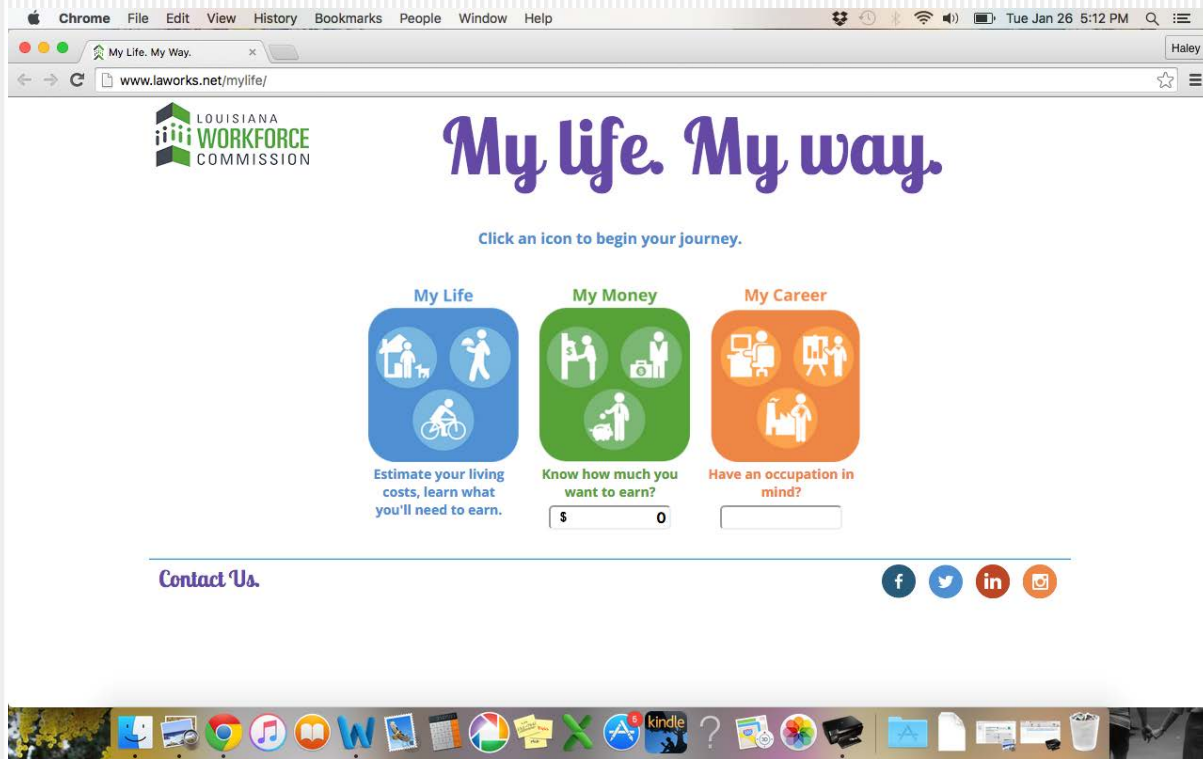


MY LIFE, MY WAY
RESEARCH ACTIVITY
VIRTUAL WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE



CAREER COMPASS

STEP ONE: ACCESS MY LIFE, MY WAY AT WWW.LAWORKS.NET/MYLIFE.



STEP TWO: COMPLETE THE “MY LIFE” MODULE BASED ON YOUR CURRENT REGION. FOLLOW THE PROMPTS AND BE HONEST IN YOUR SELECTIONS. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. What are your estimated monthly expenses?
2. What salary would you need to cover these expenses?
3. Which category costs the most? The least?
4. How could you lessen your estimated monthly expenses?
5. How do your region’s expenses compare to other regions? More or less expensive? Why do you think there is this difference?

