I am Max, just reached 20 years old a few months ago. Currently I am a third-year student in our school and expect to graduate in approximately 3 years. I came here from Vietnam to study and work, still not sure if I want to settle down here or just work for a few years for experience then go back to the home country, but for now and also for this assignment, let’s say the plan is to be a Canadian citizen

I came here alone, so I am living independently and this also leads to some of the financial obligations. Currently my family is supporting me the tuition and rental fee, which means I am responsible for getting own money for the allowance. I’m also planning to study higher for a Master degree. With the current study progress, I expect to graduate in three more years by the age of 23. After that, I will keep taking the next degree which takes 2 years and start working full-time by 25. With the concentration in Financial Planning, I hope my career would be in Finance field. Furthermore, I am taking some accounting courses at the same time, hopefully I am able to join in the accounting field too.

1. My SMART financial goals:

To make it easier and clearer to track and follow, I will set up goals in the groups of each life stage:

1. *Purchase a second hand 2008 Honda Civic for $8000 by one-time payment in the next three years, at the age of 23:*

In order to save up $8000 in the next three years, I plan to allocate an amount of $2667 per year or $223 monthly

1. *Save up for the down payment of 20% the value of a small two-bedroom condo valued at $849000 in 5 years, starting after the car purchase at the age of 25:*

My target home is a two-bedrooms condo valued at $849000. The down payment is $169800 which equals to the payment of $33960 annually or $2830 monthly.

1. *Purchase the condo by entering the mortgage term lasted for 25 years with the rate of 2%, starting from the age of 30:*

After paying the down payment, I need to manage the mortgage loan with the present value of $764100, rate of 2% and 25-year term. That equals to the payment of $39138 per year or $3262 per month.

1. *Retire at the age of 60, save for a monthly income of $2400 with the life expectancy of 30 years left*

With this goal, the total of $864000 needs to be achieved by that time. I will start to save up for retirement from age 30, which equals to an amount of $28800 annually or $2400 monthly.

1. Written plan in detail:

For a clearer layout, I will divide the plan into different life stages

* Current stage:

Currently I am 20 years old and expect to graduate in three more years. During this time, I will work part time to cover my monthly expense and save up for the car stated in the first goal above, which will cost $233 monthly for 36 months until I am 23. After finishing my bachelor degree, I will not work full-time but take a Master degree. In this 2-year time of the degree, I will start to save up for the future condo’s down payment.