Saving for a Mission: Young Men Schedule

Instructions: Fill in one square for each $100 you save for your mission. When filled, you'll be, financially, ready to go.

More Details: The cost for young men to serve a mission is $12,000 ($500 per month for 24 months). The main chart has 120 boxes, each representing $100. When those boxes are marked off, you will have the $12,000 needed to pay for the mission.

This schedule recommends easing into saving by starting small and doubling the amount saved each year until you reach 18. Of course, depending on when you start saving, your individual timing may vary. To the far right is a separate column representing additional money you may want to save to pay for clothes, suitcases, and other gear, which averages costing around $2,000.

Remember that though you should try to pay for your own mission, the lack of finances should not stop you from serving.

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Elder M. Russell Ballard has said that young people preparing for a mission “ought to have a job and save money for their missions. Every mission president would concur with me that the missionary who has worked and saved and helped pay for part or all of his or her mission is a better-prepared missionary” (How to Prepare to Be a Good Missionary, Liahona, Mar. 2007).