

## LEARNING LIFE COURSES

The Learning Life syllabus will be updated and modified as our new company grows. The current course description is below. The duration and cost of each course varies from one course to the other, based on its complexity. Please read all the way through to see the variety and visit the syllabus outline for costs.

### Financial Factors

#### Mastering Personal Finances

6 Months

There are 4 Sessions Totaling 6 Months

- 1) Learning Life will create a fictitious character, a pretend job (income) and a pretend lifestyle (expenses) and assign these 'life scenarios' to each member. You will perform as if you are the character you were assigned and manage your mock finances. Session one's mock lifestyles will be based on a standard lifestyle, not wealthy or poor.  
1 month duration
- 2) You will act as the character you were assigned. In this session you will receive paychecks and invoices in ways that suggests you are someone very irresponsible. Credit cards are introduced.  
1 month duration
- 3) You will act as yourself, but you will get the lifestyle you are "planning" for after college or age 22. This scenario will be assigned based on what you've said in your profile.  
3 months duration
- 4) The last month will include a variety of activities regarding interest-bearing savings accounts and investment decisions to make, in addition to the basic checking and savings activities. It will build on the information learned previously.  
1 month duration

**Learning Life's Personalized Feedback:** Learning Life will continuously submit paychecks and invoices to all members of this course. As you submit your payments, budgets and check registers, the evaluators will give feedback about your submissions - giving tips and advice for thorough record keeping, proper balancing and timely payments. The workbook gives a general outline and

information to help you complete the requirements of this course. The website has numerous web and book resources to refer to after the course is complete.

## Stock Market Project

3 Months

You will choose 5 stocks to purchase in the real stock market, using a pretend \$100,000. Follow the stock market during the course and make decisions to buy and sell *based on the real stock market*. Knowledge for completing this project will be offered in the workbook and on the members' website.

**Learning Life's Personalized Feedback:** Learning Life Evaluators will discuss your results from this project. The Evaluators, workbook and online resources will give a wealth of information on being a wise investor in stocks, bonds and commodities.

## Leadership

### Charitable Contributions

2 Months

You will get to choose a charitable cause you'd like to be involved with. You will design your own project and decide how exactly you will be involved with the charity.

**Leadership Mission:** You must recruit at least 1 person to follow. And you should make a positive impact on at least 1 person (or animal) at the charity.

Note: The charity doesn't have to be a charitable organization; it can be a charitable act at a place like a fire department, police department, hospital, school, etc.

The project is executed at your own creative discretion.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. The cause must be positive and thoughtful in nature
2. The process must include multiple steps: contact; plan; perform; finalize; and follow-up. (Each step will have basic requirements assigned.)
3. The project must teach someone (or animal) or lead someone (or animal) toward a specific goal.

*Example: Maybe you'll find a cancer patient to visit or write letters to. From that, you could do something more extensive...can you teach him or her something? Draw for them? Try to think outside of the box and be creative! Some ideas, however, may be perfect in its simplicity.*

*A second example: you might coordinate a team to work one weekend for Habitat for Humanity and then commit to it for a future date with a friend or family member.*

*A third example: maybe you have always wanted to be a fire fighter so you contact your local firehouse and ask how you might assist a recent fire victim. Recruit a friend or family member to help you.*

**Learning Life's Personalized Feedback:** Learning Life Evaluators will be available throughout the project to help answer questions, brainstorm, and make connections to complete this project. After the project is complete, the Evaluators will educate you about other charitable contributions you can make throughout your life in areas that may interest you. These great acts will be showcased on the Learning Life website and submitted to your local newspaper (optional).