The Kentucky Credit Union League, the Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission, and the Northern Kentucky University Center for Economic Education Partner for Financial Education Teacher Training

Partnership will provide 10 scholarships to high school educators

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 1, 2021) - The Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission announced Tuesday a partnership between the Kentucky Credit Union League and the Northern Kentucky University Center for Economic Education (NKU CEE) to advance financial literacy training for educators. The partnership will provide 10 scholarships for Kentucky high school educators interested in financial literacy professional development.

"Providing teacher education is crucial to delivering quality financial education," said Matt Frey, Executive Director of the KFEC. "We are excited about this opportunity to partner with the Kentucky Credit Union League and the NKU CEE to make this happen."

Educators must apply for the program scholarship by June 30th. The CEE's training addresses House Bill 132, recently enacted into law, requiring high school students to complete a financial literacy program or course prior to graduation. Students who entered the ninth grade in 2020 will be the first graduating class graduating under the requirement. The four-week professional development for teachers starts on July 6th and will be delivered fully online.

"We are excited to work with the KFEC and the Kentucky Credit Union League to provide educator professional development and resources to teach financial literacy at our high schools. Improving the financial capabilities of Kentuckians starts with investing in the educators," said Dr. Abdullah Al-Bahrani with the NKU CEE.

"It's critical our educators are given the confidence and the skills to successfully teach financial literacy. Investing in our financial education is an all-around win; a win for the teacher, student, and state," Kentucky Credit Union League President Debbie Painter said. "Credit Unions across the Commonwealth are honored to partner with the Commission in promoting and providing financial well-being for all the citizens of Kentucky." Through this partnership, KFEC and the Kentucky Credit Union League will each provide five scholarships for a total of 10 available scholarships.

To apply and learn more about teaching financial literacy, visit the KFEC's website.

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About the Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission:

The KFEC has six target categories: Kentuckians with disabilities, aging Kentuckians, state employees, low-income families, students, and veterans and military personnel. You can find more on the Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission at KYFEC.org.

About the NKU Center for Economic Education:

The CEE promotes financial literacy and economic education through direct training and partnerships with teachers at all levels (K-16). By providing educators with the resources and curriculum, the center helps bridge the gap of professional development and supporting Kentucky teachers. For more information about participating in the Economics and Financial Literacy Education program, please call (859) 572-5799 or visit its website.

About the Kentucky Credit Union League:

The Kentucky Credit Union League is the state association representing 56 credit unions and approximately 900,000 members across the Commonwealth. For more information on the League, please go to <u>www.kycul.org</u>.