

Grant Guidelines

About Us

Georgia's Own Foundation is the charitable arm of Georgia's Own Credit Union and serves the community through funds raised and hours volunteered for organizations that empower local youth. A natural extension of the Credit Union's tradition of goodwill, our 501(c)(3) aims to deepen our impact within the communities we serve.

What We Support

The Georgia's Own Foundation funds proven programs OR new/expanding initiatives run by qualified non-profits that empower local youth in the following categories:

Literacy
Financial Literacy
Food Insecurity
Sports-Based Youth Development
Children's Healthcare
Career Readiness/Workforce Development
Mentorship
Arts Education
Mental Health
Disability Services

What We Do Not Support

General operations
Salaries
Debt
Capital projects
Religious/controversial programs
Political campaigns/initiatives

Who can apply?

Qualified nonprofits operating in Georgia's Own Credit Union service area and meet the following criteria:

- Are registered 501(c)(3) organizations for a minimum of two years
- Have an independent governing board
- Provide non-discriminatory services

Not eligible: individuals, political groups, or fraternal organizations

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Grant Size

The amount of a grant awarded will be determined by the number of applicants and the available funds at the Foundation's disposal. Individual grant sizes may vary, to not exceed \$10,000, except through special fundraising events such as a golf tournament.

How to Apply

We accept applications through our online portal from April 1 – November 30 each year for programs that:

- Align with our focus areas
- Deliver meaningful, measurable outcomes
- Are led by qualified nonprofits

Only applications submitted via the online portal by the application deadline, November 30, at midnight, will be considered for funding. Emailed, mailed, hardcopy or faxed submissions will not be considered.

We also invite select organizations to apply based on community needs.

How and When We Decide

Applications are evaluated during the first quarter of the year following application submission and are based on:

- Impact and outcomes
- Value of investment
- Risk and sustainability
- Long-term community benefit

Georgia's Own Foundation receives many worthwhile requests but cannot accommodate them all. More competitive proposals will specifically identify programs and projects that meet our funding focus of empowering local youth.