

Financial REALITY Fair

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America's Credit Unions

Simulates One Month of Independent Adult Living

Student Experience:

- Choose a career, receive a starting salary with deductions
- Are assigned a credit score
- Actively making spending decisions at lifestyle stations led by credit union and community volunteers
- Borrow and save at the credit union
- Balance their budget in order to live within their means
- Visit a financial counselor to explore ways to improve their financial future
- Option to use event app or paper workbooks

Requirements:

- Host credit union(s) and 1-2 lead coordinators
- 30-300 high school students
- Large room for Lifestyle Stations
- 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 hours total time per group of 100 students

Credit Unions Role:

- Host credit unions(s) provide lead coordinator(s) and most station volunteers
- Print/prepare station materials and student workbooks (if using)
- Create branded signage or borrow Financial Reality Fair kit from MCFU

**MCFU grant funding available for CUs interested in creating their own branded event signage.*

Student Feedback:

"This reality fair really helped! Now I can set a good goal for myself!"
"You guys made me realize how important it is to save money."
"I learned you can't get everything you want."

Teacher & Credit Union Volunteer Feedback:

"I loved the feedback from the students at the end, they really seemed to get it!"
"The experience was a challenge for the kids. They loved the opportunity to make decisions for themselves."

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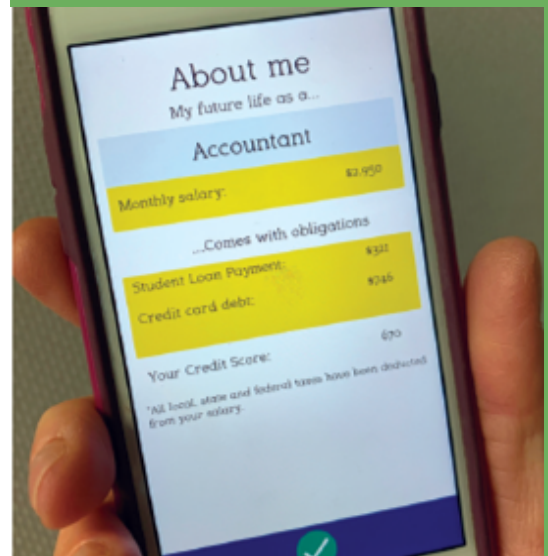


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Lifestyle Choices



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