**VII. Credit Plan**

Grade:

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**Cards, Reports and Scores**

Your Name

Personal Financial Plan

Class and Date

**Vision**

* What is your vision for how you will manage credit? It can be very short, such as “I will always manage credit wisely.”

**Goals**

* What are your goals for managing credit? It can be as simple as “I will pay no interest on my credit.”
* How do you currently manage your credit cards and open credit?
* Which cards do you have? What are the limits and rates on each?
* How much are your annual fees for each card? For each card, fill out the chart below
* Please fill in this Table for each Card (bold is required information)

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| --- | --- |
| **Annual Percentage Rate for Purchases** (fixed or variable) | % |
| **Annual Fee** |  |
| **Credit Limit** |  |
| Date Opened (if available) |  |
| Cash Advance APR (fixed or variable) | % |
| Balance Transfer APR (fixed or variable) | % |
| Overdraft Advance APR (fixed or variable) | % |
| Minimum Finance Charge |  |
| Late Payment Fee |  |
| Over-the-Credit-Limit Fee |  |

**Plans and Strategies**

* Your action plan is your plans and strategies of the things you think you should be doing to be a better steward in the area of open credit and credit cards.
* How should you be managing your credit cards and open credit?
* Which credit cards should you have?
* In addition, think about what you want to do in the future after you get a job to be more financially self-reliant.

Your Plans and Strategies should include three different areas: credit cards, credit report, and credit scores. You will answer specific questions on each area.

Credit Cards

* Begin by filling in the table above on Credit Cards.
  + Include strategies of the things you think you should be doing to be a better steward in the area of open credit and credit cards.
* In addition, think about what you want to do in the future after you get a job to be more financially self-reliant.
* Is your current credit card the one you should have? Why or why not?

Credit Report

* Get a copy of your credit report from one of the three main providers (we have no preference) at [www.annualcreditreport.com](file:///C:\Users\Bryan\Documents\My%20Dropbox\PublicStuff\BM%20418%20Public\Learning%20Tools\www.annualcreditreport.com). Instructions are in the book and PowerPoints.
* State the provider of the credit report
* Check whether you found mistakes or not, as you do not need to include the entire report (for safety purposes).
  + Work to correct any mistakes.
* What are your strategies of the things you think you should be doing to ensure your credit reports are correct.
* How often will you review your credit reports from each of the three main credit suppliers?

Credit Score

* You will need to get a copy of your credit score. I recommend a FICO score, as it is the score used by over 80% of the users (and will likely be used by your mortgage lender when you buy a house), but you can get another score if you would like.
* Include your score provider, score, and ranking in your current situation. For privacy, do not include the full report.
* Add your action plan or future strategies of things you will do to improve your credit score.
* The goal is likely to have a credit score of 760 and above, which is considered top tier by many institutions.
* What are the things you plan to do to improve your credit score?

**Constraints**

* What are the constraints to your Credit Plan?
* How will you overcome them?

**Accountability**

* Who will you be accountable to?
* Who will you share your Credit Plan with?