

Voya Recognizes 100 Best W!se High Schools Teaching Personal Finance
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Financial Literacy Programming Expanded to Schools in 46 States

Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), announced today that its nonprofit partner, Working in Support of Education (W!se), has released its ranking of the 2018 “100 Best W!se High Schools Teaching Personal Finance.”

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Chicago's Youth Connection Charter School earned a first place ranking in the 2018 "100 Best W!se High Schools Teaching Personal Finance." (Photo: Business Wire)

Chicago's Youth Connection Charter School earned first place, while Virginia's Page County High School and New York's High School of Math, Science and Engineering at the City College of New York placed second and third, respectively. The schools were honored during a ceremony on April 16 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Select students, as well as local civic and business leaders,

spoke during the awards program, which was sponsored by Voya.

The “100 Best” is believed to be the *first and only* national ranking in the field of personal finance education. Ninety-four percent of students in the 2018 100 Best Schools ranking earned W!se's Financial Literacy Certification based on their coursework throughout the year and their performance on W!se's Certification Test.

“Voya Foundation is focused on supporting organizations that provide young people with the tools and education they need to become financially resilient adults,” said Angela Harrell, senior vice president of Corporate Responsibility and Diversity & Inclusion and president of Voya Foundation. “The W!se curriculum continues to be a powerful tool for educators and communities across the country, and we're honored to recognize the schools that have worked so hard over the past year, empowering their students to achieve their certification.”

“Thanks to support from our partners in education and the financial services community, we are pleased to share that schools in 46 states across the country have implemented the W!se curriculum to improve the financial acumen of their students,” said Phyllis Frankfort Perillo, founder, president and CEO of W!se. “The W!se community now represents schools with a student population ranging from 75 to 3,800, including youth from various demographics and socio-economic backgrounds.”

W!se's award-winning Financial Literacy Certification program provides schools with the curriculum and resources to support their personal finance instruction and to measure students' financial literacy when they take the Financial Literacy Certification Test. Students passing the Test become Certified Financially Literate™ — a nationally recognized credential.

See a [complete list of this year's 100 Best schools](#) (PDF).

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