



Paving the Way to Better Futures through Equitable Access to Education



Credit Union of Colorado
Foundation

Annual Meeting of the Foundation

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By focusing on funding educational opportunities, the Foundation aims to create **systemic and multi-generational change** for the students it helps.

Now in our fourteenth year, Credit Union of Colorado Foundation has helped build stronger communities across the state by providing financial and volunteer support to hundreds of organizations and individuals.

This past year, we reached a true milestone — we’ve now granted more than \$2.1 million to deserving individuals and organizations, helping bring about real, lasting change.

And in 2024, we implemented a laser-sharp focus on education to provide both student scholarships and educator grants, believing that equitable access to educational opportunities can hugely impact both students and their communities.

Here’s a quick look at 2025, by the numbers:

\$50,130 in C-SEAP grants were made to 189 individuals in need

\$50,000 granted to DonorsChoose, specifically to fund educator grants so individuals can enhance their skills and become even better teachers

\$100,000 total in college scholarships were granted to 15 deserving Colorado students to attend the college of their choice



The Opportunity to Attend the School of Your Dreams is Just the Start

To all our valued Foundation members,

We recently received a quote from one of our college scholarship recipients, saying that “The scholarship helps you get through the school year without having to worry so much about finances. It offers the opportunity to attend the school of your dreams.”

And we at the Foundation know that a well-earned scholarship is just the beginning of a student’s dreams. There are friendships to be made, graduation to achieve, a career to build, and a community to become a part of and give back to. And, perhaps, kids of their own to raise and watch go on to college, too.

These are the systemic, multi-generational changes the Foundation seeks to see in our communities all across Colorado, and the changes that you as donors make possible. We sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support.



Phil Smith

Board Chair

Credit Union of Colorado Foundation



About our Grant Recipient DonorsChoose *donorschoose.org*

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. You can select schools by name, neighborhood or zip code, as well as choose the area of your donation including literacy, music and the arts, racial justice, STEM, and more.

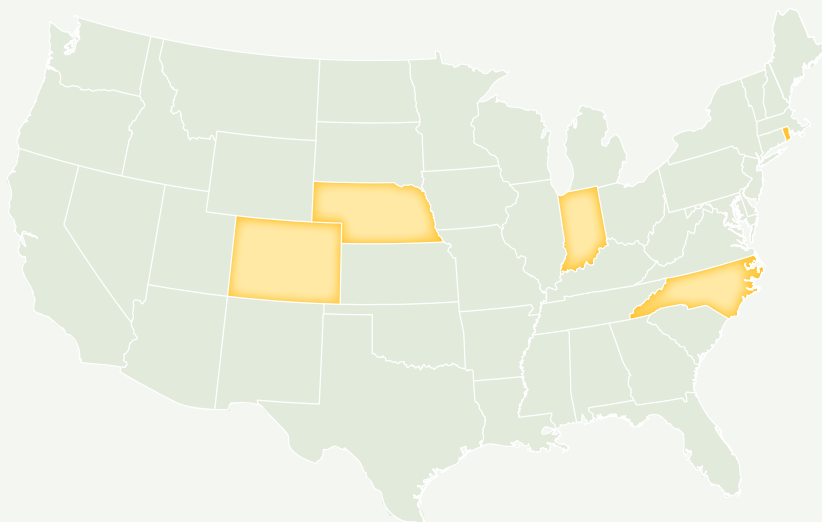
The organization has received Charity Navigator's highest rating every year since 2005. We encourage you to explore their website and find a project and school you can help. Many donations are matched up to two times the amount of your donation.





Scholarships are Core to the Foundation's Mission

Not every student has the means to access higher education. And as higher education costs have soared, college has become even less accessible to many. Our ongoing commitment to Colorado students remains strong, we increased our commitment from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in scholarships. We made it possible for 15 Colorado students to attend the school of their choice. This year, our recipients will attend schools in state as well as in Indiana, North Carolina, Nebraska and Rhode Island.





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

For the fiscal year 2025, more than 13,544 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 of all ages and needs, from the front range to the western slope to the eastern plains. Thank you for your contributions.



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