

Free to Schools and Credit Unions 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 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

# Requirements:

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

## MCUF Will Help!

- Complete operating instructions and guidance
- Signage and station materials
- App or paper budget worksheets
- Communication templates for schools and volunteers

### 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"

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### 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"

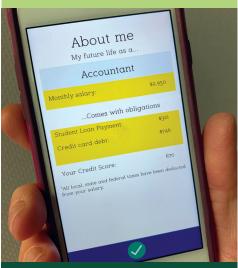


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Make a lasting impact and improve the financial understanding of teens.



Lifestyle Choices



**Expense Tracking and Budgeting** 

