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**Charlotte Local Education Foundation to name 3 Suncoast Credit Union
Scholars in 2019**

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The [Suncoast Schools Credit Union Foundation](#) is collaborating with Charlotte Local Education Foundation to offer three - \$2,000 scholarship awards to high school graduates in the Class of 2019. Class of 2018 high school graduates in [Suncoast Credit Union's](#) 21-county service territory have the opportunity to apply for financial support to continue their education, thanks to a \$116,000 investment in scholarships by the Tampa-based credit union's Foundation.

Applications will be open December 1, 2018 and will be available on our website at charlotteschoolfoundation.org on that date.

This year's Suncoast Credit Union Scholars program represents a continued philosophy of the foundation to support education initiatives and the well-being and potential of children. Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has contributed more than \$13 million including more than 550 student scholarships valued at nearly \$1 million.

"We believe the best way we can build better communities is by investing in education and health-related initiatives for children," said Cindy Helton, Executive Director of the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation. "Through the Suncoast Credit Union Scholars program, we have the opportunity to invest in individual human potential, which is particularly rewarding."

About the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations (CFEF):

The CFEF is the membership organization for Florida's school district-wide local education foundations. Established in 1987, the CFEF seeks to advance student achievement in Florida by increasing private sector investment and involvement in public education. The CFEF now has 62 member foundations with 1,100 business and community leaders serving as volunteer board members. Collectively, they raise more than \$63 million annually to support students, teachers and schools through a variety of programs. The CFEF has provided more than \$32 million to local education foundations since 2001 through various private- and public-sector partnerships, including the State of Florida School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program.