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COASTAL CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

THE SPOTLIGHT

A Quarterly Newsletter from the Coastal Credit Union Foundation

TOP STORY

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

$40,000 Awarded in College Scholarships in 2026!

The Coastal Credit Union Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 scholarship program. Total funding for scholarships this year, on behalf of Coastal Credit Union members, was $40,000! Through the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Fund, Coastal Credit Union members help make this opportunity more accessible for deserving students across our region.

Congratulations to all the recipients! We wish you continued success as you begin your next chapter.

Andrew H.
UNC

Austin K.
Duke University

Leah T.
UNC

Lacie H.
Auburn University

Tierrah S.
UNC

Madison N.
Appalachian State University

Mary S.
North Carolina State University

Douglas M.
Western Carolina University

Eric P.
East Carolina University

Elizabeth O.
UNC

Sophia S.
East Carolina University

Zahra A.
UNC

NOT PICTURED

Alexa G.
Savannah College of Art and Design

Ava L.
North Carolina State University

Kai O.
UNC

Liliyah M.
North Carolina State University

Sebastian L.
UNC

Amaryah T.
Appalachian State University

PARTNERS *in Progress*

Each year, the Coastal Credit Union Foundation partners with nonprofit organizations working to improve lives throughout North Carolina. Through strategic grantmaking, the Foundation supports programs that address critical community needs including financial well-being, affordable housing, access to resources, workforce development, and family support services.

2026 First-Quarter FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

Raleigh City Farm, Inc.

Raleigh City Farm transforms urban spaces into vibrant community resources, using sustainable agriculture to increase access to fresh food while providing educational programs that promote healthy living, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

WakeEd Partnership.

WakeEd Partnership works to ensure all students in Wake County have the support and opportunities they need to succeed in school and beyond. Through innovative programs and strategic partnerships, the organization connects education, business, and community leaders to improve student outcomes and strengthen the local workforce pipeline.

2026 Second-Quarter GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Foundation awarded over $200,000 to 20 nonprofit organizations in the second-quarter.

- POWER, Inc. Community
- 100 Black Men Triangle East
- Endless Sports
- A Place at the Table
- United Arts Wake County
- Artspace
- Open Table Ministry
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- SAGE
- Money Box Academy
- Community Music School
- Dereck Whittenburg Foundation
- South Light Healthcare
- NC Museum of Art Foundation
- Leadership Triangle
- Kramden Institute
- NeighborHealth Center
- Velle Cares Foundation
- Oak City Cares
- Band Together

ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS
through August

Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply for funding through the Foundation's Community Grant Program. Eligible organizations must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits with an active board of directors and annual operating budget.

We partner with nonprofits who focus on the following areas:

- **Food Security**
- **Financial Education**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Housing and Community Services**
- **Youth and Family Support Programs**

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Grant applications are open through August 31. It takes about 30 minutes or less to complete. To apply, you must be signed up as a Champion for Change.
Use Coastal26 as the password to gain access to the application.

PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION

The fourth annual Credit Union Philanthropy Summit in April brought together nonprofit leaders, credit union professionals, and community advocates committed to creating positive change. Developed through collaboration among multiple credit union foundations, the Summit provides nonprofit organizations with opportunities to learn, network, and strengthen their impact through shared knowledge and partnerships.

This year's event continued to build momentum, reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to supporting the nonprofit sector and fostering collaboration that benefits communities throughout North Carolina.

When organizations come together, communities grow stronger.

GEEK-A-THON BRIDGES THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Employees Refurbish Technology to Expand Opportunity

Coastal Credit Union employees recently rolled up their sleeves during the Geek-A-Thon, a volunteer event hosted in partnership with the Kramden Institute. The hands-on event focused on advancing digital equity by refurbishing computers that will ultimately be distributed to individuals and families who lack reliable access to technology. Refurbished devices are provided through programs that also include digital literacy and skills training, ensuring recipients gain both the tools and knowledge needed to succeed.

The Geek-A-Thon reflects the Foundation's commitment to expanding access, removing barriers, and helping individuals thrive in an increasingly digital world. Because access to technology shouldn't determine access to opportunity.

LET'S CONNECT: PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Making a Bigger Impact Together

The Coastal Credit Union Foundation believes meaningful change happens through collaboration. Whether through volunteer projects, financial education programs, workforce development initiatives, or community outreach efforts, we're always looking for opportunities to partner with organizations that share our commitment to strengthening communities.

If your organization is interested in working alongside Coastal Credit Union employees and Foundation volunteers, we'd love to hear from you.

Partnership Opportunities Include:

- *Volunteer projects*
- *Financial education workshops*
- *Community outreach programs*
- *Workforce readiness initiatives*
- *Special events and nonprofit collaborations*

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Community Day Recap: DABNEY DRIVE IN HENDERSON

Henderson Celebrates 10 Years

The Henderson Branch celebrated its 10th anniversary by bringing together members, community partners, and local leaders for an evening of connection and financial empowerment. Guests participated in Financial Readiness Assessments, visited the Ripe for Revival Mobile Market, and celebrated a decade of community impact. The event also inspired a follow-up financial education workshop for local residents.

Save the Date

THURSDAY AUG 20	**Community Day** East Main, Carrboro
WEDNESDAY SEP 2	**Financial Education**
WEDNESDAY SEP 16	**Financial Education**
THURSDAY SEP 17	**Community Day** Creedmoor Road, Raleigh
WEDNESDAY OCT 7	**Financial Education**
WEDNESDAY OCT 21	**Financial Education**
THURSDAY OCT 29	**Community Day** North Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount

GET INVOLVED

CASH FOR THE CLASSROOM
THE $2,500 TEACHER GRANT IS BACK

The Coastal Credit Union Foundation is once again offering a $2,500 grant to North Carolina public and private school teachers with creative ideas for teaching financial literacy. Projects will focus on essential money management topics including:

- ***Saving***
- ***Credit***
- ***Budgeting***
- ***Financial decision-making***

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Applications are open through August 31. Help students build skills that last a lifetime.

YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

Visitors to the Coastal Credit Union Music Park have an opportunity to support the Foundation while entering for a chance to win. The Foundation's 50/50 Raffle continues through October 30, helping generate support for programs and initiatives that improve lives throughout our communities. If you're attending a concert or event at the Music Park, be sure to look for information on how to participate.