The years leading up to high school graduation are critical to the formation of strong money management habits. Personal attention and guidance are the most effective ways to empower teens for a stable and successful financial future.

Money Coach, specifically designed for teens from underserved communities, is our one-of-a-kind financial mentoring program. Small groups of teens are matched with teams of volunteer mentors, who guide them through an in-depth financial literacy curriculum in groups and one-on-one. This is an opportunity for you to forge a personal connection with teens and help them on the path to lifelong financial capability.

“You give”

- Life-changing mentorship and money management skills to teens who need them
- Connection of what’s being learned to your unique personal and professional experience
- A commitment to a four-month program, meeting 8 times for a total of 12 hours

“You get”

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

“The students were fantastic, unbelievably focused and appreciative. This has been a very rewarding opportunity and I have also learned some things along the way.”
- Rebecca Holmes-Knox, Money Coach volunteer

“This content is so important. I feel honored to help students get ahead of money issues. I really enjoyed getting to know the students, their challenges in and away from school, and be an adult to bounce ideas off of.”
- Jackson Bubolz, Money Coach volunteer
The curriculum

Money Coach is an eight session program completed over a four month period with high school juniors and seniors. Each 90-minute session includes a group lesson focusing on specific financial topics, as well as time with a one-on-one coach. Group lessons are focused on interactive activities and discussion, while one-on-one sessions allow for more in-depth focus on each teen’s individual budget, expenses, and goals. As a volunteer, you’ll mentor teens on their path to financial capability using well-designed curriculum and resources.

Key Areas of Focus
1. Getting to know each student, what motivates them, and what challenges they may face.
2. Reviewing each student’s progress using the Financial Goal Checklist.
3. Motivating students to hold themselves accountable.
4. Listening, guiding, and coaching students.
5. Assisting students in setting a savings plan.
6. Helping the students to address obstacles and mistakes.

Session Breakdown
1. Welcome, Financial Goal Checklist & Banking Basics
2. Expense Tracking and Budgeting
3. The Money Path App
4. Joining the Workforce and Interviewing
5. Banking Review with Simulations
6. Introduction to Credit
7. Coach Guided Session
8. Building a Budget for the Future and Program Wrap Up

“I learned how to save, I learned how to budget, I learned about good credit. I learned that there’s so much more you can do with money. I learned that my dreams can become realities.”
-Antonio, Bradley Tech High School student

Take the first step toward changing teens’ lives -- and your own.
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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 78,000 teens. For more on our student stories, community commitment and Investment Conference, visit securefutures.org.