

# Meeting Prep GUIDE

"YOUR LEGACY IN YOUR HANDS"

## **Getting Started: Your Financial Consultation Process**

We're excited to help you achieve your financial goals. To ensure an accurate and tailored plan, gathering key information upfront is essential. Don't worry—this process is straightforward, and we're here to guide you every step of the way. Below is a checklist of documents and details that will help us create a comprehensive strategy. If you have questions, feel free to call. You're already on the path to success!

#### Information Checklist:

#### **Account Statements:**

- Brokerage Accounts
- Retirement Accounts
- 529/Education Accounts
- Employee Benefit Accounts
- Other Accounts (e.g., credit cards)
- Mortgage Statements

#### **Employee Benefits:**

- Benefits Packet/Booklet
- Business Agreement (if applicable)

#### **Insurance Policies:**

Medical, Life, Annuities, Long-Term Care

#### **Additional Documents:**

- Last 2 Years' Tax Returns
- Trust Documents & Real Estate List
- Mortgage Terms (rate, term, prepayment details)

## **Important Notes:**

We encourage you to share anything that might affect your financial planning, including unique circumstances or goals. The more we know, the better we can serve you. Together, we'll build a financial plan designed for your future success.



#### **Top Questions to Ask Your Financial Advisor**

#### 1. What is your investment philosophy?

Understanding their approach to investing helps ensure their strategy aligns with your goals and risk tolerance.

#### 2. Are you a fiduciary?

Confirming fiduciary status ensures your advisor is legally obligated to prioritize your best interests.

#### 3. How do you tailor financial plans to individual needs?

This highlights their customization process and commitment to personalized service.

#### 4. What types of clients do you typically work with?

Knowing their client base can give you insight into their experience with people in similar financial situations.

#### 5. How are your fees structured, and what will I pay?

Transparency about fees helps you avoid surprises and understand the cost of their services.

#### 6. How often will we meet to review my portfolio?

Regular reviews keep your financial plan on track and responsive to changes in your life or the market

#### 7. What services do you offer beyond investment management?

Advisors may provide holistic services like tax planning, estate planning, or retirement strategies.

#### 8. How do you handle market volatility?

Their response can reveal how they manage risk and maintain focus on long-term goals.

#### 9. What tools and reports will I have access to?

Knowing how you'll receive updates and track progress can ensure transparency and communication.

#### 10. What is your process for selecting investments?

This question uncovers their research methods and criteria for choosing assets.

# 11. How do you integrate socially responsible investing (SRI) or environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors?

If values-based investing matters to you, this is essential to ask.

#### 12. Can you help me with tax-efficient strategies?

Maximizing tax efficiency can significantly impact your financial outcomes.

#### 13. What happens if I need to access my funds?

Understanding liquidity and withdrawal policies ensures you can meet future needs.

#### 14. What certifications or credentials do you hold?

Credentials like CFP®, AIF®, or CFA® demonstrate specialized expertise.

#### 15. How do you stay updated on financial regulations and market trends?

Continuous learning shows a commitment to providing informed advice.



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Cathy Monthly Income and Expense SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS **GROSS INCOME** Payroll Deductions Salary and Earned Income Rental Income Credit Union Social Security Mutual Funds Other Income Stocks and Bonds Dividends, Interest, CapGain Real Estate Total Annuities **LIABILITIES** Certificates of Deposit Mortgage or Rent Qualified Retirement Plans Residence Taxes Other (Def. Comp) Vacation Home Mortgage Total Vacation Home Taxes **CONTRIBUTIONS** Automobile Loan(s) Religious Personal Loans/Charge Accts. Charitable Student Loans Total Mortgage Investment Real Investment Real Estate Taxes Other (Timeshare Dues) **HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES** Total \$ Food Clothing **TAXES** Federal Income Taxes **Doctor & Dentist** State & Intangible Taxes Prescription Drugs Local & Property Taxes Professional Fees Total **Education Expenses** FICA & MEDICARE WITHHOLDING Day Care Client Personal Care Spouse Electricity, Gas, Fuel Total \$ Telephone and Cable Water & Water Conditioners **INSURANCE** Life Insurance Garbage and Pest Control Home Maintenance & Repair Health Insurance Disability Income Insurance Pool Maintenance & Repair Auto Insurance Comcast internet Home Owners Insurance Association Dues Investment Real Estate Insurance Travel and Vacation Other Recreation, Entertain, Hobby Total Veterinarian & Pet Care Allowances **TRANSPORTATION** Gifts Gas and Oil Other Maintenance and Repair Books, Magazines \$ Total License, Registration Public Parking Other Total \$ Total Income **Total Expenses** 



## SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS

Please list goals according to time period: Next 2 weeks Next 2-4 weeks Next 1-4 months Less than 1 Year Less than 5 Years More than 5 Years