



What does a Debt Management Program Cost?

What does it cost to get out of credit card and consumer debt? Debt management programs ask for a one time enrollment fee for enrolling you into one of their programs.

They base this enrollment fee on the amount of debt you have and the hardship that you have been through. The fees generally range from \$400-\$1,500. Compared to other industries, debt management and credit counseling have some of the most affordable enrollment fees. Debt settlement and other similar companies usually charge 14%-18% of the balances that you owe. For example if you had \$10,000 worth of credit card debt you could go to a debt settlement company and be charged over \$1,000. With Debt Management or Credit Counseling you would expect to pay around \$600 for a program and it is a government regulated industry. The fees are lower with debt management because it is a government regulated industry. Debt settlement is NOT a government regulated industry, at this time.

The best way to take care of the enrollment fees is to throw the charge on a credit card or an account that you are already including and closing in the program. Even with a maximum fee of \$1,500, it would only add \$30.00 extra to your program's monthly payment.

The enrollment companies that help get you into the debt management programs are usually not non-profit organizations - the truth is they are licensed enrollment agencies for a non-profit organization. They enroll you onto a debt management program and the non-profit organization is the one who will work with you and take care of you through the remainder of your program.

These non-profit organizations also are required to give you educational materials to help you become more aware, to help you stay out of debt, increase your income, create budgets and even information on retirement planning, just to name a few. Also a requirement for these non-profit organizations is to show you a savings on a daily basis. They usually include a membership savings card that you can use everyday to help you save money on medical insurance, dental, legal services, home utilities, food, traveling, car repairs and shopping.

For more information visit: <http://www.get-out-of-credit-card-debt.org>