

STATUS

A game that examines the **impacts of privilege** through a character's generated **gender, ethnicity, education, and background.**

How much privilege would you like?

 = privilege assets

(hardly any)
Difficult



(a little)
Intermediate



(a lot)
Easy



Randomly Generate

Privilege Points Guide

(Less privilege)

(More privilege)

5-8 points = difficult

9-12 points = medium

13-15 points = easy

Ethnicity:

Ethnicity of color: **3 pts.**

Ethnicity of no color: **5 pts.**

Gender:

Non-binary: **0 pts.**

Female: **1 pts.**

Male: **2 pts.**

Education:

No GED: **1 pt.**

GED: **2 pts.**

Some College: **3 pts.**

Grad: **4pts.**

Citizenship:

No: **1 pt.**

Yes: **2 pts.**

Family support:

No: **0 pt.**

Some: **1 pt.**

Yes: **2 pts.**

Intro:

“Status” gives a player the opportunity to view the world through the lens of varying amounts of privilege, experiencing events such as searching for a job, looking for a home, and buying groceries.

**To win, a player must accumulate \$2,000.
A player will lose once they hit \$0.**



Random Character Generation:

Easy (13-15 privilege points)

Randomly Generate

You will play as:

A white (5) **male** (2) with a
Bachelor's degree (4), **citizenship**
(2), and **family support** (2).

(15 total privilege points)

**Your character has recently moved
to a new city and must start from scratch.**

He has a car and a family across the States, but
must seek employment and housing while
beginning a new chapter in his life.



Level 1: Find a Job



Businesses in white are ones in which you are qualified to apply for. **Click on them** to submit your resume and application.

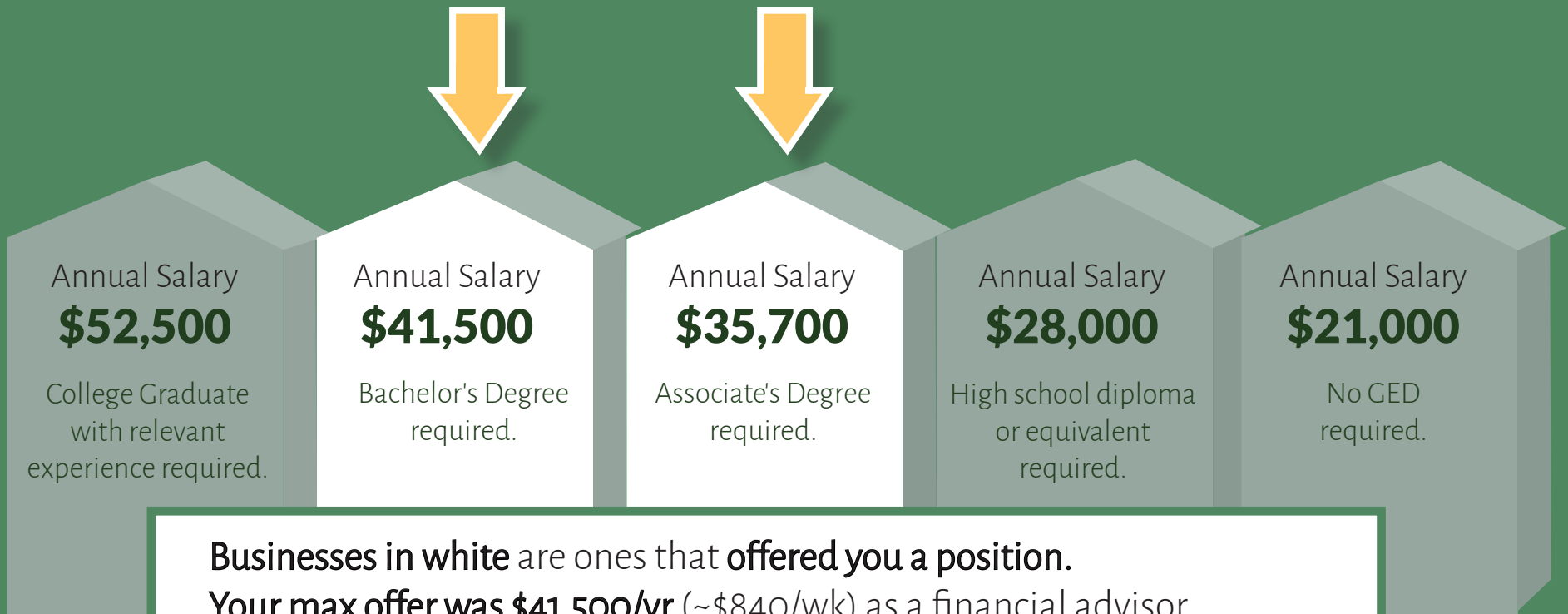


You graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, but this will be your first job. Because you have no relevant experience, you may apply to 4 out of 5 open positions.

