Youth Financial Education Grant Program Application
2026

Application Deadline: February 13, 2026

Youth Financial Education Grant Program - *Exclusively for First Credit Union Members*

First Credit Union believes financial education is a key component of a child's overall education. Our Youth Financial Education Grant Program recognizes and seeks to assist an educator or community organization with teaching financial education to children and teens. The grant is to be used for enriching our youth with a financial education project, curriculum or other related assistance. First Credit Union will award up to one (1) $1,000 grant in 2026. Complete program details including eligibility and requirements are below.

Eligibility

Grant applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a primary member of First Credit Union and in good standing when grant application is submitted *(Please be aware volunteers, employees of First Credit Union, and their immediate family are NOT eligible to apply)*
- Be an educator teaching at a private or public Arizona elementary, middle or high school OR be an employee or volunteer of an Arizona community, youth, or education organization *(e.g., booster club, parent/teacher organization, etc.)*
- Not received a First Credit Union Youth Financial Education Grant during the past 3 years.

2026 GRANT TIMELINE

Ready, Set, Apply!
August 1, 2025

Application Deadline
February 13, 2026

Selection & Notification
By March 20, 2026

Recipient Reception
Mid-April 2026

Please note: Dates are subject to change. Selected recipients will be contacted directly by First Credit Union.

Application Requirements

Please submit the following:

- Completed application; and
- Supporting materials, as needed.

Application Process & Judging

Complete applications received on or before deadline will be considered by a panel of judges comprised of First Credit Union staff employees and Executive Management. Applications will be judged on spirit, content and quality of proposed activities and measures of success. Statement of need and budget will also be subject to consideration in the selection of the recipients.

Submission Options & Deadline

The application, including all required documentation, may be submitted by one of the methods listed below. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. First Credit Union is not responsible for lost, delayed, or misdirected submissions.

By Mail:

Place all required materials in a single envelope and mail to: *(must be postmarked no later than February 13, 2026)*

First Credit Union
Attn: Marketing
25 S. Arizona Place, Suite 111
Chandler, AZ 85225

In Person:

Place all required materials in a single envelope and deliver to any First Credit Union branch location by February 13, 2026.

Branch locations can be found at firstcu.net/locations

Electronically Via DocuSign:

Applications must be completed and received through DocuSign by 11:59 PM MST on February 13, 2026

Have Questions?

Connect with us through chat or video call at firstcu.net. you can also text or call us at (480) 756-5500, or dial our toll-free number at (800) 732-6986 if outside the Phoenix area.

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Certification & Media Release Consent
First Credit Union reserves the right to select the recipient of the youth financial education grant program based on the criteria set forth in the program description. **By accepting the grant, the educator agrees to authorize the release of their name and photographs for publicity purposes, including but not limited to First Credit Union's website, social media, and printed materials.**

Notification & Reception
Grant recipient will be notified by email and/or phone call no later than March 20, 2026. Awarded funds will be deposited directly into the recipient's First Credit Union savings account by May 8, 2026. Selected recipient will also be invited to a Reception held on or around the week of April 13-17, 2026, to celebrate their impact in the classroom.

Grants
Selected grant recipient will be awarded $1,000. Grant funds are to be used solely for enriching our youth with a proposed financial education project, curriculum, or other related assistance. Grant funds will be deposited directly into the recipient's First Credit Union savings account no later than May 8, 2026.

Conditions & Limits on Liability
Each recipient must sign all required legal documents provided by First Credit Union.

First Credit Union is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, technical error, or human error which may occur in the processing of entries and submissions. First Credit Union assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or alteration of entries. First Credit Union reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the grant program at any time, in whole or in part.

Application Checklist
Submit the following together and by the application deadline. *Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.*

——— Educator Application
——— Any supporting materials

Media Release, Acknowledgement & Signature

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that the information included is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and agree to the terms of the Media Release and consent to the use of my name, image, and general information about my role as an educator. I understand this includes permission for First Credit Union to use photographs, videos, sound recordings, written statements, and press releases related to this grant in any medium for lawful promotional purposes, without additional compensation.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Applicant Information

Name: _____ Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employment Information

School/Organization Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Course or grade you currently teach, if applicable: _____

Proposed Youth Financial Education Project

Section 1: Proposed Activities Please describe, in detail, the proposed youth financial education project, curriculum or other related assistance. Please include implementation plan and time frame for activities.

Section 2: Need Please describe the need or issue the proposed project or curriculum will meet or address and how it will bring financial education awareness to youth.

Section 3: Measurement Please list goals or methods of measuring the success of the proposed project or curriculum. Please provide a brief narrative describing how achieving these goals will help meet youth financial education needs.

Section 4: Budget Please provide a budget for materials, supplies, or other related assistance needed for the proposed project or curriculum.