



America Saves Week is February 19 – February 26, 2012.
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Cooperative Extension Reality Store on www.kids.gov

The following comes from ASEC Partner, [U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture](http://www.usda.gov).

Please share with your networks that the GSA (U.S. General Services Administration) posted a video on kids.gov about the Cooperative Extension System's **Reality Store/Real Money, Real World** for middle-school and high-school students .

Thanks to Jennifer Abel - Senior Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Arlington County who worked with the GSA kids.gov staff and participated in the video interview. You can view the video here:

<http://www.kids.gov/>

http://www.kids.gov/video/reality_store.shtml (Quicktime required)

<http://www.youtube.com/kidsgov>

Program Description:

Each year, America's high schools graduate thousands of young adults who are unprepared in matters of employment and financial decisions. Nationwide Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H Youth Development educators have written and are delivering a results-oriented program known as **Reality Store** or **Real Money, Real World**. These personal financial curricula simulate real-life experiences to help youth become aware of the money management skills they need. All programs are designed to be a partnership between the county Cooperative Extension Office, the school, and the business community.

To locate and contact your local Cooperative Extension Service go to: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/Extension/index.html>