

# Financial REALITY Fair

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## Simulates One Month of Independent Adult Living

### 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
- Option to use budget app or paper budget worksheet

### Requirements:

- Host credit union(s) and 1-2 lead coordinators
- 50-300 high school students
- Large room for Lifestyle Stations
- 2 – 2 ½ hours total time per group of 100 students

### Credit Unions Will Help!

- Host credit union(s), lead coordinators and station volunteers
- Budget app or customized budget worksheets
- Signage and station materials

### 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"

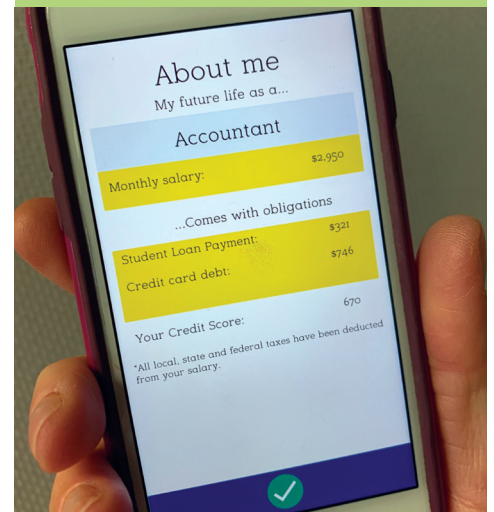


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