

# Skills Checklist - Financial

These activities will help youth gain the skills and abilities needed to reach their highest level of independence and ability. Some of these activities may not apply to everyone.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES <small>Please check the answer that <u>best</u> applies now.</small>	YES	NO	N/A	I WANT TO LEARN
Do you know the value of money (coins and bills)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you receive an allowance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you able to count change?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you pay for items at the store?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you pay or arrange payments for your medications?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a bank account?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you need a joint bank account and someone to help you oversee your money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know how to write a check and/or use a debit card?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you able to balance a checkbook?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know how to gain credit (apply for a credit card, line of credit, loan, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know what a budget is?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know your strengths and interests?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know people or agencies that can help you find a job?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know what taxes are?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you manage your money and budget household expenses (housing, food, heat, phone, insurance, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know how your living expenses will be paid when you become an adult?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know about special programs to help pay for job training or college?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you get financial help with school or work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you plan to work to support yourself?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you able to fill out an application?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know about government programs for income support, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you applied for government income support (SSI) if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a representative payee, guardian of the estate or power of attorney if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a Special Needs Trust set up to protect your finances and program benefits if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a will?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know the civil rights of persons with disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Tips for Using This Skills List

Think about the skills you want to work on. Make notes of your needs and concerns. You can then talk about the next steps to take with the people who are helping you prepare for your future.

**Notes to Myself:** For each “Need More Info” item you checked, list questions you have or what you would like to know more about.

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**Next Steps – Goals:** List what you need to work on to help you learn how to take care of yourself in the future. You can ask the people who are helping you plan for your future to work on this with you.

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I want more information about:  Insurance  Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)  
 SSI  Benefits for Persons With a Disability  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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