

Supporting the Education Dream for Students and Educators

Empowering Those Who Will Strengthen
Our Colorado Communities



Credit Union of Colorado
Foundation

Annual Meeting of the Foundation

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 • Video Conference • 10:00 am

Our mission is to help build strong financial futures for people and the Colorado towns where they live. By investing in students and teachers, we can affect the change we all want to see — a smart, skilled workforce and strong, vital communities.



This past year was a banner year for Credit Union of Colorado Foundation’s work, with over half a million dollars in funding awarded, touching every corner of the state.

Building strong alliances with the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges and Boys & Girls Clubs in Colorado help our funding reach the areas and individuals where they can have the most impact.

Here’s a quick recap of 2026, by the numbers:

\$34,300	in C-SEAP grants were made to 139 individuals in need
\$71,450	in emergency assistance grants to Colorado non-profits
\$225,000	over 3 years in a landmark investment in Boys & Girls Clubs of Colorado
\$25,000	third round of funding for teacher grants through DonorsChoose, aimed at closing the critical gap in funding for essential classroom resources in 12 Colorado counties
\$110,000	total in college scholarships were made to 15 deserving Colorado students to attend the college of their choice
\$50,000	over a 2-year period for the Foundation for Colorado Community Colleges to fund scholarships to Colorado’s 13 community colleges in 35 locations across the state
\$515,750	

College Dreams turn into Career Dreams and in turn Build Stronger Communities

To all our valued Foundation members,

As you know, our goal isn't simply to help deserving kids get into the college of their choice, although that is deeply rewarding.

Our larger goal at the Foundation is broader and deeper than that. We strive to empower the future generation of leaders, professionals and community changemakers, who can join local businesses or start new ones to bring stability and economic vitality to the Colorado communities we call home.

These are the foundational, locally rooted changes the Foundation seeks to see in our communities, and they are the exact changes that you as donors make possible. Every employee and member of the credit union joins me in thanking each of you for your support.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Phil Smith in blue ink, located to the right of his portrait photo.

Phil Smith

Board Chair

Credit Union of Colorado Foundation



More About our Grant Recipient DonorsChoose

Founded in 2000, DonorsChoose is a United States-based nonprofit organization, founded by a public school teacher, that allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom projects, any amount from \$1 on up. Our donation is directed toward teacher grants to be used for materials, programs and activities, especially those that promote financial literacy. To date our initiative has provided funding for 166 teachers and 224 projects at 124 different schools.



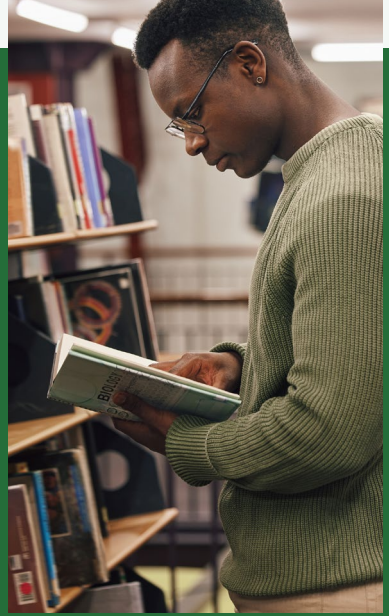
Partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs to Expand Opportunity, Engage Next-Gen Leaders, Elevate Youth Voices, and Encourage Confidence

We are proud to announce a multi-year commitment to the Boys & Girls Club of Colorado. This year, we were the title sponsor of their Colorado State Youth of the Year program, providing \$50,000 in scholarships to 14 exceptional members of the Boys & Girls Club in Colorado from rural, urban, frontier and military-connected communities across the state.



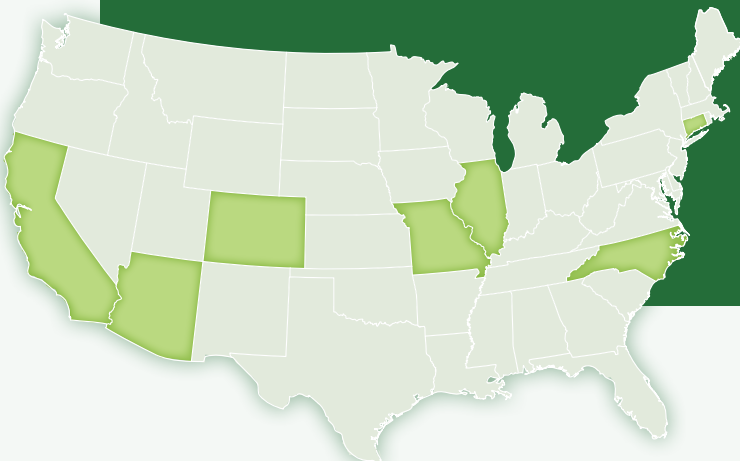
Powering Community Colleges to Expand Equitable Access to Higher Education and Higher-Paying Jobs

The Colorado Community College System is the state's largest system of higher education and workforce development. As part of our multi-year commitment, we provided \$50,000 in scholarship funding. These funds will directly help Colorado residents achieve the degree or certificate of their choice. In addition, a portion of the funding will go to students focused on select in-demand job pathways.



Scholarships are Core to the Foundation's Mission

As higher education costs continue to soar, college seems even further away than ever for many. Our ongoing commitment to Colorado students remains strong and we were again able to award \$110,000 in scholarships to 15 Colorado students to attend the school of their choice. This year, our recipients will attend prestigious schools in state as well as in Arizona, California, Missouri, Illinois, North Carolina and Connecticut. You can see the first name of each recipient and their school choice in our Scholarship Video, found on our cuofcofoundation.org home page.



Providing Critical Funds at Just the Right Time

Non-profit organizations do incredibly important work in our communities across the state. They are on the ground to meet urgent needs from housing stability and food security to medical emergencies and disaster recovery. And they do this work while running on razor-thin budgets.

We are proud to be able to help them make a meaningful difference for communities in crisis through our Emergency Assistance Fund created specifically for non-profits. In 2026, the Foundation awarded \$71,450 to eight non-profits in critical need of funds.

As Foundation Board Chair Phil Smith says, "Credit Union of Colorado Foundation exists to strengthen the communities we serve, and the Emergency Assistance Fund is one of the most direct ways we do that."





As always, it's our members that make the difference.

In 2026, more than 15,242 Credit Union of Colorado members contributed to the Foundation. These donations are critical to our ability to provide the scholarships and grants that start the powerful ripple effect that leads to systemic change across generations.

Please join us! Make a one-time donation or set up a monthly giving amount from your Credit Union of Colorado checking account. Go online to sign up and learn more at: cuofcofoundation.org

By joining us to help our communities, you make Colorado a better place in so many ways — helping your neighbors, building brighter futures, and allowing us collectively to give back in countless ways. Thank you for your contributions.



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