



State of Tennessee

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Treasurer Lillard Hosts Financial Literacy Summit for Teachers in Jackson

The first 100 elementary school teachers who sign up for an Aug. 25 financial literacy summit in Jackson will each be eligible to receive a \$50 gift card from Amazon and a \$20 gas allowance. However, all the summit participants will be getting something much more valuable: Financial literacy lessons that they can teach their students and apply to their own lives.

The free summit is being sponsored by the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission, which is administered by the Tennessee Treasury Department. The commission is emphasizing the importance of teaching students financial literacy skills at a young age so they will develop and maintain good habits later in life. The summit will also stress the importance of reaching out to students' parents, to help them develop good financial literacy skills and recognize the importance of saving for their children's college education.

Representatives from Smart Tennessee and the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, a partner in the Tennessee Jump\$tart Coalition, will lead panels.

Another session at the summit will provide teachers with information on pre-retirement planning from staff members of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, which is also a division of the Tennessee Treasury Department.

Treasurer David H. Lillard Jr. will speak to the summit attendees about the importance of financial literacy education.

"I encourage elementary school teachers, particularly those living in West Tennessee, to attend this very worthwhile and helpful event," Treasurer Lillard said. "No child's education is complete without a good understanding of financial literacy skills. This summit will provide teachers with tips about how to integrate the teaching of those skills into their lesson plans."

The summit will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Wilder Student Union Building on the Lambuth Campus of the University of Memphis, 705 Lambuth Blvd. in Jackson. Free parking and lunch are provided for attendees.

Teachers who attend the summit may be eligible for professional education credits, if permitted

by their school districts.

To register online, teachers can visit www.TNFLC.org. For questions, they may contact James Armistead at (615) 532-5892 or by e-mail at James.Armistead@tn.gov.

The Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission is a nonprofit organization created by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2010. Treasurer Lillard chairs the commission's board, which includes the commissioners of the state's departments of financial institutions and education and six other Tennesseans from across the state.

This is the second in a series of financial literacy summits that will be held across the state. The first was held in Nashville in June.

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