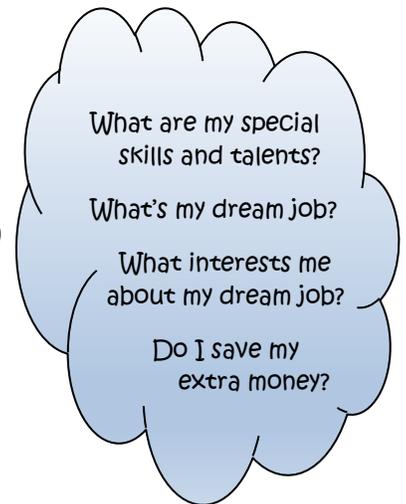
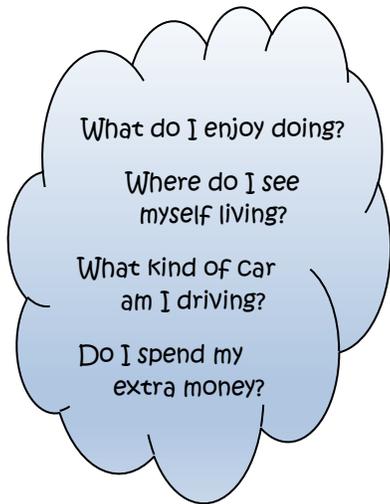




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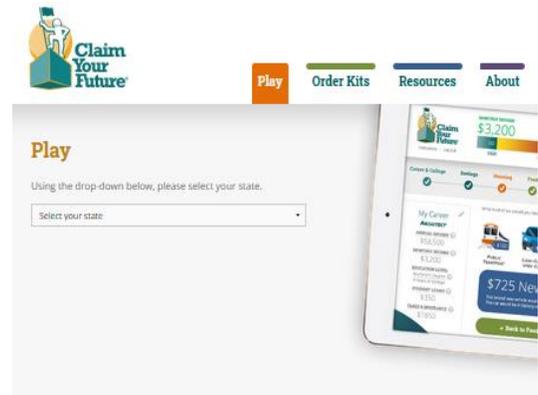
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*Imagine
Yourself at
age 25...*



Getting Started

1. Choose your state and click next.
2. Once directed to your state site, select **Play the Game**.
3. Choose your grade.
4. Indicate whether or not you are playing as part of a classroom assignment.
5. Write down your game ID so you can return later, or play again.
6. Answer the pre-game assessment questions. Don't worry if you don't know the answers, just give it your best try!



Selecting Your Career

GAME #1: For the first game, let the system randomly assign you a career. Review each of the following:

- Your assigned career and description
- Annual income
- Monthly income
- Education level required

Making Some Decisions!

1. Select **Get Started** to begin.
2. **Pay yourself first** and set aside 10% of your monthly earnings into savings.
3. Next, make decisions about your basic **needs**—**housing, food, transportation, and communications**.
4. Now, you may choose some **extras**, but only if you have money remaining. Extras are things that you **want**, but not the things that you truly **need**. If you are almost out of money, you may want to skip the extras.
5. Along the way, you may get an **Oops! That Will Break Your Budget** message, which means you need to reduce your spending.
6. After making all of your choices, select **Finish**.
7. Review your budget worksheet. Notice your remaining funds.
8. Print or save your budget worksheet.
9. At the bottom of the page, select **Start Over** to begin the next game.

Play Again

GAME #2: Select a career of your choice. Try making different financial choices to see how your decisions might help you with future planning.

- What career did you choose? Why?
- How much money did you have after you finished game #2?
- How would you describe the budget decisions you made?
- What are two things you learned from playing Claim Your Future?

Retest Your Knowledge

After you finish game #2, select **Retest Your Knowledge** near the top of the summary page. Again, don't worry if you don't know the answers, just give it your best try!

