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## Minnesota Credit Union Foundation announces webinar series with U of M

### *Registration opens today*

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The University of Minnesota Extension – in conjunction with the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation – will be hosting a series of free webinars this fall to help make financial education efforts more effective. Webinars are available free of charge to anyone who works to improve the financial literacy levels of students, including:

- Teachers;
- Business educators;
- Economics teachers;
- Credit union staff;
- Alternative learning center instructors;
- Community agency staff; and
- Other individuals, organizations or industries.

Entitled “Connecting the Dots: Financial Education...Financial Capability,” this webinar series is intended to increase educators’ knowledge and competency in financial topics, making them better-equipped to teach these subjects and improve the financial management skills of young adults.

Each session is two hours in length, and will help teachers make financial education relevant for students in their daily lives while demonstrating the importance of making wise financial decisions. Participants will explore concepts that relate to the science of teaching, as well as the underlying influences that poverty and culture have on financial capability.

Additionally, the webinars will discuss current research findings of the NEFE High School Financial Planning Program (HSFPP) and apply these findings to financial capability policy and educational efforts in Minnesota.

Webinars will be offered in “live” format and archived online for future use, allowing for training across numerous organizations and school districts. Registered participants gain access to the archive and all online resources used during the webinar.

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The Minnesota Credit Union Foundation, dedicated to providing the resources for credit unions and communities to prosper and thrive, is the primary financial sponsor of the webinar series. Established in 1969, the Foundation has helped many credit unions with limited resources to grow and prosper and reach underserved communities. Founded by the Minnesota Credit Union Network and governed by a board of directors from various Minnesota credit unions, the Foundation considers grant requests with an eye toward its goal of empowering people to achieve. (For additional information on the Foundation's sponsorship, [click here](#).)

## SESSION DETAILS

**Webinar #1 – Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011 (3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)**

**Topics:** Pedagogy, Culture, Poverty, NEFE HSFPP Curriculum, Introduction to Competencies

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 5

**Webinar #2 – Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011 (3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)**

**Topics:** Financial Planning, Budgeting

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 12

**Webinar #3 – Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 (3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)**

**Topics:** Investing, Credit & Debt

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 19

**Webinar #4 – Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 (3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)**

**Topics:** Keeping Your Money Safe and Secure, Insurance, Careers

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 26

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*The **Minnesota Credit Union Foundation** is a non-profit organization founded in 1969 to serve as a charitable arm of the Minnesota credit union movement. For more information, visit [www.mncufoundation.org](http://www.mncufoundation.org).*

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