

Shrewsbury Community Members

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Volunteers Needed for the Shrewsbury High School *Reality Check*

Tuesday April 2, 2019

7:00am-12:00pm

What is the *Reality Check*?

After having learned basic budgeting concepts in the classroom, students attend the *Reality Check* where they interact with professionals who provide real-life data in order to develop a personal budget. This is a financial literacy fair for high school students.

The fair has various "stations" staffed by "experts" who discuss needs and offer data regarding their specific areas of expertise. Stations exist for Housing, Transportation, Health & Nutrition, Furniture, Personal Technology, Luxury Items, Savings & Retirement, and Credit & Lending.

After visiting all stations and having made various cost decisions, the students will have their budgets reviewed and given time to discuss their financial decisions.

What do we need?

We need 150 professionals and/or parents to volunteer 5 hours of their time on April 2nd, at Shrewsbury High School. Volunteers need to arrive by 7:00am; refreshments will be available. The students will arrive at the fair at 7:30am and will be there until 11:00am. Lunch for the volunteers will be available after the fair during the debrief meeting from 11:15am-12:00pm.

How can YOU help?

As a business or civic professional, community member or parent you know the importance of financial literacy for our youth. The time and knowledge you offer will make this a meaningful experience for the students. It exposes them to you as an expert in your field and as a role model of good Corporate Citizenship - a true "Win /Win".

The attached chart describes the various stations we need staffed, the number of volunteers and the type of interactions handled. As we need many volunteers, please share this with coworkers and friends. Please direct questions or interest in volunteering to either one of these Chamber members: Lisa Raabe at lraabe@shrewsburycu.com or Owen Russell at orussell@centralfcu.com by March 18th.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

To Register as a volunteer: <https://goo.gl/forms/fhlfgxtclisyL0Bp1>

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April 2, 2019 from 7:00am-12:00pm

Volunteer Information

Location: Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545
Phone (508) 841-8800

Volunteers Needed: (We expect about 500 students and plan for a Volunteer / Student ratio of 1:3.)

# of Volunteers Needed	Station	Volunteer Occupations Needed	Description of Volunteer's Role
20	Registration	High School Staff/Volunteers	Check-in students and give them all materials.
15	Housing	Realtors, Insurance Agents	Provide real rental options with listings and the process of renting (first/last/security). Have some realistic homes to show in case students inquire, but focus on apartments.
15	Furniture	Furniture Sales, Home Decorators, Retailers	Have expertise for costs of furniture and the appropriate amount for a specifically sized home/apartment.
10	Health/Nutrition	Nutritionists, Personal Trainers, Non-Profit Health Employees, Grocery Employees	Help create a food & dining out budget. Discuss coupon use and discretionary spending. Discuss fitness and health and how health issues impact budget.
15	Transportation	Car Dealers, MBTA Employees, Uber Drivers, Bicycle Salespersons, Insurance Agents	Present realistic transportation options with offers for new and used cars (owning vs. leasing options). Have Public Transportation schedule, feasibility and cost. Help calculate maintenance, gas and insurance.
15	Savings & Retirement	Financial Advisors	Implement a diversified investment strategy for each student that is compatible with his/her personal finance goals.
10	Credit & Lending	Bank Employees, Credit Union Employees	Provide loans for cars and/or personal loans. Explain terms and payments. Explain credit scores, and their impact on cost, and offer opportunities for students to "increase their credit scores".
4-6	Reality Check	Any Occupation	Run a spinning lottery wheel which simulates both good and bad (unexpected) life events.
8-10	Charity	Any charity organizations (e.g. Red Cross, Food Pantry Organizations, Rotary Club, Animal Shelters, etc.)	Solicit students for donations to help the needs of those less fortunate.
8-10	Luxury	Travel Agents, Private Sport Club Employees, Health/Beauty Spa Employees, Electronic Retailers, Jewelers, etc.	Offer luxury items or wants that could be mistaken by students for Salesmanship and creativity offering personal electronic devices, beauty products, jewelry, vacations, memberships, etc.
8-10	Technology	Selco, Dish, Comcast, Verizon Employees	Present options for cell phones, internet, and cable services (possibly Netflix/special packages).
ALL VOLUNTEERS	Budget Counseling	ALL VOLUNTEERS LISTED ABOVE	Near the end of the Reality Check, the students will have 1-on-1 time with an adult volunteer to review their budget and discuss their choices positively/negatively affected their overall budget in order to help them make good life/financial decisions in the future.

Training for Volunteers: In order to ensure volunteers are comfortable and ready on the day of the event, we ask all volunteers to **attend one** of two training sessions to be held on Tuesday, March 26th from either 10:45am-12:00pm **or** 2:30pm-3:45pm at the SHS Presentation Room. Please contact Lisa Raabe at lraabe@shrewsburycu.com or Owen Russell at orussell@centralfcu.com with questions. **The registration deadline is March 18th, 2019.**

To Register as a volunteer, please copy and paste the following link into your browser.

<https://goo.gl/forms/fhlfgxtclisyL0Bp1>