McKeel Academy of Technology
Application for Admittance
Advanced Placement Business with Personal Finance
2026-2027 School Year

Course Review: AP Business: Personal Finance is a college-level course designed to develop financial literacy, analytical thinking, and real-world decision-making skills. Students explore the business disciplines of entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, accounting, and management through real-world business applications, case studies, and project based learning. This course requires responsibility, consistent effort, and strong time-management skills. Students should be prepared for independent work, financial simulations, analytical writing, and real-world application projects.
Please see the AP Business with Personal Finance page on the College Board website to get complete information about the course. Also, you may send an e-mail or stop by to see Ms. Kendrick if you have any questions.

This course is for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

Website:
https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-business-personal-finance/about

You are applying to take AP Business with Personal Finance in 2026-27.

(1) Please complete and return this application to Ms. Kendrick by March 27th, 2026.

(2) Print copies of the page titled **Teacher Recommendation** and ask your core teachers to fill one out. This can be done digitally as well. Teachers will return this directly to Ms. Kendrick.

Name: _____

Current Grade Level (2025-26): _____

1. What is your current overall GPA? _____
2. Please list the AP and/or honors courses you have taken, as well as the end-of-year or semester grades for those courses:

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3. . Why do you want to take AP Business: Personal Finance? What interests you about financial literacy, investing, or business?

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Student writing sample:

Respond to the following prompt in 300 words or fewer. Please double-space and use a 12-pt font. Attach your writing sample to this application.

Which is more important for long-term financial success: earning a high income or managing money wisely?

- Clearly state and defend a position.
- Define what "long-term financial success" means.
- Include at least one real-world example (public figure, professional athlete, entrepreneur, or everyday scenario).
- Conclude with a clear explanation of why your position is stronger.

Teacher Recommendation
AP Business with Personal Finance

Teachers: Please complete this form and return it to Ms. Kendrick by March 27th, 2026. This form should not be returned to the student. Students will not see or know about what you have written. Your recommendations are valuable to me!

Student's name: _____

Student's quarterly grades: _____

Please rate this student on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the best) in the following areas:

_____Critical thinking/ Problem-solving skills: The student's conclusions and related outcomes are logical and reflect the student's informed evaluation and ability to place evidence and perspectives discussed in the proper order.

_____Participation: The student is consistently engaged each day, asking questions that reflect an understanding of the material.

_____Work ethic: The student consistently turns in quality work. Assignments reflect thorough, detailed, and thoughtful responses. High effort is put into each task.

_____Teamwork: The student is a natural leader, often engaging others in thoughtful and insightful dialogue and influencing others positively.

_____Communication skills: The student is an articulate and compelling communicator. Oral and written communication is clear and well organized. The student's writing contains an insightful and recognizable thesis, essential details, and valid support.

Please include any other comments or observations that would provide insight into the student's intellectual curiosity, ability to think critically, and willingness to collaborate with others on meaningful and challenging projects:

Print Name _____

Signature _____