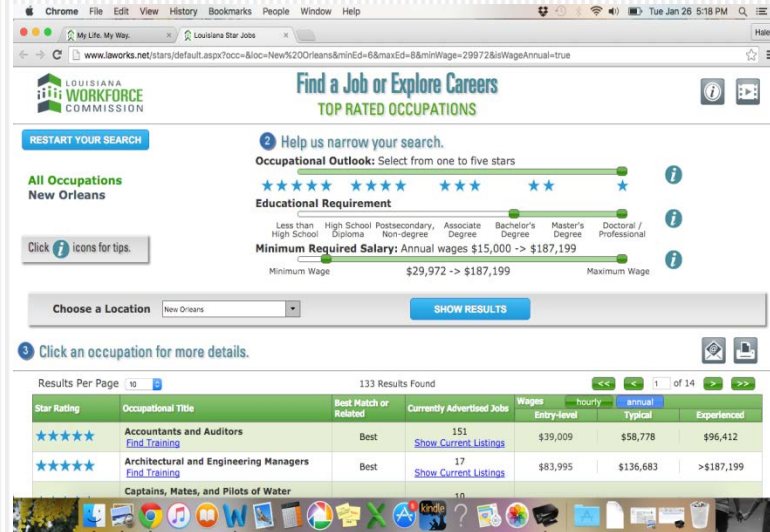


Your Monthly Expenses	New Orleans
Housing	\$877
Utilities	\$0
Food	\$450
Transportation	\$639
Clothing	\$75
Health Care	\$90
Personal	\$150
Entertainment	\$150
Miscellaneous	\$250
Education	\$155
Savings	\$56
Monthly Total	\$2,892
Annual Expenses	\$34,712
Taxes (25% of expenses)	\$8,678
Annual Salary Needed	\$43,390

See your expenses in another region

See careers that pay this salary

STEP THREE: CLICK ON “SEE CAREERS THAT PAY THIS SALARY.” YOU WILL BE REDIRECTED TO STAR JOBS. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING.



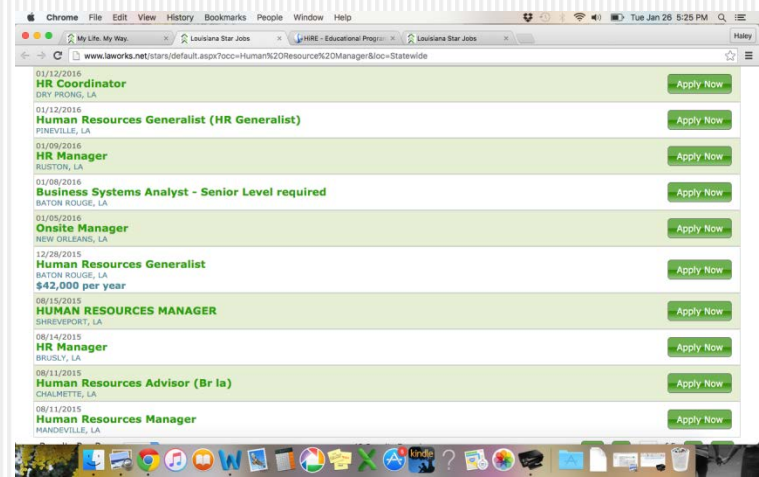
The screenshot shows the Louisiana Workforce Commission website with search filters for 'All Occupations New Orleans'. The filters include 'Occupational Outlook' (5 stars), 'Educational Requirement' (Bachelor's Degree), and 'Minimum Required Salary' (Annual wages \$15,000 -> \$187,199). The location is set to 'New Orleans'. Below the filters, there is a table of results with 133 results found.

Star Rating	Occupational Title	Best Match or Related	Currently Advertised Jobs	Wages	hourly	annual	Experienced
★★★★★	Accountants and Auditors Find Trainings	Best	151 Show Current Listings	\$39,009	\$58,778	\$96,412	
★★★★★	Architectural and Engineering Managers Find Trainings	Best	17 Show Current Listings	\$83,995	\$136,683	>\$187,199	
	Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water						

1. List three occupations that interest you that also pay your needed salary.
2. Why are these three jobs interesting?

STEP FOUR: RETURN TO MY LIFE, MY WAY. ENTER YOUR FAVORITE OCCUPATION FROM YOUR STAR JOBS SEARCH IN STEP THREE UNDER THE “MY CAREER” ICON AND PRESS, “ENTER.” ANSWER THE FOLLOWING.

★★★★★	Human Resources Managers Find Training	Best	24 Show Current Listings	\$44,740	\$75,560	\$149,288
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1. Where in Louisiana can you apply for this occupation?

STEP FIVE: REFLECT ON YOUR FINDINGS USING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 1. Were you surprised by how much your estimated monthly expenses were? If so, what were you expecting? If not, why not?**
- 2. What do you envision for your future? What kind of house and car would you like? How do you want to spend your days?**
- 3. Above, you were asked about how to lessen your monthly expenses. Most typically, you can do so by eliminating any “extras” (luxury items, gym memberships, restaurant outings, entertainment purchases and experiences, etc.). Is this something you would be willing to do? If not, what can you do to ensure you have enough money to cover everything you want?**

