

Good morning,

I am writing from Service 1st Federal Credit Union, in partnership with the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education and PALCO Federal Credit Union.

This summer, we will be conducting a series of youth financial education workshops that will require us to source volunteers from across the Susquehanna Valley.

We are asking you to consider volunteering an afternoon (or as many as five) this summer to help us bring this education to over 1,800 high school students in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week is an intensive program that educates high school students about the free enterprise system by bringing together motivated students professionals, mentors, and businesspeople from across the state. This unique concept in learning has enhanced the lives of over 52,000 young adults for the past 46 years.

During PFEW, participants not only gain a deeper understanding of how our free enterprise system works, but also learn firsthand from experienced professionals what it takes to succeed in today's Dynamic workforce.

For 2025, the administrators of PFEW have reached out to Service 1st and PALCO to make financial education personal to these students. The credit unions will jointly conduct a large-scale Financial Reality Fair on the Wednesday afternoon of each week of the camp (and one on Thursday).

The Financial Reality Fair concept is a unique opportunity for students to experience some of the financial challenges they will face when they start life on their own. It's a hands-on experience in which students identify their career choice and starting salaries, then complete a budget simulation requiring them to live within their monthly salary while paying for basic necessities, such as: housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, and food.

We are in need of 40 or more volunteers each week to help us staff this event.

The events will take place on five separate afternoons in July (July 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th and 31st). Volunteers will be needed from 12:30pm to 4:30pm on each of those days. The first four dates take place on the campus of Lycoming College in Williamsport. The final date takes place on the campus of Pennsylvania College of Technology, also in Williamsport.

Volunteers will be interacting with students during their budgeting simulation and offering their real-life perspective on the process of making financial decisions.

There is no prior experience needed to help us conduct these events. We will have a brief volunteer conference call in June to prepare for the event, and the rest of the instructions and all materials will be supplied on the day of the event.

Volunteers will also receive a T-shirt to wear at the event, to help participants identify the event volunteers. If you are able to offer one or more afternoons for these high school students, we would really appreciate you!

Please, respond to mcduffeeb@service1.org with your name and email, if you would be willing to help us out. I will send you the online sign-up link, so that we can maintain an accurate volunteer count.

Please, let me know if there are any questions I can answer for you.

Thank you for your time and your contribution to our students.

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