

FAQs

WHAT IS AN ACADEMY?

An Academy is a school-within-a-school approach to education with a focus on a specific academic discipline.

WHY FINANCE?

The Academy of Finance introduces students to the broad career opportunities available in the ever-changing financial services industry through involvement in a hands-on business curriculum. Through participation in a rigorous and relevant business curriculum, students gain self-confidence while learning skills used in today's businesses.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN ACADEMY PROGRAM?

The purpose of the Academy is to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will give them an advantage in their future academic and professional careers.

The Academy of Finance is designed for students who seek to broaden their knowledge in the growing and vital areas of business, banking, global issues, and finance. It is created to be a challenging and rewarding program for those who are interested in a unique educational experience.

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

Students, parents, teachers, administrators, local business professionals and community leaders are all encouraged to participate in the Academy.

Please read further for more information on how you may contribute to this exciting program.

Did you know . . .

- 65% of college students have more credit-card debt than college-loan debt
- 50% of these same students have their credit cards charged to the limit
- 58% never pay their balances in full

Stanford University (2001) found people who learned financial literacy at the high-school level were much more likely to be successful at managing their finances later in life.

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ACADEMY OF FINANCE



*A unique opportunity for
students interested in
business and finance.*

STUDENTS

Get a jump-start on your education and your career by joining the Academy of Finance! As a member of this unique program you will have the opportunity to:

TAKE COURSES DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

- ◇ Global Business
- ◇ Principles of Finance
- ◇ Financial Planning
- ◇ Business Ethics
- ◇ Customer Service
- ◇ Internship

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be available in January to all Freshmen. Students demonstrating a high level of interest in business, dedication to their studies, and a well-rounded student life will be considered. Students accepted into the program will begin the program in their sophomore year.

PARTICIPATE IN AN PAID INTERNSHIP

All Academy members complete a paid internship to achieve real-world work experience. You will gain new knowledge and abilities, have an opportunity to network, and demonstrate your business skills.

OBTAIN COLLEGE CREDITS

Students who successfully graduate from the Academy program may receive college credit pending approval from our higher education partners.

Our Mission

We will provide students with dynamic opportunities through partnerships with business leaders, academic professionals, parents, and community members to acquire knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to obtain successful careers and contribute positively to their communities.

PARENTS

The Academy of Finance is a tremendous opportunity for your child to gain a competitive edge in the world of education and employment.

LEARN VITAL SKILLS

The Academy helps students improve important life skills including organization, public speaking, team building, critical thinking, problem-solving and leadership. Students develop confidence as they succeed in meeting personal challenges and program goals.

COLLEGE-LEVEL SUCCESS

We are currently working with our higher education partners, to provide college credit to successful Academy graduates. In addition, students will have access to the colleges libraries and resources to enhance their academic studies.

PROFESSIONALS

The Academy of Finance is affiliated with the National Academy Foundation (NAF), a non-profit organization that assists in the development of Academies throughout the country. NAF provides guidelines, standards, resources, and networking to support school districts and high schools involved in Academy programs.

HELP DEVELOP FUTURE LEADERS

Local business and community leaders are an important part of the Academy's focus on real-world education and experiences. Business community involvement provides students with the skills, concepts, and work experiences necessary to help ensure their future success. Business professionals and community leaders can provide:

- ◇ Internship placements & leads
- ◇ Job shadowing opportunities
- ◇ Classroom speakers
- ◇ Scholarships
- ◇ Portfolio reviews
- ◇ Mock interviews
- ◇ Academy trips/site visits
- ◇ Workshops

HAVE A VOICE

Those individuals who are interested in a more active role are encouraged to join our Academy Board of Advisors, a group of professionals, parents, and community leaders dedicated to supporting student growth and success.