

Deadline approaching for United Way financial literacy course

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The United Way of Monroe County is offering a free financial literacy course for individuals in the community looking to get smarter with their money.

Participants in the program will receive individual coaching sessions over a 12-month period, set personalized goals and create an action plan for achieving them, review credit reports/scores with a coach, learn how to address credit report issues and identify ways to strengthen credit, according to a news release.

The pilot program was created in partnership with the Financial Stability Alliance and Apprisen, a nonprofit organization with 60 years of experience in helping people develop financial stability. The program has space for 10 to 20 participants in its first year.

Interested residents of Monroe, Owen and Greene counties need to fill out an application online by Friday. Accepted applicants will be informed soon after.

“United Way stands behind every person in our community seeking their path towards prosperity and a better life, no matter their starting point. We look forward to assessing the program’s results with this first class of participants, so that our community may then determine the worthiness of further investments in individualized coaching as a powerful tool for improving one’s financial health,” United Way Executive Director Efrat Feferman said in the release.

United Way of Monroe County is a nonprofit organization that improves people’s lives by addressing critical needs today and working to reduce those needs tomorrow. Through its Community Action Fund and grant initiatives, United Way works with 25 member agencies and other community partners to focus resources on the building blocks for a better life: education, earning and the essentials.

More information and an online application is available at www.monroeunitedway.org/FinancialCoaching.