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ICUF Hosts BankOn & Non-Custodial Accounts Webinar Oct 28 – Register Now

Join us for a free webinar to learn more about BankOn and Non-Custodial Accounts on October 28 at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker, Tracy Frizzell, Executive Director, Economic Awareness Council, oversees the BankOn Chicago program. She will provide information on how to create savings and/or checking accounts which can be BankOn certified. In addition, she will discuss opportunities to work with teens to open non-custodial accounts (typically foster youth) to provide a valuable service to an often-overlooked population. This session will be recorded and shared with everyone who signs up. [Register Today!](#)

NCUF Announces 2026 DE Program Dates – Registration Opens October 20

The National Credit Union Foundation announced dates for the 2026 DE Program. Since 1982, the [Credit Union Development Education \(CUDE™\) program](#) and its international alumni network have transformed the culture, strategy, outreach and impact of the credit union movement. Upon completion of the DE Program, individuals earn their CUDE designation and join over 3,000 credit union advocates from around the world. The 2026 DE Program registration will open during October.

In-Person:

- February 2-6, 2026 (Tampa, Florida)
- June 1-5, 2026 (Madison, WI)
- August 31 – September 4, 2026 (Madison, WI)
- October 5-9, 2026 (Madison, WI)

Virtual:

- November 9 to December 10, 2026

ICUF Golf Classic Raises \$40,000+

A huge thank you to the 90+ golfers and an array of sponsors who helped raise more than \$40,000 for the ICU Foundation during our annual golf outing on August 27, 2025 at Bliss Creek Golf Course in Sugar Grove.

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Financial Education Outreach

The Credit Union Financial Education Network (CUFEN), formerly known as the National Youth Involvement Board (NYIB), collects information from credit unions regarding their financial education outreach for all ages to compile national and state-level statistics. They open the reporting system once per year in late June, early July to collect data for the most recent period.

Illinois Outreach – 2024/2025

# Youth Reached	31,538
# Presentations for Youth	677
# Adults Reached	20,063
# Presentations for Adults	540
# CUs Reporting	24

Thank you to the following credit unions for submitting reports:

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Ticket Sales Underway for ICUF Annual Raffle

The ICU Foundation will conduct its Annual Raffle again this year, and we need your help selling tickets! The drawing will take place at ICUL Annual Convention on Friday, October 24 at 10:00 am in the exhibit hall. Contact Melanie to request a supply of tickets to sell to your members and staff.

Financial Education in Other Languages & CU Compliance

ICUL’s Director of Compliance, Shannon Basile, recently shared a blog about what credit unions need to consider when offering financial education information (presentations or materials) in other languages. You’ll need to login to the ICUL website to access the [compliance blog post](#).

Foundation Questions?

Contact Melanie Murphy at 224-407-0440 or melanie.murphy@icul.com.

REMINDERS

ICUF Scholarships & Grants

The ICU Foundation offers Grants of up to \$10,000 to cover a wide variety of projects to help credit unions grow and expand their services. ICU Foundation Scholarships can be used for a wide variety of education programs. All ICUL-affiliated CUs are eligible, and applications are accepted year-round. We encourage you to apply early in the year since funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. [Check out the scholarship & grant details online](#).

Reality Fair Programs

Teen Reality Fairs teach students how to manage money and the importance of a budget or spending plan. The Bite of Reality program and resources, offered by the ICU Foundation at no cost to credit unions, is available in a variety of formats (app-based, computer-accessible, and paper packets). **Retirement Reality Fairs** are similar to Teen Fairs except the participants can use their real-life situations instead of pretend scenarios when planning for the future. The Retire on Track program and resources are provided by the ICU Foundation at no cost to credit unions. [Learn about Reality Fairs & Access FREE Resources](#)

2025 Events & Important Dates

October 24	Annual Raffle Drawing – Hilton Chicago & Towers <i>Live drawing is held in the Exhibit Hall</i>
November 19	ICUF Exploring Why Workshop (Springfield) <i>Calling all Credit Union Enthusiasts – join us for a fantastic 1-Day Workshop to dig into principles and philosophy!</i>
January 1 to December 31	Foundation’s Annual Support Campaign <i>Our most important fundraiser which provides unrestricted support to the Foundation – donations accepted year-round</i>

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