Individuals with 4-year college degrees make an average of **\$45,000 annually**.

Balance: \$65.00

Level 1: Find a Job



Businesses in white are ones that **offered you a position.**
Your max offer was **\$41,500/yr** (~\$840/wk) as a financial advisor.



Because of your qualifications, you chose not to apply to lower-paying employment opportunities. Luckily, you were offered the two positions in which you did apply for. After you accept an offer, you will need to find a place to live...

Accept Max offer

Balance: \$65.00

You're Hungry...



You are very hungry, but only have \$65.00 in your account.
You start work tomorrow.



You know that spending \$7.00 won't hurt you too much,
so you decide to buy the sandwich meal.

Balance: \$58.00

Level 2: Find a Place to Live

Room Share
\$500/m

1 bed Apartment
\$1,400/m

2 bed House
\$2,200/m

Out of three available properties, the 1 bedroom apartment looks most suitable for your needs and budget.

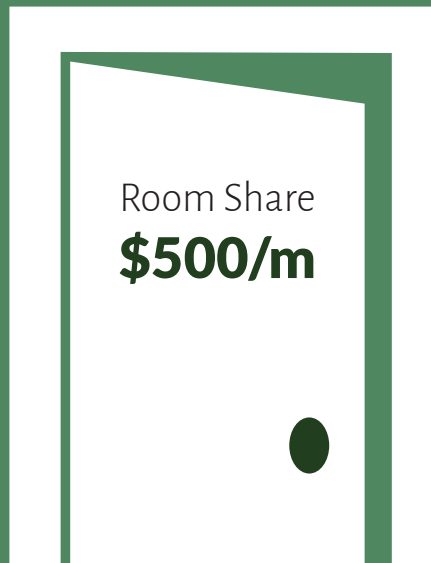


You find 3 available properties near the advising unit that you work for. While the room share is only \$500, you would need to share all other spaces and amenities with others. The home would be too expensive. The apartment is reasonably priced and in a decent area.

Continue

Balance: \$58.00

Level 2: Find a Place to Live



You have selected the 1 bedroom apartment.



You have chosen the one-bedroom apartment. It seems like a very good option, although you will need to pay first & last month's rent up front.

Continue

Balance: \$58.00

Level 2: Find a Place to Live



Ask family for help

(They will give you \$2,800)

Be homeless

(Until you have enough saved)

You will need to pay first & last month's rent: \$2,800.

You have two options listed above.

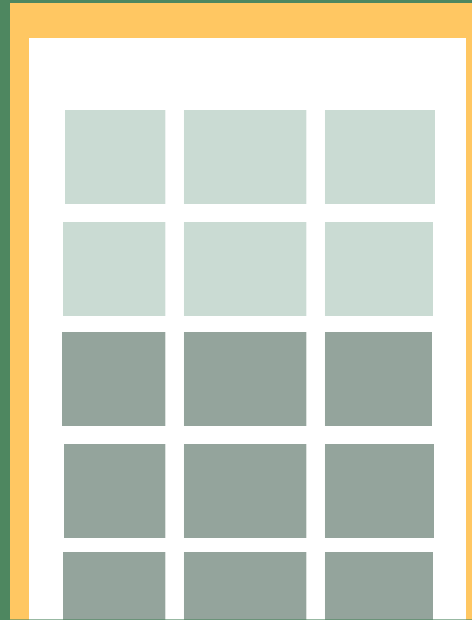


\$2,800 is a lot of money, but your family is able to help you without asking anything in return. Your only other option is to be homeless and seek shelter until you've saved enough.

What do you do?

Balance: \$58.00

Level 2: Find a Place to Live



Your family has given you the \$2,800 you need for rent.



Your family was happy to help you pay for your first and last month's rent. They offered you \$100 extra to help you until your next paycheck.

You're now able to sign the lease on your apartment.

Sign the lease
pay \$2,800

Balance: \$2958.00

New Balance Update

New Balance: \$158.00

- \$45.00 for groceries

You now have \$158 left in your account after signing the lease.
You spent \$45.00 on groceries to have until your paycheck.



Payday is soon, but you decided to get a few groceries to hold you off until then.

Continue

Balance: \$113.00

Payday



The advising unit pays you on the 15th and last day of each month.
For the two weeks you've worked, you've received \$1,600



Your new balance after paying first & last month's rent (with your family's help) and receiving your first 2-week paycheck is just over \$1,700.

