779 | 37,621 | $\mathbf{3 1 , 4 5 7}$ |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 0 5 , 6 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 3 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 2 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 5 , 6 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 , 9 7 7}$ |

* The annual savings amounts vary from year to year based on your estimated funding needs. See tables on the following page for a breakdown of the estimated annual savings amounts.

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## DETAILS OF ANNUAL SAVINGS ALTERNATIVES

|  | TAXABLE |  |  |  |  | TAX ADVANTAGED |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Beginning Balance | Plus New Savings | Less Withdrawals | Plus Interest | Equals End Balance | Beginning Balance | Plus New Savings | Less Withdrawals | Plus Interest | Equals End Balance |
| 1 | 14,000 | 9,389 | 0 | 1,053 | 24,442 | 14,000 | 8,255 | 0 | 1,335 | 23,590 |
| 2 | 24,442 | 9,389 | 0 | 1,522 | 35,353 | 23,590 | 8,255 | 0 | 1,911 | 33,755 |
| 3 | 35,353 | 9,389 | 0 | 2,013 | 46,756 | 33,755 | 8,255 | 0 | 2,521 | 44,531 |
| 4 | 46,756 | 9,389 | 0 | 2,527 | 58,672 | 44,531 | 8,255 | 0 | 3,167 | 55,952 |
| 5 | 58,672 | 9,389 | 0 | 3,063 | 71,124 | 55,952 | 8,255 | 0 | 3,852 | 68,060 |
| 6 | 71,124 | 5,458 | 3,312 | 3,297 | 76,567 | 68,060 | 4,779 | 3,312 | 4,172 | 73,698 |
| 7 | 76,567 | 5,458 | 6,757 | 3,387 | 78,655 | 73,698 | 4,779 | 6,757 | 4,303 | 76,023 |
| 8 | 78,655 | 5,458 | 6,892 | 3,475 | 80,695 | 76,023 | 4,779 | 6,892 | 4,435 | 78,345 |
| 9 | 80,695 | 0 | 13,767 | 3,012 | 69,940 | 78,345 | 0 | 13,767 | 3,875 | 68,452 |
| 10 | 69,940 | 0 | 20,914 | 2,206 | 51,232 | 68,452 | 0 | 20,914 | 2,852 | 50,391 |
| 11 | 51,232 | 0 | 17,675 | 1,510 | 35,067 | 50,391 | 0 | 17,675 | 1,963 | 34,678 |
| 12 | 35,067 | 0 | 14,299 | 935 | 21,703 | 34,678 | 0 | 14,299 | 1,223 | 21,602 |
| 13 | 21,703 | 0 | 14,585 | 320 | 7,438 | 21,602 | 0 | 14,585 | 421 | 7,438 |
| 14 | 7,438 | 0 | 7,438 | 0 | 0 | 7,438 | 0 | 7,438 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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## DETAILS OF LUMP SUM ALTERNATIVES

| Year | TAXABLE |  |  |  |  | TAX ADVANTAGED |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Beginning Balance | Plus New Savings | $\begin{gathered} \text { Less } \\ \text { Withdrawals } \end{gathered}$ | Plus Interest | Equals End Balance | Beginning Balance | Plus New Savings | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { Withdrawals } \end{aligned}$ | Plus Interest | Equals End Balance |
| 1 | 14,000 | 55,655 | 0 | 3,134 | 72,789 | 14,000 | 46,977 | 0 | 3,659 | 64,635 |
| 2 | 72,789 | 0 | 0 | 3,276 | 76,065 | 64,635 | 0 | 0 | 3,878 | 68,513 |
| 3 | 76,065 | 0 | 0 | 3,423 | 79,488 | 68,513 | 0 | 0 | 4,111 | 72,624 |
| 4 | 79,488 | 0 | 0 | 3,577 | 83,065 | 72,624 | 0 | 0 | 4,357 | 76,982 |
| 5 | 83,065 | 0 | 0 | 3,738 | 86,803 | 76,982 | 0 | 0 | 4,619 | 81,600 |
| 6 | 86,803 | 0 | 3,312 | 3,757 | 87,248 | 81,600 | 0 | 3,312 | 4,697 | 82,985 |
| 7 | 87,248 | 0 | 6,757 | 3,622 | 84,113 | 82,985 | 0 | 6,757 | 4,574 | 80,802 |
| 8 | 84,113 | 0 | 6,892 | 3,475 | 80,695 | 80,802 | 0 | 6,892 | 4,435 | 78,345 |
| 9 | 80,695 | 0 | 13,767 | 3,012 | 69,940 | 78,345 | 0 | 13,767 | 3,875 | 68,452 |
| 10 | 69,940 | 0 | 20,914 | 2,206 | 51,232 | 68,452 | 0 | 20,914 | 2,852 | 50,391 |
| 11 | 51,232 | 0 | 17,675 | 1,510 | 35,067 | 50,391 | 0 | 17,675 | 1,963 | 34,678 |
| 12 | 35,067 | 0 | 14,299 | 935 | 21,703 | 34,678 | 0 | 14,299 | 1,223 | 21,602 |
| 13 | 21,703 | 0 | 14,585 | 320 | 7,438 | 21,602 | 0 | 14,585 | 421 | 7,438 |
| 14 | 7,438 | 0 | 7,438 | 0 | 0 | 7,438 | 0 | 7,438 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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