



Managing a budget shortage

Do you have more money going out than coming in? Here are some suggestions for ways to balance your budget.

Reduce expenses

Make a list of your needs and wants. Generally, it's easier to reduce expenses by cutting back on items that made your 'want' list. After cutting back on your wants, identify ways to cut back on your needs. Take a look at this [article with some suggestions on how to save on bills](#).

Apply for scholarships

[ACC scholarships](#)

[ACC's list of local scholarships](#)

Plan for your tax refund

Utilize the [Prosper Tax Help](#) for free tax preparation, or prepare your own taxes at [myfreetaxes.com](#).

Based on what you received last year (knowing it could change), prioritize how you'll use your refund.

Seek community benefits and resources

[Explore ACC and community resources](#) for basic needs resources for rent, groceries, utilities, health care, transportation, legal services and more.

Pick up a side job or find a better paying job

[Connect with ACC's Career Services for assistance](#).