

RESOURCE LIST

Education

- Illinois Student Assistance Commission, www.isac.org, College planning & financing information
- KnowHow2Go, www.knowhow2goillinois.org, College planning & financing information
- Mapping Your Future, www.mappingyourfuture.org, College & career planning information
- United States Department of Education, www.studentaid.ed.gov, College financing information
- United States Department of Education (FAFSA), www.fafsa.ed.gov, Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- College Budget Builder, www.CollegeBudgetBuilder.org, College budgeting tool.
- www.SimpleBudgets.org, general budgeting tool for young adults who are working.

Credit Counseling

(Look for financial education or informational sessions to be provided free of charge. Fees generally apply for consolidation services when needed.)

- Working Credit, <https://www.workingcredit.org/>, Credit building counseling
- National Foundation for Credit Counseling, www.nfcc.org, Financial education, credit education, credit counseling
- Be Credit Ready, FutureFinanceReady.com – Learn about credit through online education.

Banking

- Young Illinois Saves, www.YoungIllinoisSaves.org, Banking & saving education & resources for Illinois young adults.
- One Summer Chicago Banking Coalition, www.GetBankedChicago.com, Free youth bank accounts via coalition in Chicago.
- Be Pay Day Ready, FutureFinanceReady.com – Learn about banking through online education.
- Bank On Chicago, www.BankOnChicago.com, Banking resource in Chicago.

Identity Protection/Investor Protection

- Report identity theft, Illinois Attorney General, Identity Theft Hotline, toll-free Identity Theft Hotline at: 1-866-999-5630 or 1-877-844-5461(TTY), resources at <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/>
- Report identity theft (FTC site). <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>
- Identity Theft Resource Center, <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/>, ID theft support hotline
- Citizens Utility Board, <http://www.citizensutilityboard.org/>, 1-800-669-5556
- Legal Assistance Foundation, <http://www.lafchicago.org/get-help/client-services>, 312.341.1070 Client Services Screening
- Learn more about credit freeze, fraud alerts, etc. <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov>
- Be Pay Day Ready, FutureFinanceReady.com, Look for the Be Ready to Protect Your Identity playlist on this online learning tool.
- Consumer Federation of America, www.consumerfed.org/fakecheckscams, Avoiding financial fraud
- National Consumer League, www.fakechecks.org, www.fraud.org, Avoiding financial fraud
- Illinois Secretary of State, www.avoidthescam.net, Information on protection from fraud and investment scams
- Tax related fraud such as false claims of dependency, contact Ladder Up's Tax Clinic at 312-409-1555, option 3, or taxclinic@goladderup.org
- See page 60 for referrals in Illinois for assistance in obtaining identification documents

General Financial Education: Economic Awareness Council, www.EconCouncil.org