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**Local Education Foundation to Name NUMBER**

**Suncoast Credit Union Scholars in 2025**

The [Suncoast Credit Union Foundation](https://www.suncoastcreditunion.com/community/suncoast-foundation) is partnering with the NAME OF LOCAL FOUNDATION to offer TOTAL AMOUNT or NUMBER of $2,000 scholarship awards to high school graduates in the Class of 2024. This year’s high school graduates in [Suncoast Credit Union’s](https://www.suncoastcreditunion.com/) 25-county service territory have the opportunity to apply for financial support to continue their education, thanks to a $179,675 investment in scholarships by the Tampa-based credit union’s Foundation.

Applications ARE/WILL BE open DATE and are available HERE/WHERE?

This year’s Suncoast Credit Union Scholars program represents the continued mission of the foundation to support education initiatives and the well-being and potential of children. Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has contributed more than $45 million including more than $3.1 million in scholarships.

"Our current students are the next generation of leaders, and it's our duty to prepare them with all the tools necessary to be successful in the classroom to set them up for a successful future, " said Bob Hyde, Vice President of Community Impact, Suncoast Credit Union.  "Through our Foundation and Suncoast Scholars program, we are able to make direct impacts on students living in the communities we serve, which ties back to the credit union philosophy of people helping people so we can all grow and thrive."

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**About the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations:**

The Consortium is the membership organization for Florida’s school district-wide local education foundations. Established in 1987, the Consortium connects individuals, organizations, and financial resources to build the capacity and effectiveness of Florida’s local education foundations. Together, Consortium members raise more than $100 million annually for locally driven initiatives and are led by 1,200 board members, 80% of whom are local business and community leaders working in partnership with school district leaders. The Consortium manages the nation’s only 1:1 legislative match for education foundation initiatives and a variety of privately funded grant programs. To learn more about the Consortium or connect with any member local education foundation, visit <https://educationfoundationsfl.org>.

**About Suncoast Credit Union**

Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 79 full-service branches and serves more than 1.2 million members across Florida. As a community credit union, anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in Suncoast Credit Union’s service area is eligible for membership. In 2021, Suncoast Credit Union’s field of membership was expanded to include public K-12 teachers, college educators, and educational support staff from all of Florida’s 67 counties. Suncoast is passionate about community support. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than $45 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education, and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit [suncoast.com](http://suncoast.com) or follow us on social media: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SuncoastCreditUnion), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/suncoastcreditunion/), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SuncoastCU), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/suncoastcreditunion/).