Checklists for buying a used car

Before you start looking—Estimate the costs! How much can you afford? Start off knowing what you can afford. Add up ALL the costs—the price of the car is usually not the largest cost! (Write in your costs)

Cost of car

Costs for driver's license, registration and license plate (a few hundred \$)

Cost of car insurance (typically thousands of \$ per year for student-age drivers)