



Protégé Competition

Kickoff: July 1, 2026

Finals: Feb 9-10, 2027

Join the CUxEL Protégé Competition! A fantastic chance for credit unions to celebrate rising stars age 40 and under, while championing cooperative values and credit union philosophy.

Compete for the chance to be named this year's **CUxEL Protégé!** The winner, serving for one year as the dual-state rep for emerging leaders outreach, and two runners-up will have their choice from a list of scholarship prizes provided by the Carolinas Credit Union League.

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Scholarship prizes for finals' winner and two runners-up valued up to

\$2,800*

**subject to change based on cost and type of programs offered.*

How It Works:



Phase 1: CU Selection

Each credit union selects one candidate for the chapter-level contest.



Phase 2: Chapter Contest

Judging results from an application essay and oral presentation will reveal each chapter's CUxEL Protégé.



Phase 3: Finals

Chapter winners compete in the finals at the LAUNCH Conference to be named the year's CUxEL Protégé.