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## Financial Literacy Month

April is designated by the U.S. Government as **Financial Literacy Month**. This is a great opportunity to promote financial wellness for students.

In honor of Financial Literacy Month, the Council for Economic Education created a collection of resources for K-12 educators and students which are available at [www.councilforeconed.org/k-12-resources](http://www.councilforeconed.org/k-12-resources).

Economic lessons can sometimes seem too abstract for students. “Teaching the News” not only puts these lessons into real life perspective but it also helps educate your students on how to critically engage with current events. Use these current events to teach the news in your classroom. Following each article, you will find several related resources from [EconEdLink.org](http://EconEdLink.org) for teaching the underlying economics and personal finance concepts.

Consider hosting a “Lunch and Learn” where students can use their lunch period to ask questions about financial topics of interest. This may prompt future meetings once you see what students are truly concerned about when it comes to managing finances.

Plan a day of financial awareness with trivia questions/prizes, guests from local banking institutions and credit unions offering free student checking accounts. Emphasize the importance of saving for college.

# NyFF ADDS HOT TOPICS

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) makes every effort to keep you informed of important issues that affect the students and families of Florida. To that end, we have added new information to the Navigating Your Financial Future website at [www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org](http://www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org).

Located under the **Resources** tab, you will find the topics of interest when counseling students and parents. Each section contains a PowerPoint and various resources available to help provide the most up-to-date information.

Current items of interest under the Hot Topics sections include:

**Payday Lending** — Predatory lending is often just around the corner from families in your community causing even more of a financial burden for those who use this type of lending. Learn more about how this industry is now targeting college students and how you can educate the students in your high school about the pitfalls of payday lending.

**Unaccompanied Homeless Youth** — Your one-stop shop for resources to help this group of teens who think that pursuing a degree is out of reach because of their living situation. Read through these valuable resources to help those who are struggling to exist on a day-to-day basis.

**Undocumented Students** — Resources to help undocumented families and students who have questions about financial aid availability beyond high school.

**Other Helpful Resources** — The resources include:

- Florida Tuition Waiver
- MALDEF Scholarship Information
- TheDream. US Scholarship Information
- Resource Guide for Supporting Undocumented Youth
- U.S. Department of Education—Financial Aid and Undocumented Students
- United We Dream Toolbox



Visit [www.NavigatingYourFinancialFuture.org](http://www.NavigatingYourFinancialFuture.org)  
for more information.



## KHAN ACADEMY — VIDEO TUTORIALS

Khan Academy video tutorials can be accessed from their website at [Paying For College](#).

The following topics are addressed in easy to understand video tutorials for students and families to view:

- Introduction: Paying for college
- Financial aid application process
- Grants and scholarships
- Work study
- Financial aid packages

### Financial Aid Application Process

Khan Academy provides video tutorials on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process at [Paying For College](#). Students should be completing their FAFSA applications for the 2018-19 academic year, if they have not already done so. Many grants and scholarships have April deadlines.



## Calendar



**April 1– 30** — Financial Literacy Month

**October 4-6** — 57th Annual Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference (Atlanta, Georgia)

For more information see

[www.councilforeconed.org/events/cee-national-conference](http://www.councilforeconed.org/events/cee-national-conference).

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