Family Economics & Financial Education has teamed up with Junior Achievement and the Maryland State Department of Education to offer training opportunities to help educators shape the way America’s youth think about money. The 2013 National Financial Educator Trainings:

• Provide interactive workshops led by current classroom educators who model lesson plan activities
• Create networking opportunities for discussions about best practices within the classroom
• Invite participants to connect with industry and university experts as they discuss cutting-edge research and trends
• Offer an abundance of ready-to-teach curriculum materials designed by educators

Three trainings have been designed specifically with you in mind!

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**
July 30 – 31
$120
This hands-on training led by Junior Achievement will help you teach students in grades K-6 basic economics in fun and age-appropriate ways.

**DEEP DIVE**
July 30 – August 1
$150
This interactive training is guaranteed to save you preparation time next year as you receive content training, learn about FFEF’s ready-to-teach curriculum and network with others.

**NEW AND IMPROVED RESOURCES**
July 31 – August 1
$120
This training is for those who have previously attended a FFEF training. You will learn about the new FFEF website (coming June 2013) and over 25 new lesson plans to customize FFEF to your classroom.

Learn more and register today!
The first 50 to register will receive a FFEF Tumbler and Bag!

If you can’t attend the National Financial Educator Training, consider attending one of our regional training events:
• University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point – March 16
• Arkansas Department of Education – July 23-25
• Iowa State University – July 23-25

Visit the FFEF website to learn more.

A special thank-you to our partners for generously subsidizing the registration fees for the National Financial Educator Trainings.
Visit FEF's free online video library - or attend one of our webinars - designed specifically for classroom educators. These resources feature nationally renowned experts, leading scholars and classroom educators who engage in discussion about cutting-edge trends.

**Next Webinar:**
- Investing Fundamentals: Connecting Abstract Concepts to the Real World
- February 19, 2013 at 4:30 ET
- Featuring Dr. Michael Staten, TCAI Director and Professor and Lisa Bender, Business Educator - Oakland, Maryland

**Content Video Library:**
These short, but informative videos, provide you with information about complex financial topics, anytime day or night - to fit your schedule!

Current topics:
- Saving for College – 529 Plans
- 7 Tips for Financing Higher Education
- Investing Principles

More videos are coming in February 2013, including Choosing a Financial Advisor, Individual Retirement Accounts and Completing the FAFSA for college bound students seeking financial aid.

**Lesson Plan Demonstration Videos:**
Choose from a collection of videos that feature classroom educators demonstrating how to facilitate various activities included in the FFEF curriculum. Videos also provide teaching tips for customizing an activity to meet the needs of your students.

Learn more about FFEF’s multi-dimensional, free, online professional development tools.
What a year it’s been for Consumer Jungle! Every month, Consumer Jungle receives Ask Jungle Bob questions, contest entries and submissions to the weekly poll question from students around the country. Consumer Jungle also features new student-written articles, additional Student Editors, and a new Fraud of the Month. The unique Fraud of the Month feature highlights a current scam and explains how you can avoid becoming a victim.

Since Consumer Jungle’s launch, educators have implemented and utilized the Consumer Jungle site in their classroom in different ways. Some refer their students to the Jungle for additional reading, others promote the ongoing contests, and many enjoy “Fraud Fridays”. In the classroom, Fraud Fridays are a great way to read about a current scam, search for additional articles and news pieces that have been published about the topic, and discuss ways to avoid being cheated or scammed. The Fraud of the Month brings current events straight into the classroom.

Just tuning into Consumer Jungle? This past fall we ran the Take 5! Picture Your Success photo journal contest. We received over 200 submissions! We are pleased to announce Leah Cassada as the Grand Prize Winner. Check out her photo journal here.

We will be launching our spring contest soon. Keep an eye on Consumer Jungle for details and enjoy this month’s Fraud of the Month: “Outrageous Bank Fees”.

Using the SMART Goal outline, I will reach my financial goal of earning and saving enough money to study abroad in South Africa.
Meeting the Common Core English Language Arts Standards

The Family Economics and Financial Education curriculum not only focuses on developing the financial capability of young adults but also prepares them for careers and higher education. Each FEFE lesson plan includes varied instructional strategies that promote the development of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Learn how the FEFE curriculum aligns to the Common Core English Language Arts Anchor Standards for Grades 6-12 by viewing the integration table.

Reading
- Strategy: Facilitate the lesson using the information sheet (student reading) and note-taking guide (graphic organizer).
- Featured lesson plan: Introduction to Depository Institutions
  > In this lesson, students work individually or in small groups to read the information sheet and summarize essential points using the note-taking guide. They apply what they have learned to help Josie choose a financial institution that best meets her needs.
  > Anchors met: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

Writing
- Strategy: Act as a financial advisor to write a letter of advice to a family.
- Featured lesson plan: Spending Plans
  > In this lesson students work in small groups to act as financial advisors and help the Brown family accomplish their financial goals through the development of a spending plan. Students also compose a letter providing advice and identifying strategies the family should use to implement and maintain their spending plan over the long-term.
  > Anchors met: 2, 4, 6, 8, 9

Speaking & Listening
- Strategy: Interview an adult.
- Featured lesson plan: Money in Your Life
  > In this lesson students interview an adult to discuss the role money has played in their life. They synthesize what they have learned by writing a reflective essay.
  > Anchors met: 1, 2, 3, 4

Language
- Strategy: Research a government program and create a story about a fictitious family/individual who will benefit from that program.
- Features lesson plan: Receiving from Government Programs
  > In this lesson students research a government program and then create a story about a fictitious family/individual who will benefit from that program. Creating the story using a digital storyboard or animated video is encouraged (see the Technology Integration Options lesson plan for tips on how to do this). The story is then shared with others.
  > Anchors met: 1, 2, 3.

Tip: Look for this icon throughout FEFE lessons indicating that a Common Core English Language Arts standard is being met.

EVENTS

February 21: Making Cents Webinar, Pennsylvania Department of Education, 3:00pm and 6:30pm ET
March 16: University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, One-day FEFE Training.
April 23: National Jump$tar Annual Awards Dinner, Washington, DC
June 26-29: American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Conference, Houston, TX, attend a FEFE workshop

July 23-25: Iowa State University – Three-day FEFE Training
July 30-August 1: National Financial Educator Events, Stevenson University in Owings Mills, Maryland
  > July 30-August 1: National Financial Educator Training: Deep Dive
  > July 30-August 1: National Financial Educator Training: Elementary Education
  > July 31-August 1: National Financial Educator Training: New and Improved Resources
STEP 1:
Sign in to your FEFE account!
Don’t have one?
Create an account for free at fefe.arizona.edu today.

STEP 2:
Click the FEFE Forum button and join one or more groups of interest to you.
For example, are you wondering how to integrate finance into your math class? Then join the Math Integration group.

STEP 3:
Join the conversation!
Post a comment, “like” a post or start your own group.
It’s free, it’s easy, and best of all, it’s for you.

WHY?
• SHARE YOUR STORY
  Whether you’re sharing an opportunity to win classroom supplies or exchanging ideas about teaching financial education, we want to hear about it.
• ENGAGE WITH EDUCATORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY