

# Financial REALITY Fair

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**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**

### **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 to live on their own at 13 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:**

- 50-300 high school students
- Large room for 12 Life Stations
- 2 - 2 ½ hours total time per group of 100 students
- School/organization liaison for communications

### **Credit Unions Will Help!**

- Host credit union(s), lead coordinators and station volunteers
- Customized budget worksheets for each student with salary, deductions and credit score
- 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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