

## Youth Financial Literacy Symposium Nears Capacity as Registration Gains Momentum

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Virgin Islands youth in learning practical financial skills that can shape long-term decision-making.

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The symposium is designed to provide hands-on, real-world financial education. Participants will engage in interactive learning sessions covering topics such as wages and budgeting, the stock market, credit and taxes, and major life purchases including cars and homes. The sessions will be led by mentors and professionals focused on youth development.

In addition to educational programming, the event will feature guest speakers, interactive activities, giveaways, and meals, creating what organizers describe as a welcoming and engaging environment for students. Thanks to early supporters and partners, the symposium will remain completely free for participants, eliminating financial barriers to access and participation.

As student registration continues to climb, Valure is also calling on community partners, local businesses, and organizations to help support the initiative. Sponsorships and donations, the organization said, will help offset event costs, expand student capacity, enhance programming, and ensure each participant leaves with meaningful resources and inspiration.

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Student registration remains open but limited. Sponsorship opportunities are also still available as planning for the symposium moves toward completion.

For registration details, sponsorship information, or to support the event, interested parties are encouraged to contact Valure at [myvalure@gmail.com](mailto:myvalure@gmail.com).

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