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Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation Scholarship Program Now Accepting Applications

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA (December 1, 2025) – The Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation is excited to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2026 Annual Scholarship Program. The Foundation will be awarding over \$267,000 in scholarships and educational grants to help students reach their academic goals.

“Since 2002, we have awarded over \$2 million to help offset the expenses of continuing education for students so they continue to unlock their potential,” said Ryan Hawk, Peach State’s Executive Director of Business Development and Community Outreach and C.A.R.E.S. Foundation President. “Scholarships are available for seniors and adults seeking career advancement. No matter where you are in your educational journey, we’re to help you take the next step toward your future.”

The scholarship program honors the credit union’s deep rooted history in education, Peach State FCU’s founders, past and present board members and employees, and the distinguished legacies of many notable school system and community leaders. For eligibility criteria and to apply, please visit peachstatefcu.org/scholarships. Application deadline is **February 27, 2026**. Recipients will be announced in the Spring of 2026.

About the Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation

Peach State Federal Credit Union’s passion for helping their members and community guided them to create the Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation. The Foundation is funded by the credit union’s Visa Debit Card program and private donors. Since the inception of the Peach State C.A.R.E.S. Visa Debit Card program in July 2019, more than \$3+ million has been donated to charitable organizations, school systems and the arts in the communities that Peach State serves. The C.A.R.E.S. program was created to put these contributions on a sustainable path for the future. To learn more about how Peach State *cares*, visit peachstatefcu.org/CARES. Peach State is a \$1+ billion not-for-profit financial cooperative that serves more than 70,000+ members in Georgia and South Carolina with a mission to provide quality

financial services that meet the needs and exceed the expectations of its member-owners. For more information about their products and services, visit peachstatefcu.org.

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