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**Local Schools Can Get Paid for Financial Literacy**  
*Consumer Credit Counseling Service Seeks Local Schools  
to Participate in National Financial Capabilities Challenge*

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AURORA, Ill. (March 4, 2010) – Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a non-profit housing- and credit-counseling program of Family Counseling Service, is looking for local high school teachers and students to join in the National Financial Capabilities Challenge this month. The federally sponsored initiative centers on rewarding schools and states that successfully teach young adults the key tools to prepare them for personal-financial stability.

Participating schools will work hand-in-hand with Consumer Credit Counseling Service to develop a specific financially focused curriculum that includes classroom-discussion topics and homework opportunities. Later this month, students will be asked to take a voluntarily online exam to demonstrate the relevance of what they've learned and assess their financial knowledge. Those results will be announced in April, and will determine the school's reward.

“When it comes to financial knowledge, it's never too young to start,” Consumer Credit Counseling Service Program Director Bettye DeRamus said. “We want our young people to feel confident and in control of their personal-financial situation right from the start.”

Local schools interested in taking the challenge are encouraged to contact the agency at (630) 844-2662.

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