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Coastal Credit Union Foundation Opens Scholarship Applications for 2026–27 School Year

RALEIGH, N.C. (October 2, 2025) – The [Coastal Credit Union Foundation](#) is proud to announce that scholarship applications for the 2026–2027 academic year are now open. The scholarship is designed to help students pursue higher education by easing the financial burden of college costs. It is open to students attending a four-year university, community college, or technical school, and scholarships may be used for tuition, books, or other education-related expenses.

The scholarship is open to students who:

- Are members of any credit union in North or South Carolina, with scholarships available specifically for members of Coastal Credit Union
- Have a non-weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher

The program is managed by and in partnership with the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation. Students can learn more about eligibility, selection criteria, and tips for submitting a strong application by visiting the [Carolinas Foundation scholarship portal](#). Applications are now being accepted at:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=carolinasfoundation>

The application deadline is February 1, 2026, and scholarship awards will be announced in April 2026. Coastal will host an award ceremony and career day for its member recipients in June 2026.

“Investing in education is one of the most powerful ways to build a brighter future,” said Emily Nail, executive director of the Coastal Credit Union Foundation. “With college tuition continuing to rise, the Coastal Credit Union Foundation is committed to helping our young members pursue their academic and career goals with less financial stress. The scholarship program reflects the credit union philosophy of “people helping people,” investing in future leaders, innovators, and changemakers.”

About the Coastal Credit Union Foundation

The Coastal Credit Union Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a separate entity from the credit union. The mission of the Coastal Credit Union Foundation is to enrich the lives of Coastal members and their communities by providing financial support to 501(c)(3) organizations, particularly in the 16-county market of Central North Carolina. Learn more at www.coastal24.com/foundation/.

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