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Personal Finance Center of Polk County Financial Stability Program Overview

FREE financial education and coaching available to all residents of Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties. Savings incentives, job credentialing scholarships, and grant funds are also available.

- **Group classes** hosted throughout the year in various county locations (must attend all four sessions). **Online curriculum** also available through [FDIC Money Smart Online](#). Young adult and Spanish curriculum available as well.
- **Financial Incentives** for those who graduate from the education program:
 - **\$150 Savings Match Incentive** - Increase savings by \$300 and receive \$150 check. Must provide savings statements from date education was acquired to date participants request savings incentive match, including proof of income (paystub, child support, disability, social security, etc.)
 - **Job Credentialing Scholarships** - Must be nominated and complete \$300 Savings to be eligible. Up to \$300* fee will be paid directly to vendor and they must be willing to accept payment **AFTER** client has successfully completed whatever credentialing program they are pursuing. Current partnerships include Elite Healthcare in Lakeland and Luster Training Center in Bartow.
 - **\$2,000 Savings for Assets Matching Grant** - Must be nominated and complete \$300 Savings to be eligible. This program is funded by United Way of Central Florida (UWCF) and has income guidelines for eligibility. Participant income levels must be within 200% of the poverty level for their household size. Participants are given a maximum of *three years* to save up to \$2,000*. Funds can be used toward buying their first home, going to college or trade school, purchasing reliable work transportation, or small business start-up. Payment will be issued directly to vendor. Participants must be in the program for a minimum of six months before they can receive pay out.
- **SaverLife** will match \$10/month for six months as long as client saves at least \$20/month during that time period. Sign up at <https://www.saverlife.org/financepolk>.
- We also do **FREE tax preparation** for individuals with under \$54,000 in annual income.
- **Credit counseling** available too.

* Income levels apply.

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Scheduled Financial Stability Classes

Personal Finance Center of Polk County
 Provided by Mulberry Community Service Center

Day	Date	Month & Location	Time	Contact Information
April				
Mondays	1, 8, 15, 22	Fort Meade Library 75 E. Broadway Fort Meade FL 33847	11:00:00 AM	Jacqueline Rose (863) 285-8287
Tuesdays	2, 9, 16, 23	La Rosa Realty 145 Horizon Court Lakeland FL 33813	06:00:00 PM	Kimberley Smith (863) 940-4850
Thursdays	4, 11, 18, 25	Trinity Worship Center 2795 N. 10th Street Haines City FL 33844	06:00:00 PM	Kimberley Smith (863) 241-3589
Fridays	12, 19, 26; 5/3	Career Source Polk 309 N Ingraham Ave Lakeland, FL 3380 (open to Career Source Employees only)	07:30:00 AM	Jacqueline Clark 863-508-1600 ext. 1109 Jacqueline.Clark@careersource polk.com
Fridays	12, 19, 26; 5/3	Career Source Polk 500 E. Lake Howard Dr Winter Haven, FL 33881 (open to Career Source Employees only)	07:30:00 AM	Jacqueline Clark 863-508-1600 ext. 1109 Jacqueline.Clark@careersource polk.com
May				
Tuesdays	7, 14, 21, 28	Mulberry Community Service Center 1392 N. Church Ave Mulberry FL	06:00:00 PM	(863) 425-1523 financepolk@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1, 8, 15, 22	Wilfred Smith Community Center 135 Avenue Y N.E. Winter Haven FL 33881	06:00:00 PM	(863) 425-1523 financepolk@gmail.com
June				
Tuesdays	4, 11, 18, 25	Fort Meade Community Center 10 SW Third Street Fort Meade FL 33841	06:00:00 PM	Marcella Nelson (863) 285-1111
July				
Tuesdays	9, 16, 23, 30	Mulberry Community Service Center 1392 N. Church Ave Mulberry FL	06:00:00 PM	(863) 425-1523 financepolk@gmail.com

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 employees, business, church or small group?
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