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**Fundamentals of FCS**

Apartment Search Activity

Congratulations! You have saved enough for your first apartment! For this activity you will be determining amenities you want, location and size of apartment.

You have saved $600 for the deposit and have a budget of $800 a month. Your job is located in downtown Des Moines and you have a reliable car.

**Step 1:** What is your wish list? List at least 5 amenities you would like in an apartment. Examples include: dishwasher, washer/dryer, pets, location.

**Step 2:** Using [www.apartmentfinder.com](http://www.apartmentfinder.com), [www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com), or the Apartment Finder book, research apartments in the area. Fill out the attached chart to help you make your decision. Don’t forget to take the “virtual tour” if it is available. Have fun searching!

**Step 3:** Decide which apartment best fits your needs. Print off a copy it. Attach to this packet.

**Step 4:** Why did you choose this apartment? Did you make any concessions to your needs, wants and values?