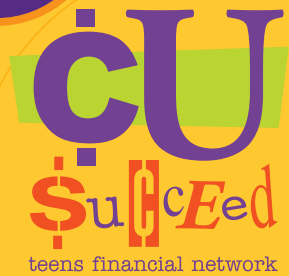


Are you a teenager? Do you want \$100?



We want to pay you for your financial experiences

Ever make a costly mistake with your paycheck, allowance, credit card or cash? Have any financial lessons you'd like to share with your peers? Send us a brief article about your experiences with money and you could get published in the CU Succeed® newsletter or on the CU Succeed® website! The article doesn't have to be long; it can even be as short as 2 paragraphs. If your article is published in the CU Succeed newsletter we'll pay you \$100 and give your school \$50. If you are published online you'll earn \$50 for your efforts and \$25 for your school. To submit your article visit www.cusucceed.net/articles.

Writing an article with a financial slant doesn't necessarily mean it has to be about money. We love to hear about teens who are working part time jobs, volunteering, raising money for class trips, sports or other projects, or saving for things such as college or a new car. The most interesting stories usually include a personal experience, so be creative!

Need Some Ideas?

- What do you spend your money on?
- How do you earn money? Do you do any kind of services like lawn mowing, dog walking, car washing, babysitting, etc?
- How do you get these jobs—word of mouth? Do you advertise your services?
 - Where/how did you learn your trade?
 - How do you come up with what you're going to charge?
 - Do you make anything? Do you knit or make jewelry? Do you have a plan for selling your items?
- Have you ever saved up for something big? Did you research the item? Did you wait for a sale? How did you earn/get the money you saved?
- Have you ever spent too much? Did you get in trouble with your parents? Were you short or behind on something else you needed to pay for? How did you resolve your problem? How did you work your way out of debt?
- Have you been involved in any kind of fund-raising activity? Was it for school, church or an after-school activity like a ball team? How did you raise the money? Was it hard to do, fun or did you enjoy the experience? Did all your hard work pay off in the end?
 - Are you planning ahead or do you ever think about the money you are going to need for the future? Are you saving for college, a new car or a special trip?

These are just a few ideas—but we want articles on anything involving money. We don't want to just hear about saving or budgeting—we want to hear what you're doing in your life!

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