



## Teach Children to Save Day (TCTS Day) FAQs

### GENERAL FAQ's

#### **When did TCTS Day start in Delaware?**

1998

#### **Where did the idea originate for Delaware's TCTS Day?**

The American Bankers Association (ABA) originated the idea of bankers going into elementary classrooms and teaching a lesson on money and saving. ABA develops and sells materials to banks but bankers are responsible for finding a classroom. The Delaware Bankers Association (DBA) and the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship (CEEE) decided to give it a "Delaware" spin. Through grants, materials are provided to the teachers and bankers free of charge; the CEEE hosts a website that matches bankers and teachers.

#### **What is Teach Children to Save Day?**

Delaware's TCTS Day has several features. Bankers go into classrooms across the state to teach a lesson on saving and wise uses of money. Each year the governor signs a proclamation at an elementary school declaring the entire week, Teach Children to Save Week. An on-line training video is available for bank volunteers that show an experienced educator teaching the lesson and offering teaching tips. Children receive an activity book to share with their parents. All participating students are eligible to enter a poster contest. The first place winner receives \$100; second place winners \$50.

#### **When is it held?**

TCTS Day is held during a week in April. The program was expanded from 3 days to a full week to accommodate the schedules of bankers and teachers and ultimately reach more classrooms and students.

#### **Who can participate in TCTS Day?**

Teachers --Any third or fourth grade Delaware teacher.

Schools --The TCTS Day program is open to any public, charter, private, or parochial Delaware school.

Banks -- Volunteers who work for a bank that is a member of the Delaware Bankers Association.

#### **What grade levels can participate?**

TCTS Day is open to third and fourth grades.

#### **What is the purpose of TCTS Day?**

TCTS Day is a financial literacy initiative designed to introduce elementary school students to the importance of saving as the basis for future financial security.

#### **Who sponsors TCTS Day?**

The Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship and the Delaware Bankers Association partner to bring TCTS Day to third and fourth grade students throughout the state.

**How many banks participate?**

About 20 banks participate each year.

**How many schools and classrooms participate?**

Each year 300-350 bank volunteers partner with third and fourth grade teachers statewide from over 90 schools to teach a lesson on saving. Approximately 7,000 students are touched by the TCTS Day lesson each year.

**Why does the national website have different curriculum?**

The national website has different curriculum because the Delaware Bankers Association in partnership with the CEEE develop a lesson that meets Delaware's state economic education standards.

**TEACHER FAQ'S****How can I reach my banking volunteer?**

Sign-in to your account at [www.teachchildrentosaveday.org](http://www.teachchildrentosaveday.org) and under My Classes on your home page click on the details button. Your volunteers contact information will appear under the Volunteer box on the top left of your screen?

**What happens if I can't accommodate the banker on the day he/she selected?**

Email or phone your banker to let him/her know of your problem and ask if they can schedule another day to teach the lesson.

**What do I do if my banker cancels?**

If your banker cancels and they cannot reschedule for another date then email [teach2save@udel.edu](mailto:teach2save@udel.edu) or call the CEEE office at 302.831.2544 and we will work to find you another banker.

**VOLUNTEER FAQ'S****How can I reach the teacher of the classroom I selected for TCTS Day?**

Sign-in to your account at [www.teachchildrentosaveday.org](http://www.teachchildrentosaveday.org) and under My Classes on your home page click on the details button.

**What happens if I can't go to the school on the day I selected?**

Email or call the teacher to let her know that you are unable to come on the day you selected. Offer to go on another day; it does not have to be on one of the designated Teach Children to Save Day dates.

**What do I do if I can no longer volunteer?**

Notify your TCTS DAY bank coordinator and let them know that you can no longer volunteer to see if they are able to get someone to take your day and time and then log onto the website and delete the class.

**How can I get information on the location of the school I'm going to?**

Log into your account at [www.teachchildrentosaveday.org](http://www.teachchildrentosaveday.org), under My Classes on your home page click on the details button, the school address along with map of the schools location will be shown.

**What if I change banks after I've registered and/or selected a class?**

Contact the CEEE office at [teach2save@udel.edu](mailto:teach2save@udel.edu) or at 302.831.2544 and we can put you in contact with your TCTS Day bank coordinator.

**Where is the training link?**

The training link can be found by signing-in into your account at [www.teachchildrentosaveday.org](http://www.teachchildrentosaveday.org); on your home page under Important Documents will be a link to the video. You can also find the video at [http://www.debankers.com/TCTSD\\_Training.html](http://www.debankers.com/TCTSD_Training.html).

**What do I do if my teacher doesn't respond to my email?**

Please contact the CEEE office at [teach2save@udel.edu](mailto:teach2save@udel.edu) or at 302.831.2544 and we will attempt to contact the teacher.

**Where do I get my materials?**

Materials will either be mailed to you directly or will be given to you via your TCTS Day bank coordinator. The lesson plan, banker guidelines, and helpful hints can also be found on your home page under "Important Documents" when you sign onto the website.

**How far in advance will I get the materials to do my training?**

Materials will be distributed 1-2 weeks before the first TCTS Day is scheduled to begin.

**Should I be worried? I have not received materials yet?**

If you have not received your materials by the Wednesday prior to TCTS Day starting, please contact your TCTS Day bank coordinator or the CEEE office.

**What steps do I take if I want to volunteer in my child's 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for Teach Children to Save Day (TCTSD)?**

First you will need to reach out to your child's teacher and let them know that you would like to come to their classroom for TCTSD. Then agree on a date and time during the week of the program that works best for both of your schedules.

Next the teacher will need to go [www.teachchildrentosaveday.org](http://www.teachchildrentosaveday.org) and sign up the class. Immediately after they have set up their class, they should contact you so you may then go to [www.teachchildrentosaveday.org](http://www.teachchildrentosaveday.org) and register as a volunteer. After you have completed the registration process you can then click on "Register for a Class", do a search for that particular teacher and click "Sign Up". The teacher will receive an email confirmation confirming a volunteer for the class.

We ask that all teachers and volunteers register, so that we can ensure enough materials are ordered.