

Buttonwood™

A personal finance and student loan management tool for college students.

The choices you make now with your money will follow you for the rest of your life. Learn to make good decisions about your finances and loan management responsibilities before you make the types of decisions that could have consequences for years to come.



EMPOWER YOURSELF - IT'S ALL ONLINE
www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov

STEP 1: REGISTER

- Go to www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov
- Login or create an account by following the step-by-step directions on the website.



- Click on the Buttonwood™ icon on the College Student homepage.

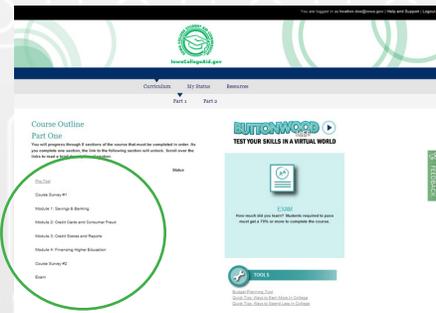


STEP 2: SELECT YOUR COLLEGE

- Select the Iowa college you attend from the drop-down menu and if applicable, the appropriate group.
- Enter your date of birth

STEP 3: BEGIN LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION

- Part 1 will take approximately two hours to complete and is comprised of a pre-test, two course surveys and 4 modules with various assessments.



- Part 1 ends with a final exam that requires a 70% or higher to pass.

STEP 4: COMPLETE LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION

- Thirty days after you complete Part 1, you will receive an email asking you to complete Survey 3 and begin Part 2 of the course. You will receive your Level 1 certification after completing Survey 3.

STEP 5: COMPLETE LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION

- Upon completion of Survey 3 you will have access to the last three modules.
- After completing the modules you will obtain your Level 2 Certification.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, STUDENT LOAN DEBT HAS OUTPACED CREDIT CARD DEBT*

*<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2010/08/09/student-loan-debt-surpasses-credit-cards/>

Build financial skills.

Take charge of your money!

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NAVIGATING THE BUTTONWOOD™ COURSE DASHBOARD:

After you log into Buttonwood™ you will be taken to your course dashboard where you can access modules, track your status, play the simulation and find financial tools and resources.

CURRICULUM TAB

Access the modules, surveys and tests in Part 1 and Part 2. The sections must be completed in order. As you complete one section, the link to the following section will unlock.

Note: All survey responses are strictly confidential. Your college will only receive survey information about the student body as a whole and will never see individual answers.

MY STATUS TAB

Track your progress through the Level 1 and Level 2 Certification and the final exam.

RESOURCES TAB

Analyze your monthly budget and make dynamic decisions about your finances and loan repayment through access to tools, calculators and resources.

BUTTONWOOD LIFE SIMULATION

Apply your skills at any time in the highly adaptive and interactive virtual simulation, Buttonwood Life.

FEEDBACK BUTTON

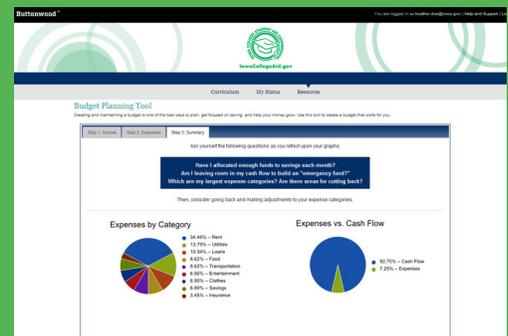
Help improve Buttonwood™ by anonymously posting your ideas and comments. You can also vote for ideas others have posted.

USER EXPERIENCE

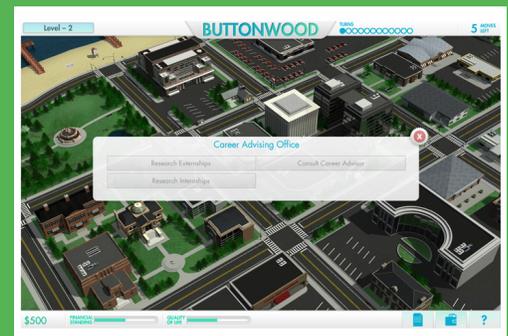
E-book format allows you to toggle back and forth, drill down for additional detail, and explore financial concepts at your own pace.



Add current and projected inputs into a personalized budgeting tool and see an analysis of your budget.



Customized content based on your life circumstance enables you to apply your skills in the interactive Buttonwood Life simulation.



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