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### **SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$10,000 TO THE EDUCATION FUND**

(Miami, FL) — The Education Fund announces a charitable gift of \$10,000 from the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation. The funds will support the awarding of ten \$1,000 scholarships to 2026 high school graduates pursuing degrees at seven Miami-Dade Career & Technical Colleges. Graduates across Suncoast Credit Union's 25-county service area will have the opportunity to apply for this financial assistance, helping them take the next step in continuing their education and building career-ready skills.

Applications are open May 1 thru August 31, 2026, and are available by contacting Ms. Yessenia Lambo at [ylambo@dadeschools.net](mailto:ylambo@dadeschools.net) or (305) 557-1100 x2454.

"Suncoast Credit Union's generous \$10,000 gift is a powerful investment in the potential of our students. The support allows The Education Fund to expand opportunities, remove barriers, and equip scholars with the tools they need to succeed both in the classroom and beyond. For the students who will benefit, this gift represents encouragement, belief, and a brighter pathway toward their goals. We are deeply grateful for Suncoast Credit Union's commitment to empowering the next generation." – Linda Lecht, President of The Education Fund

Suncoast Credit Union, Florida's largest credit union, founded the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation to promote the education, health and emotional well-being of children in the community. Each time a Suncoast member uses their debit or credit card, the credit union donates four cents to the Foundation to fund local initiatives. Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has raised and donated more than \$61 million.

"We're thrilled to help ten high school graduates pursue their dreams. Our children are our future, and Suncoast Credit Union supports their pursuit of education and excellence—and desire to make a difference in our communities. Best of luck to them!" - Jeff Kunberger, Executive Director of Suncoast Credit Union Foundations

#### ***About The Education Fund***

*The Education Fund brings innovative methods to our local public schools, informs the community about public education, and encourages private sector investment in public education. Due to its success in improving student outcomes (including improving science scores by 65 percent, eating habits by 52 percent, and college enrollment by 34 percent), The Education Fund has won numerous awards, including the TD Ready Challenge, Greater Miami Chamber's NOVO Award for Non-Profit Excellence, and the Blue Foundation's Sapphire Prize. Visit [educationfund.org](http://educationfund.org).*

#### ***About Suncoast Credit Union***

*Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida, the 8th largest in the United States based on membership, and the 10th largest in the United States based on its \$20.7 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 79 full-service branches and serves more than 1.3 million members across Florida. As a com-*

*munity credit union, anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in Suncoast Credit Union's service area is eligible for membership. In 2021, Suncoast Credit Union's field of membership was expanded to include public K-12 teachers, college educators, and educational support staff from all of Florida's 67 counties. Suncoast is passionate about community support. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than \$61 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education, and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit [suncoast.com](http://suncoast.com) or follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).*