

THE CARMELA FOUNDATION

Student Checklist



Purpose: Why You're Here

The Carmela Foundation helps you achieve your future goals through personal financial management. By completing the program, you can earn up to \$500 toward your goals and join a supportive community of mentors and peers.

Set your goals:

- What do you want to achieve after high school? (travel, college, car, home, business)
- How will basic financial knowledge help you get there?



Process: What You Need To Do

Before applying:

- Make sure you have access to a computer, iPad, or phone with reliable internet, microphone, and camera from 5–7 PM on weekdays (home, friend's house, library).

Apply:

- Go to thecarmelafoundation.org/apply and click "Apply as a Student."
- After submitting your application, expect a reply within two weeks.
- If accepted, you will receive updates on planned sessions. When one works with your schedule, you will receive worksheets and calendar invites to participate in the sessions.

Participate:

- Attend all three sessions (around 45 minutes each).
- Engage in class—have your camera on, ask questions, and share ideas.
- Complete all quizzes and the post-program survey.
- Encourage friends and family to apply for the program. Provide contact information for at least three students who are interested, or have them apply and list your name as a referral.



Payout: What You Earn

- If you don't already have one, open a Cash App account. Provide your Cashtag (username) to receive the first \$250.
- If you maintain at least a \$250 balance for one year, exhibiting that healthy savings habits have been established, you will receive an additional \$250.
- Gain access to future opportunities: career workshops, mentoring, and volunteer experiences.

**If you have questions at any time, text or call 614-219-9978
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