Continue

Balance: \$1,713.00

Level 3: Grocery Shopping



You now have money for grocery shopping! How much will you buy?

You need to get a lot of groceries, and have the extra cash to do so.

How much do you choose to buy?

Balance: \$1713.00

Inventory of Groceries



With \$425, you were able to purchase everything you needed for the month and more. You also filled your tank on the way home.



You were able to purchase toiletries, cooking supplies, utensils, poultry and meat, some snacks, breakfast items, and some fresh produce among other things. You also needed to fill your gas tank which cost an additional \$25.

Continue

Balance: \$1713.00

New Balance Update

New Balance: \$1263.00

You have \$1263 left in your account. Payday is coming up, and all you have to think about is maintaining your balance to pay rent.



That means you have some extra cash. Would you like to get some additional furnishings for your apartment?

Yes

No, continue to payday

Level 4: Shopping for Furnishings



Your apartment came minimally furnished. You may want a few things to bring life to your new home.



All of the furnishings you are looking to buy will cost you \$500. Would you like to buy them?

Yes

No, continue to payday

New Balance Update

New Balance: \$763.00

Send \$400

Send \$200

Don't send any

Tomorrow is payday.



You have a good amount of cash to get you through this month. In fact, you're considering sending your family some cash as reimbursement. Remember, your payday is tomorrow!

How much do you want to send?

Payday



It's payday again! You only had \$363 left in your account from sending money to your parents.



Rent is due tomorrow. You will likely have to wait until your next paycheck to go grocery shopping again. Good thing you bought so many on your last trip!

Continue

Balance: \$1953.00

New Balance Update

New Balance: \$1953.00

You have \$1953 in your account.



You'll have enough to pay for rent tomorrow as well as purchase anything else necessary.

Continue

Level 5: Rent is Due



You must pay rent today.

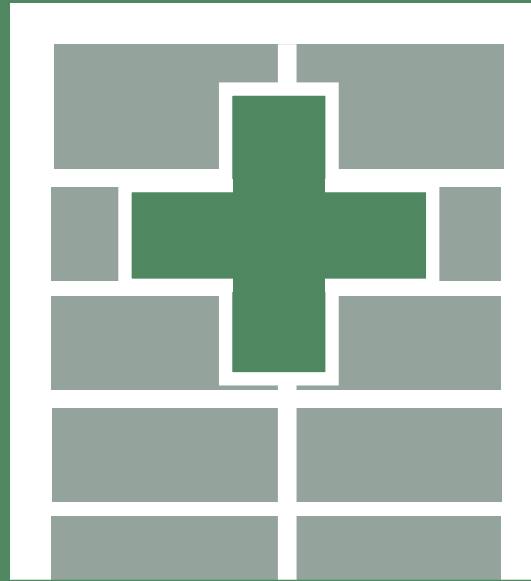


Paying rent has left you with \$553. You should be safe until your next paycheck!

Continue

Balance: \$553.00

Level 6: Medical Emergency



While heading to your car, a mugger pushed you into a ditch. You can't get up. Someone close by called an ambulance.

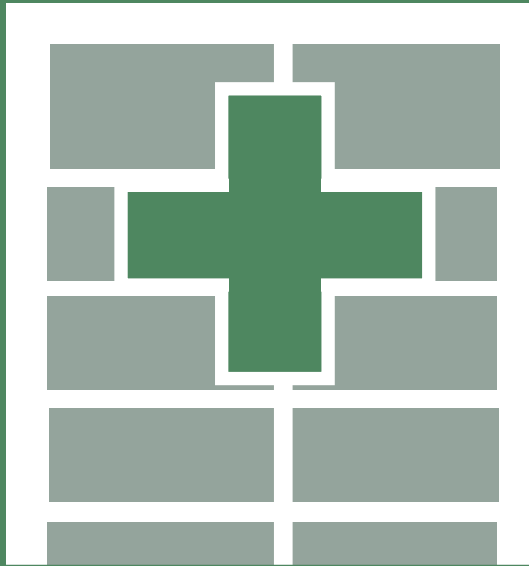


You woke up in the hospital, and called your employer to ask about coverage.

Continue

Balance: \$553.00

Level 6: Medical Emergency



You've learned that your leg is badly broken and that you need to stay in the hospital to receive care.



Your boss explained that you have 95% medical coverage!
The bill would have cost you \$2,300.

**Accept \$115
in medical bills**

Balance: \$438.00

Payday



It's payday again! You missed 2 days of work, but your boss offered you paid leave and allowed you to come in with a cast and crutches.



With this paycheck, you have successfully accumulated over \$2,000!

Balance: \$2048.00

Balance: \$2,048.00

Status: You won!