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## Money Smart Essay Contest



Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to answer this year's Money Smart Question with an essay of 300 words or less. Six finalists will be selected to attend the Money Smart Kick-Off breakfast and one student will be named this year's Money Smart Kid, Chicago's financial literacy ambassador. Prizes include a \$3,000 scholarship for the winner and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the runner-ups sponsored by COUNTRY Financial. Laptops will also be awarded to the other three (3) finalists sponsored by Woodforest National Bank. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/EsbFxz>.

## Upcoming Opportunities for Students and Schools

<p><b>March 4</b> 12-3 p.m. Harold Washington Library Center YOUmedia</p>	<p>Careers in Focus: Biology &amp; Chemistry This event is open to teens ages 14-18.</p>	<p>Chicago Public Library's YOUmedia will have hands-on activities with our expert guests as well as a panel discussion about their career paths. Teens will network with industry professionals to find out how they developed their careers and honed their skills to be at the top of their industries. View registration information: <a href="http://goo.gl/zy2tvS">goo.gl/zy2tvS</a></p>
<p><b>March 5 (deadline)</b></p>	<p>Girls Build! Sustainable Structures</p>	<p>Chicago Architecture Foundation's Girls Build program is designed specifically for CPS girls ages 11-14, and combines STEM skills and leadership development, while enabling and encouraging girls to explore the professions like architecture &amp; engineering. This program is free for eligible, selected participants. Apply here: <a href="https://goo.gl/o3FLgX">https://goo.gl/o3FLgX</a></p>
<p><b>March 31 (deadline)</b></p>	<p>The 1Million Project</p>	<p>The 1Million Project, Sprint and the Sprint Foundation's multi-year initiative to help eliminate the "Homework Gap," is now accepting applications from eligible high schools, nonprofits and more. Visit <a href="http://www.sprint.com/1millionproject">www.sprint.com/1millionproject</a>.</p>

## Take a Virtual Field Trip for Black History Month

*Costs are covered by the Office of Teaching and Learning. All you need is an Internet accessible computer, projector and speakers. If you have any questions or concerns please email [memcguire@cps.edu](mailto:memcguire@cps.edu).*

### Event: Who Freed the Slaves?

**Category:** Government, History; Grade Level: 6th - 9th; Duration: 45min.

**Description:** This program focuses on an examination of political cartoons and paintings that highlight Abraham Lincoln, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the end of slavery. Particular attention is paid to the role that enslaved African Americans played in their own emancipation.

**Date:** Thursday, Feb.9, 2017

12:30pm (CST) Registration Link: <https://safari.cps.edu/?g=ea8484f6-e7e8-11e6-af42-ecf4bbda1598>

1:30pm (CST) Registration Link: <https://safari.cps.edu/?g=65a2a92b-e7e8-11e6-af42-ecf4bbda1598>

### Event: Civil Rights: Before You Could Say “Jackie Robinson”

**Category:** History; Grade Level: 6th - 12th; Duration: 45min.

**Description:** Explore American history from the era of Jim Crow to the civil rights heroics of Jackie Robinson to the post-integration efforts of superstars like Hank Aaron.

**Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2017

12:10pm Registration Link: <https://safari.cps.edu/?g=1b4a1618-e7f0-11e6-af42-ecf4bbda1598>

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2017

1:10pm Registration Link: <https://safari.cps.edu/?g=70822fb2-e7f0-11e6-af42-ecf4bbda1598>

### Event: Making a Change: The Civil Rights Movement and the First Amendment

**Grade Level:** 7th - 12th; **Category:** History; Duration: 45min.

**Description:** How did civil rights activists use their individual freedoms (speech, press, religion, assembly and petition) to demand change?

**Date:** Monday, Feb. 27, 2017

9:10am Registration Link: <https://safari.cps.edu/?g=fa7afa22-e8a0-11e6-af42-ecf4bbda1598>

11:10am Registration Link: <https://safari.cps.edu/?g=352df157-e8a1-11e6-af42-ecf4bbda1598>

1:10pm Registration Link: <https://safari.cps.edu/?g=7dbc5127-e8a1-11e6-af42-ecf4bbda1598>

## Opportunities for Educators

### NEH Skyscraper Workshop 2017

Chicago Architecture Foundation has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for a Landmarks of American History and Culture teacher workshop. Applications are due by March 1. Questions? Email Jen Masengarb [NEHLandmarks@architecture.org](mailto:NEHLandmarks@architecture.org).

**Session 1:** July 9–15; Educators in grades 3–12 from across the country; \$1,200 NEH stipend

**Session 2:** July 23–29; Educators in grades 3–12 from Chicago; Cook County; the five Chicago collar counties and Lake County, Indiana; \$600 NEH stipend

### Empower Chicagoland

Local Apple Store locations will be hosting free, 90 minute workshops led by Apple Creatives. This is a hands-on opportunity to explore the power of an iPad and discover a variety of fun and creative ways to use Apple resources as well as boost engagement and support learning with your students. In these workshops, you will earn CPDU's. To register or for more information, visit [goo.gl/4YxA8i](http://goo.gl/4YxA8i) or email [cs4all@cps.edu](mailto:cs4all@cps.edu)

### Art Institute of Chicago: Illinois Educator Admission

Free admission to the Art Institute of Chicago is available to current Illinois educators, including pre-K–12 teachers, teaching artists working in schools, and homeschool parents. Educators can register online to receive a voucher for a complimentary ticket to the museum. For more information, and to request complimentary educator admission, visit [artic.edu/educator-admission](http://artic.edu/educator-admission).