

# Top 10 Money Tips for Teens

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Most financial challenges are created by financial habits that don't support your financial goals. The younger you are, the easier it is to develop new habits. Teens are at a great age to learn effective personal finance habits and begin creating a bright financial future.

## **TIME IS ON YOUR SIDE**

There is an easy way to become very wealthy. Money that is invested wisely will double approximately every seven years.

## **DEVELOP A SAVING HABIT**

Whether you receive a pay, allowance, birthday money or money from mum to go see a movie, make a habit of saving part of it. This single habit can allow you to avoid most financial challenges in the future.

## **UNDERSTAND FINANCIAL TERMS**

Understand the meaning of words like debt, credit, superannuation, interest, debit card and so on.

## **IF YOU'RE NOT SURE ABOUT MAKING A PURCHASE, DON'T!**

Houses are full of silly purchases that left the purchaser shaking his head. Avoid making unnecessary purchases.

## **DEBT IS BORROWING FROM YOUR FUTURE**

Using a credit card is pledging to give money you'll earn in the future to pay for that item, plus interest. There's nothing worse than having to make payments for something that you don't even use anymore.

## **PROTECT YOUR CREDIT**

A good credit score can reduce the amount of interest paid on credit cards, car loans, and home loans. A bad credit score can limit your ability for finance for a very long time. Make sure you always pay bills on time and don't borrow money unnecessarily.

## **START BUDGETING TODAY**

Decide beforehand how your money will be spent. Set aside at least 10% for savings.

## **TAKE A PERSONAL FINANCE COURSE**

While high schools don't require a course in personal finance, many do offer a course. Build a solid foundation for your financial future. See what's available at your school and if they're not offering anything, suggest they do so, even if it involves extra-curricular classes.

## **SHORT TERM PAIN LEADS TO LONG TERM GAIN**

Financial freedom is the result of denying yourself pleasure in the present to ensure a bright future. Any money spent today costs you even more in the future. So spend wisely.

## **FIND INEXPENSIVE WAYS TO ENTERTAIN YOURSELF**

Consider yourself blessed if you can enjoy the library, park, or renting a movie.

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