

Why focus on credit cards?

Credit cards typically carry the highest interest rates of any consumer debt — often 20–30%+. Every extra dollar you pay reduces the principal balance, which saves you money in interest. List every card, know your utilization, and build a clear payoff plan. Paying more than the minimum is one of the best financial moves you can make.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Strategy:
 ☐
 Avalanche (highest rate first)
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 Snowball (lowest balance first)

Key Terms to Know

APR (Annual % Rate): Yearly interest rate — 24% APR = 2%/month on any unpaid balance.

Minimum Payment: Least you must pay (1–3% of balance). Paying only minimums costs more in interest.

Credit Utilization: Your balance ÷ your credit limit. Keep each card under 30%, ideally under 10%.

Statement Balance: Balance on your last statement. Pay this in full each month to avoid interest.

My Credit Card Inventory & Payoff Plan										
Card Name / Issuer	Balance (\$)	Limit (\$)	Util. %	APR %	Min Pay (\$)	Extra (\$)	Total Pay (\$)	Due Date	✓	Target Payoff
1		\$	%	%					☐	
2		\$	%	%					☐	
3		\$	%	%					☐	
4		\$	%	%					☐	
5		\$	%	%					☐	
6		\$	%	%					☐	
7		\$	%	%					☐	
8		\$	%	%					☐	
9		\$	%	%					☐	
10		\$	%	%					☐	
TOTALS	\$				\$	\$	\$			

Credit Utilization Summary:

Total Balance: \$ _____ ÷ Total Credit Limit: \$ _____ = My Utilization: _____

Target: Under 30% per card and overall. Under 10% is ideal for the best scores. (Source: myFICO.com)

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Credit Card Payoff Worksheet

Financial Goal Planner & Debt Freedom Toolkit

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Monthly Progress Tracker — Track Every Payment Until Each Card is Paid Off

Card	Mo 1	Mo 2	Mo 3	Mo 4	Mo 5	Mo 6	Mo 7	Mo 8	Mo 9	Mo 10	Mo 11	Mo 12	Mo 13
Card #1 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #2 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #3 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #4 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #5 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #6 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #7 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #8 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #9 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Card #10 (write name above)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Smart Credit Card Payoff Tips

- **Pay more than the minimum** — even \$20–\$50 extra per month can cut years off your payoff and save hundreds in interest.
- **Never skip a payment** — late fees (up to \$41 by law) and penalty APRs can make your situation significantly worse.
- **Ask for a rate reduction** — calling your card issuer and asking for a lower APR works more often than most people think.
- **Consider a 0% balance transfer** — if eligible, moving high-rate debt to a 0% intro APR card can accelerate payoff significantly.
- **Stop using the card** — while paying it off, cut spending or put the card away to prevent the balance from climbing back up.

My Credit Card Payoff Action Plan

Card I will pay off first: _____ Target payoff date: _____ Extra \$ I will apply: _____
How I will find the extra money: _____

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender." — Proverbs 22:7
Every card you pay off is a step toward freedom. Stay consistent — your future self will thank you.

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