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Suncoast Credit Union Partners with The Florida Aquarium to Offer AquaCamp Scholarships

TAMPA, FL (March 6, 2025) – Suncoast Credit Union, the largest credit union in Florida, is partnering with The Florida Aquarium to provide **20 AquaCamp scholarships**, ensuring children in need have the opportunity to experience the wonder of marine science and conservation.

AquaCamp is an innovative science-themed summer camp with weekly field trips, animal encounters, and more. Scholarship recipients will receive one week of AquaCamp, including daily lunch and snacks, a camp t-shirt, and access to early drop-off and late pick-up services. Applications for the <u>AquaCamp Scholarships</u> are due by **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**.

"At Suncoast Credit Union, we believe that education is most impactful when it sparks curiosity and real-world exploration," said Kevin Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Suncoast Credit Union. "Our partnership with The Florida Aquarium to provide scholarships for this summer's AquaCamp is an investment in the next generation of environmental leaders. By offering students immersive, hands-on experiences in marine science and conservation, we are inspiring young minds to develop a deeper connection to our planet and equipping them with the knowledge to protect its future."

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Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the AquaCamp Scholarship, the camper must have completed **kindergarten through third grade** by May 2025 and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Camper participates in free/reduced-price school lunch program.
- Camper is in the foster care system.
- Camper, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) receive public assistance (ADC, SSI, child support, etc.).

• Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are limited fixed income (social security, disability, etc.).

Suncoast Credit Union is offering special benefits to its 1.2 million members, including a **Buy One** adult admission, **Get One** free child's admission (limit two) at The Florida Aquarium when using a Suncoast debit or credit card. This offer is valid through April 30.

About The Florida Aquarium

This year marks the 30th anniversary of The Florida Aquarium, a cornerstone of Tampa Bay's transformation into a globally recognized destination. Since opening in 1995, this 501c (3) nonprofit organization has been dedicated to environmental stewardship through purpose-driven conservation, research, education, and outreach programs. Welcoming more than a million guests annually, The Florida Aquarium provides world-class experiences that inspire action to protect marine wildlife. Home to a diverse array of aquatic and terrestrial animals, the Aquarium is committed to exceptional animal care and fostering a deeper connection to the ocean through immersive encounters. Driven by a commitment to saving marine wildlife, The Florida Aquarium remains a world-renowned leader in groundbreaking research and rescue efforts that help restore Florida's coral reefs and sea turtle populations. For more information, visit flaquarium.org and follow on X (Twitter), Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn.

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 \$18.4 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 81 full-service branches and serves more than 1.2 million members across Florida. As a community 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 \$53 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 <u>suncoast.com</u> or follow us on social media: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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