## Needs Analysis Worksheet for Life



How much life insurance do you need?

How much life insurance do you need:		
1. What debt will be present at death? (typically the greater of \$15,000 or 4% of your estate*)		
Funeral	\$	
Legal Fees	\$	
Mortgage or Home Equity Lines	\$	
Credit Cards	\$	
Auto Loans	\$	
Miscellaneous Debt	\$	
Total Debt \$		
2. What do you anticipate paying for your children's education?		
2010 Average Annual Cost**:	\$	
\$17,678 public college \$39,448 private college		
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Total Anticipated Pa	Multiply by 4	\$
Total Anticipated Four-Year Educational Expense \$  3. Knowing that your current debt would be eliminated at death,		
what would your survivors' annual living expenses be?		
0 1	Annual Living Expenses	\$
4. What income will be available to your survivors annually?		·
Spouse's Income	\$	
Social Security	\$	
Pension	\$	
Investment Income	\$	
Other Income	\$	
	Annual Income	\$
5. Subtract line 4 from line 3 to find the additional income needed annually.		
Additional Income Needed Annually \$		\$
6. What rate of return do you conservatively expect from your investments?		
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7. Compute the amount of cash needed to provide the income specified in line 5. Divide		
line 5 by line 6. Example: \$40,000 (total of line 5) divided by 6% (rate of return from line 6).		
	Income Needed	\$
8. Add lines 1, 2 and 7		
	Total Immediate Cash Needs	\$
9. What are the current assets available?		
Current Life Insurance	\$	
(Group or Personal)		
Liquid Assets (bank accounts, mutual funds, CDs, stocks, bonds and cash)	\$	
Retirement plans (401(k), IRAs, etc.)	\$	
(±01(K), H013, CC.)	Total Assets Available	\$
10. Subtract line 9 from line 8		
Total Additional Life Insurance Needed		\$
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<sup>\*</sup>Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education, 2009.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Based on 2010 costs for resident tuition/fees, room and board, and supplies. It does not include any offsets from grants or tax benefits. Trends in Higher Education Series: Trends in College Pricing 2010, The College Board, 2010.

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