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Salem High School student Eryn Calder, left, accepts a scholarship from Jessilyn McDuffie, assistant branch manager at the Conyers branch of the Georgia Federal Credit Union.

State credit union awards scholarship

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The Georgia Federal Credit Union recently chose 11 students to receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for the 2009-10 school year. The scholarships were awarded through the GFCU Vernon E. Carne Scholarship Fund, created in honor of the credit union's founder.

Selection was based on academic accomplishments, leadership and participation in both school and community activities, as well as an essay written by students about how the credit union's philosophy of people helping people helps communities.

Eryn Calder, a senior at Salem High School, received a \$2,000 scholarship from the GFCU. Calder has been accepted to the University of Georgia, where she plans to

major in chemistry. Calder is a member of the National Honor Society, Science Honor Society and the Beta Club. She has received several academic awards, including Georgia Certificate of Merit and the Superintendent's Academic Award. An active participant in the community, she has participated in service projects such as the Empty Stocking Fund and fundraisers for individuals who suffer with multiple sclerosis.

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