

Financial Readiness Education for the Military

First Command Educational Foundation (FCEF), established in 1983, is a 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to improving financial readiness through education and scholarship opportunities. Our mission is **to educate those who serve**. Although our primary focus is on programs and resources for America's servicemembers, civilian federal employees, and their families, our services also extend to schools and community organizations that share our core values and aspirations.

What We Do: FCEF offers a variety of curricula, financial presentations, and seminars on numerous financial literacy topics such as budgeting, credit and debt management, retirement planning, and investing, as well as military-specific subjects such as Thrift Savings Plan, Planning for Deployment, Military Retirement Plans, and Survivor Benefits. **Our programs are designed to stress principles, not products, and there is no product solicitation or commercial endorsement.**

Members of our staff and our Volunteer Speakers Bureau deliver our educational programs. The bureau consists of certified volunteers (**usually retired military servicemembers**) capable of delivering presentations and seminars on a variety of financial subjects.

How We Do It: We tailor our programs to meet the needs of the requesting organization, and we assist military units in providing programs to their members in several ways. FCEF's speakers can provide the instruction or presentations, or we can train individuals in the unit to do the same. We also train military financial counselors in money management issues and counseling techniques.



Our web-based course, *Military Money Matters*, contains modules on a variety of financial subjects, and is designed to be used by participants on their own time and at their own pace. It can also be used to supplement an instructor's current lesson plans or educational programs. Each module contains a pre- and post-module exam and exercises, and the program includes pre- and post-course comprehensive exams and an instructor interface.

In addition, located on our website under "Financial Tools" are five categories of financial calculators for budgeting, debt reduction, and retirement planning, among others.

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