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South Carolina's 529 College Savings Plan

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Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program

South Carolina State Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., South Carolina's Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan and SC Economics are pleased to announce a major initiative to bring critical financial literacy education to South Carolina elementary-aged students.

The financial literacy curriculum - the *Vault - Understanding Money™* platform, which provides an interactive, web-based financial management program - is offered to South Carolina elementary schools **at no cost to the schools or taxpayers.**

Empowering Young People to Build Sound Financial Futures

Vault - Understanding Money™ is an interactive course designed to introduce financial literacy skills early in a child's cognitive development. Students will earn a certification upon completion of the curriculum, a representation of the important financial concepts they have mastered. The curriculum aligns with both state and national standards published by the Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

Saving, budgeting, or even earning money may not be the primary focus of most preteens, but the financial knowledge they gain now will set the tone for decisions they make in the future. In fact, today's economy makes teaching personal finance at an early age more important than ever. Gaining a basic understanding of personal finance will help young people find financial achievement, confidence, and well-being.



Only

26%

of parents feel well prepared to teach their kids about basic personal finance.

- *Networks Financial Institute at Indiana State University*

Level: 4th-6th Grade

Length: 2.5 Hours

Topics Covered

- Responsible Money Choices
- Income and Careers
- Planning & Money Management
- Credit & Borrowing
- Insurance & Safety Management

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EverFi is the leading technology platform that teaches, assesses and certifies students in critical skills. Our courses have touched the lives of over twelve million learners.

Building A Foundation For Financially Literate Youth

Best-of-Breed Content

Vault™ features six learning groups that focus on skill building and decision-making, from learning how to control spending to going to trusted adults for financial advice.

Rich Assessment Data

Each learning group contains assessments that measure student knowledge gains throughout the program.

Personalized Goal-Setting & Interactive Learning

Students “unlock” games and apply their learning in a variety of story-based simulations. These activities challenge students to make choices in real-life scenarios in order to achieve important goals centered on saving, job planning, and budgeting.

Program Benefits

- Champions a financial education movement by teaching, assessing, and certifying students in important 21st century concepts.
- Prepares students to succeed in the 21st century workforce.
- Accesses key performance metrics for students that will facilitate differentiated learning in your classroom.

Future Scholar 529 Plan

For more information about our sponsor, South Carolina’s Future Scholar 529 plan, visit FutureScholar.com. Future Scholar is an investment account that can help families save over time for the rising cost of a college education. Future Scholar has low management fees, as well as one of the best tax deductions in the country. Account funds can be used at any eligible two- or four-year educational institution, including out-of-state and some international schools. No minimum amount is required to open a Future Scholar investment account, and anyone can contribute to an account.

Our Partners:



Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.
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86%

of students would rather learn about money management in a class before making mistakes in the real world.

- Charles Schwab's 2011
"Teens & Money" survey

15,000

South Carolina students learned financial education through EverFi's program during the 2014-15 school year.

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