

What our students are saying about Hope University...

Terry (Managing Your Money Online Workshop)

I love this class; I've watched it twice in two weeks. I have always been so poor and hopeless with money I always felt it would be a waste to even track it. After the class I started a spending journal and I'm actually excited to see the end of the month to find my money leaks. When I do get money I want to RUN out and spend it. Buy the boys clothes or shoes. In the past I felt like I deserved to spend it. This is the first time I have ever tracked my money and I feel empowered. The 'vision board' is SO new to me, but I took a picture of my truck that needs an engine because I felt hopeless that it will ever get fixed. Now that I have seen it on my vision board in my room everyday I take notice and take that into consideration every time I'm at the store. I have also thought it was frivolous that people go out to eat or movies when they are getting assistance. How selfish. But now maybe once or twice every few months would be ok if it was budgeted in. I didn't want to sit through the video at first and am shocked I enjoyed it so much. I love the drawings and graphs. The boys watched it with me the second time and have their own vision boards. I am not feeling so hopeless and guilty for asking for help anymore. **Thanks HopeSource.**



Robert (Credit & Debt)

Robert attended a Hope U class on Credit & Debt in conjunction with receiving energy assistance. "I decided on my way there that I needed to pull something away from this class," says Robert. What he got was some needed direction regarding the steps necessary to establish good credit. He began putting the advice to use immediately following the class. He later attended the Managing Your Money class as well. He's worked hard to take control of his spending habits and improve his credit score. Robert has set reachable financial goals, such as starting his own bicycle repair business and even meeting with a financial advisor regarding purchasing his own home. The effects of what he's learned have filtered down to others in his family. "My nephew has watched me use the knowledge I've taken from these classes", says Robert. His personal example has spoken more powerfully than words alone, and others in his family have taken notice and begun making changes themselves.

"Now, I'm not going to get *rich* off this deal," says Robert " , but it sure has put me in a better direction. I've disciplined myself . . . and it will guide me and direct me to the right place I want to be with my finances. And it has reflected on my nephew. He's got a good start. I'm following HopeSource's lead and now he's following my lead. I don't want a free handout . . . I work seven days per week. What I'm going to do is work toward these realistic goals. And I can see results for my actions. I can see light at the end of the tunnel. And it's going to be a nice life."



Rebecca (Managing Your Money)

"Suggestions were all great and easily applied to real life situations. Keep up the great work! Love how you're evolving and involving those who need assistance. Great move with the online classes"



Thomas (Developing positive Work Habits)

"Good self-discipline is not just to benefit my employer, it will also help me feel better about my work and give me something to be proud of."