

Press Release

Teacher Pay It Forward Returns August 20 to Celebrate Outstanding Teachers

STILLMORE, GA — Crider Foods will open nominations on August 20 for the 2026 Teacher Pay It Forward program, an annual initiative recognizing outstanding educators across seven southeast Georgia counties.

This year, 14 teachers will each receive \$1,500 in classroom supplies, providing a total of \$21,000 for local classrooms.

Students, parents, fellow educators and community members will be invited to nominate deserving K–12 teachers from eligible public, private, charter and faith-based schools in Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel, Jenkins, Johnson, Tattnall and Toombs counties.

Nominations will be accepted August 20 through September 18. Winners will be announced on September 23.

Community members may nominate a teacher by completing the online form at TeacherPayItForward.com or by sharing a nomination on Facebook, Instagram or TikTok using #TPIF2026, tagging Crider Foods, and including the teacher's name, school and district.

"Every year we're reminded just how much teachers mean to the students, families and communities they serve," said Aaron Schoeneberger, Marketing Director for Crider Foods. "Teacher Pay It Forward gives people an opportunity to celebrate those educators while providing classroom supplies that directly benefit their students."

About Crider Foods

Located in Stillmore, Georgia, Crider Foods is a leading manufacturer of shelf-stable and fully cooked protein products. Through its Crider Cares Initiative and programs like Teacher Pay It Forward, the company is proud to support the communities where its employees live and work.