



Program Highlights & Upcoming Opportunities

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Education for Real Life

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Teacher Feedback...

"The workshop was very informative, organized and professional. I loved everything about it! I will definitely be looking at more workshops offered by Economics Arkansas in the future, and I will highly recommend the workshops to my peers."

Judy Hicks, teacher
Charleston School District

"Economics Arkansas is fabulous! The PD is always exciting, fresh, new and innovative!"

Nakesha Cunningham, teacher
Pulaski County Special School District

"AWESOME day!!! One of the best workshops I have ever attended. I will be a lot more effective as an educator with preparing students for the choices they have in the education and careers! Thank you!"

Joy Sites, teacher
Beebe School District

"Economics Arkansas combines real world information and experiences that are relevant for both teachers and students. I am never disappointed with their workshops!"

Sharon Clark, teacher
Arkadelphia School District

Economics Arkansas hopes teachers, administrators and all school personnel have had a restful summer! We wish you a wonderful 2016-17 school year and remind you that we are at your service! How can we help with engaging, relevant and cross-curricular professional development for your school and/or district? [Click here](#) to see the benefits of formally partnering with us!

If you have attended our trainings, you know we work to ensure that you receive relevant, engaging and standards-based instruction that can be easily integrated in your classroom. Our website houses a plethora of [downloadable lessons](#) and activities, plus links to other websites that will expand your teaching resources. In addition, we are available to assist you via phone and email throughout the school year. Contact us - we are here to serve you!



Funding for Your Economics Projects

Have a great idea for an economics or personal finance project? We have two opportunities for you to consider and both are designed to expand and promote integration of economic education into your classroom:

1. [Economics Arkansas Teacher Grants Program](#) - Teachers of PreK-12 may apply for funding up to \$500. The deadline is September 16, 2016.
2. [DonorsChoose.org](#) - Public school teachers, K-12 may post their projects on DonorsChoose and let generous funders make it a reality! While you may post more than one project at a time, single project requests should remain at \$750 or below. Requests may include classroom resources needed to implement an economics project including technology. Need assistance? Feel free to contact us at 501-682-4230.



A National Honor

Marsha Masters has been selected to receive the Bessie B. Moore National Service Award by the National Association of Economic Educators. The award recognizes individuals whose outstanding and dedicated service has had a significant impact on the delivery and enhancement of economic education. Marsha will receive the award during the Council for Economic Education's national conference October 5-8, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ.

The SIFMA Foundation president shared the following comments about Marsha: "She is passionate about advancing financial and economic education to benefit young people, providing them access to tools they need to better understand the economic system and live financially independent lives. Marsha's tremendous and extraordinary service to date will benefit economic education long into the future. She has transformed opportunities and outcomes for Arkansas students, teachers and schools, and is poised for much more. Marsha's talent and expertise will continue to enrich and advance the field." *Congratulations, Marsha!*



A Look Ahead...

Stock Market Game Webinars
Check website for dates!

September 7, 2016

Stock Market Game Training
Clinton Presidential Center
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

September 14, 2016

Stock Market Game Extravaganza
Economics Arkansas Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

September 16, 2016

Teacher Grant Applications Due

September 20, 2016

Stock Market Game Next Level
Economics Arkansas Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

September 26, 2016

Stock Market Game Begins!

November 17, 2016

Bessie B. Moore Awards Luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Clinton Presidential Library
Little Rock, AR

December 2, 2016

Stock Market Game Ends

Visit www.economicsarkansas.org and click on "event calendar" to learn more about upcoming workshops and/or to register. You may also [click here](#).

Stock Market Game Funding!

Want to play the Stock Market Game™? There are a number of funding opportunities available.

- [Donna K. Wright Scholarship](#) (Deadlines 9/12/16 & 1/16/17)
- [Arkansas Securities Dept.](#) (Deadline 9/30/16)
- [Schmieding Foundation](#) (Springdale District)
- [DonorsChoose.org](#) (Deadline August 25!)

If you would like training to participate in the Stock Market Game as a "newbie" or as a "veteran," please see workshop dates available listed in the blue box to the left. You may also [click here](#) to learn more and/or register.



ATTENTION 8th Grade Teachers!

CHOICES is an interactive decision-making presentation for students that focuses on keeping teens in school, motivating them toward their education and future, and introducing them to practical economic concepts and life skills to help them succeed. Interested? Visit www.economicsarkansas.org and click on the "for teachers" tab or [click here](#) or contact Elisha at elisha@economicsarkansas.org. Priority will be given to school districts who formally [partner](#) with Economics Arkansas.



Join.Me Training

Economics Arkansas invites educators statewide to an online meeting at 3:30 p.m. addressing a fun and informative economic/personal finance topic! Dates are:

September 20 ** October 18 ** November 17

JOIN US! Join.Me/economicsarkansas

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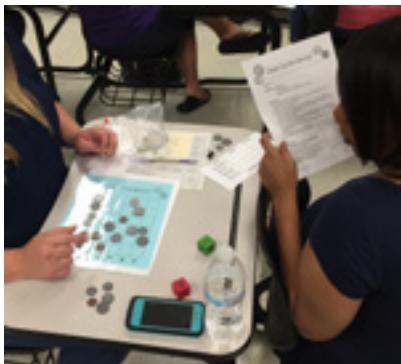
Thank you!



Basics of Saving and Investing

Over 150 educators in the Texarkana School District attended a tremendous workshop about "Getting Smart" with saving and investing in June. Teachers were presented lessons, videos and activities to teach investor education and protection in their classrooms.

This workshop was funded in part by a grant from the Investor Protection Trust (IPT). The IPT is a nonprofit organization devoted to investor education. Since 1993 the IPT has worked with the States to provide the independent, objective investor education needed by all Americans to make informed investment decisions. www.investorprotection.org.



Summer 2016 PD Relevant, Engaging and FUN!

Economics of Sports



55 Educators!

REAL Conference



145 Educators!



Connecting Educators to Industry



130 Educators!



E3: Empowering Entrepreneurship Education



79 Educators!

Summer School District In-services and trainings at Education Service Centers = 27 (June - August)

More Great Resources...



A non-profit providing over 300,000 classroom teachers and homeschoolers with engaging instructional videos and teacher resources promoting critical thinking skills.



Hosts a business plan competition to introduce young Arkansans in grades 5-8 to the potential and opportunities of entrepreneurship. Students who compete in Y.E.S. are taking part in a project-based learning activity that requires higher-order thinking skills. They work in teams to think of a business idea that could make money, which also encourages them to think about innovation and what their futures could be.

Econ in the Rock

Come discover economics in the Little Rock/North Little Rock area as we go on location and find economics here, there and everywhere! All attending will receive professional development, a light dinner or snacks, resources, and curriculum ready to use in the classroom. Plus each event will provide door prizes! To register, visit www.economicsarkansas.org and click on the "event calendar." Scroll to the topic and/or date of interest and more information will be listed, plus a "Register Now" button. Be on the lookout for additional opportunities as well! Upcoming dates include:

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Attention Teachers of the required High School Economics Course! Check out these [great resources](#) to use in your classroom this semester, including our 20-session "Tools for Teaching the Arkansas Economics and Personal Finance Course."

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