



# SecureFutures Money Sense

Teenagers in our community need financial guidance and skills. Teens too often are left to learn the hard way about the importance of budgeting, saving, banking and credit.

You can be part of the solution for teens as a volunteer in our Money Sense program. Every year, Money Sense brings hundreds of volunteers from the business community into high school classrooms and community-based organizations to lead proven lessons on financial basics that truly make a positive impact on the lives and behaviors of teens.



## You give

- Basic financial knowledge and skills to youth who need them
- Connection of what's being learned to your unique personal and professional experience
- A commitment to deliver one program per year, up to 6 hours, based on your schedule

## You get

- Satisfaction from a positive impact on a teen's life
- Interactive, engaging experiences with teens
- Training and support from our staff
- Curriculum that is regularly improved based on educator & volunteer feedback

*“SecureFutures makes it easy to get in front of students and help shape their financial future. The curriculum is focused towards real-life decisions and focuses on important topics that are essential to becoming financially independent. Getting out into a classroom and teaching a lesson is a great way to reach those who don't have personal mentoring on these topics.”*

*- Stacy Scheffer, Money Sense volunteer*

## The curriculum

Money Sense consists of three engaging 90-minute lessons featuring activities such as building a personal budget, interviewing with a loan officer and comparing credit card offers. Money Sense lessons complement high school curriculum and align with state standards for personal finance. As a volunteer, you'll motivate teens to participate in the discussion and activity-based lessons using presentations and workbooks.

### Bank Your Future

**Lesson Goal:** To get students familiar with how to manage their cash flow, including understanding earning statements and ways to be paid, evaluating and tracking their expenses, setting a budget, and saving.

### Check It Out

**Lesson Goal:** To get students familiar with how to utilize financial institutions, ways to access and protect money, and how to avoid identity theft.

### To Your Credit

**Lesson Goal:** To get students familiar with how credit cards work, the importance of knowing their credit score and monitoring their credit report, the benefits of maintaining good credit and how to build it.



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*“I was given this opportunity in my last year of high school when I needed it the most.”*

*-Kia, Washington High School student*

*“It opened my eyes on how life and money works.”*

*-Damond, Messmer High School student*

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Take the first step toward changing teens' lives -- and your own.  
Become a Money Sense volunteer:

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### About us

**SecureFutures** empowers students with life-changing financial education and coaching. SecureFutures was founded as Make A Difference - Wisconsin in 2006 and remains dedicated to strengthening our communities by ensuring every teen is confident and capable when it comes to managing money. Our collaborative network of supporters, volunteers and educators have worked to improve financial futures for more than 70,000 teens. For more on our student stories, community commitment and Investment Conference, visit [securefutures.org](https://securefutures.org).