

Energize your Classroom!

AWARD APPLICATION INFORMATION

Details of program:

Lake Trust Credit Union is committed to supporting financial education and college access efforts in Michigan Schools.

The Lake Trust Credit Union Professional Development Award Program was established in 2010 in response for financial assistance resources for Michigan educators' out of classroom/school professional development opportunities such as workshops, association conferences, and training.

In recognition of and in appreciation for our MS/HS Business Teachers, K – 12 School Counselors, and Family and Consumer Science Educators within Lake Trust's 35-county membership areas, the Professional Development Award Program provides a resource for today's educators to continue enhancing their teaching skills, while supporting their students' financial and career goals to achieve a bright and exciting future in Michigan.

Application Eligibility and Criteria Requirements:

- Open to all full time/part time, High School/Middle School Certified Business Teachers, Family and Consumer Science Certified Educators and K - 12 School Counselors at all Michigan public, private, and charter schools within Lake Trust's 35-county membership area. Please see our website for a full list at www.laketrust.org
- Conference/Training/Event focus must be on either Financial Education (example: FCSEM or JumpStart) or College Access (example: MCAN or MI School Counselor Association Conference).
- Membership with Lake Trust Credit Union is not mandatory to apply.
- Applications for conferences/training/events should be received at least three weeks prior to the event date. The purpose of this restriction is to meet registration deadlines and avoid late fees. Lake Trust Credit Union is not responsible and will not pay for any late fees.
- This funding program is NOT open to Lake Trust Credit Union employees or their families.

Details of Funding:

- Awards will be granted during the school year as detailed.
- One application per school/per school year may be approved for funding, at the discretion of the review committee. Awards are based on availability.
- 2011 school year applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis as described below. So apply early for your best chance at an award.
 - **Funding for the 1st half of the 2011 school year begins March 1, 2011 on an ongoing basis, so apply early.** Applications will be accepted starting February 1, 2011. The deadline to apply for 1st half funding is Wednesday, May 11, 2011 for conferences/training/events through May 31st.
 - **Funding for 2nd half of 2011 school year begins June 1, 2011 and runs through December 30, 2011.** The deadline to apply for 2nd half funding is Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

- Up to \$150 will be awarded per educator/per school to be applied toward conference/training/event expenses which include travel, registration and/or training workshop, and sub-pay only.
- Please specify in application where/who you would like the award checks to be sent.