

Creating Long Term Goals

SAFA Financial Literacy Lesson

What are Long Term Financial Goals?

Long term financial goals is something you wish to achieve within a large period of time, in regards to your finances, over many years. They contrast with short-term goals that you can achieve under a year, like creating an emergency fund and certain purchases.



Why should I make Long Term Financial Goals?

By making these long term financial goals, you will have more focus on what you want to do with your money. In the future, you will not have to struggle as much with expenses, and you will be far more comfortable. It will make sure that you know what you are going to do with your money, even in the future, and you will be incentivized to maximize the money that you make.



Some examples of Long Term Financial Goals:

Saving for your children's college funds

Saving for your retirement

Paying off a mortgage

Become Debt Free



How to make Long Term Financial Goals

Firstly, you must make a realistic goal based on something that you aspire to do. In order to make your goal realistic, analyze your expenses and incomes throughout the past few months, and plan out some sort of timeline. For example, try to save a certain amount of money every month that you determined after looking at your expenses.



How to track your progress

Make sure to track your spending and your savings, and compare your progress with your timeline. However, remember that life is variable, and sometimes you will not be able to keep up with your timeline due to accidents and emergencies or immediate desires. Even then, just adjust your timeline or try to get back on track instead of abandoning your goals.

