

# Financial REALITY Fair

brought to you by  
America's Credit Unions

**Fun and Fast-Paced Activity!**  
Make a lasting impact and improve the financial understanding of teens.



Customized budget worksheets



Housing and 11 other Life Stations



Credit Union Financial Advice

**Simulates One Month of Independent Adult Living in 1½ Hours**

### Student Experience:

- Choose a job, get a starting salary with deductions
- Are assigned a credit score
- Actively make choices to obtain the goods and services they need
- 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

### Requirements:

- Host credit union(s) and 1-2 lead coordinators
- 50-300 high school students
- Large room for Life Stations
- 20-30 credit union/community volunteers

### MCUF Will Help!

- Communication templates for schools and volunteers
- Training and operating instructions
- Signage and station materials
- Customized budget worksheets
- Possible grant funding for other costs

### 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"*

*"A budget is important so you know how much you can spend each month"*

*"I learned you can't get everything you want"*

### Teacher and 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"*

**For More Information:**  
(800)262-6285, ext. 453  
[Beth.Troost@mcuf.org](mailto:Beth.Troost@mcuf.org)