



Dad, when I grow up,  
can I be in debt too?

Let's help kids get money smart.

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- **Our nation is working out of a negative savings rate**
- **70 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck**
- **90 percent of our youth graduate high school without financial education**

These statistics are daunting and must be resolved. Operation Hope is doing just that through our financial literacy program, **Banking on Our Future**, which is offered at no cost to schools and community groups. Our youth must “know better” before they can “do better”.

➤ **The Basics**

Professionals, like yourself, from around Portland and Vancouver are given specialized training to visit classrooms and community groups to teach students (grades 4 through 12) the basics of banking, importance of budgeting, checking and savings accounts, the power of credit and sound investing. Students are provided with this vital information and are left with a message of hope. They now possess the tools to successfully manage their future.

➤ **The Details**

Programs are scheduled into 4 (one-hour sessions), 2 (two-hour sessions) or 1 (four-hour session). Banking on Our Future is offered at no cost to schools and community groups. Volunteers are trained to ensure you are ready to successfully prepare and deliver the materials to the youth in a fun, engaging and effective program. We coordinate every detail of the program including classroom dates and times, directions to the site and logistics with the teacher. Volunteers simply choose programs that fit their schedule. You can be as involved as you like.

➤ **Signing Up is Easy**

You can help to empower a generation. Getting started with the Banking on Our Future program is easy; just call Operation HOPE's Portland Program Manager, David Bell, (503)796-5854 or [david.bell@operationhope.org](mailto:david.bell@operationhope.org).