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Gulf Coast Educators FCU Awards 50 Classroom Mini Grants to Texas Educators



Picture: Students in Ms. Salazar’s classroom using an interactive learning game on the table and Ms. Smith holding her IntelliScanner Classic - Smart Book & Movie Organization Scanner, both previous recipients of the classroom mini grant.

Pasadena, TX, February 9, 2021: During the 2020-2021 school year Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union awarded 50 classroom mini grants to Texas Educators. Teachers were required to submit a grant application stating how they planned on using the funds to engage their students and facilitate learning in their classrooms.

Over the course of the school year, the credit union was able to award 25 grants during the fall semester and an additional 25 grants during the spring semester. A grant committee composed of GCEFCU employees read and reviewed over 270 applications submitted by educators representing school districts such Texas City ISD all the way to Dallas ISD. All Fall and Spring 2020-2021 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients are listed below.

Fall 2020 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Anissa Coppin	Cleveland ISD
Ashley Larche	Alvin ISD
Ashley Wilder	Humble ISD
Brandi Trevino	Alvin ISD
Candace Welch	Humble ISD
Cassandra Moon	Pasadena ISD
Courtnae Milladge	Channelview ISD
Dana Goins	Pasadena ISD
Dora Cantu Martinez	Pearland ISD
Elizabeth Bell	The Rhodes School

Spring 2021 Classroom Mini Grants Recipients

Alexandria Gonzales	Alvin ISD
Andrea Faison	Alvin ISD
Anna Lowery	Clear Creek ISD
April Lance	Pasadena ISD
Ashley O’Malley	La Porte ISD
Candace Bell	Odyssey Academy
Carolyn Kimble	Alvin ISD
Cassandra Castillo	Pasadena ISD
Deborah Daley Myers	Dickinson ISD
Dena Morrison	Cypress Fairbanks ISD



Fall & Spring 2020-2021 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients Continued

Fall 2020 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Erica Salas	Pasadena ISD
Hannah Whiteker	New Caney ISD
Kellye Hollins	Pasadena ISD
Laura Dantzman	Alvin ISD
Marilyn Garcia	Pasadena ISD
Mitchell Celestine Jr.	Klein ISD
Monica Hirth	Lutheran South Academy
Pennie Yancey	Alvin ISD
Sang Lee	Pasadena ISD
Sherri Durst	Alvin ISD
Stephanie Blondeau	Houston ISD
Suzanne Caballero	Sheldon ISD
Tracy Nguyen	Pasadena ISD
Trecia Jackson	Clear Creek ISD
Vivian Kesar	Dickinson ISD

Spring 2021 Classroom Mini Grants Recipients

Dora Cantu	Pearland ISD
Elizabeth Bell	The Rhodes School
Elizabeth Taylor	Pasadena ISD
Erin Gutierrez	Humble ISD
Eunice Camarillo	New Caney ISD
Gisela Luviano Perez	Houston ISD
Heather Wellman	Dickinson ISD
Jennifer Dinsdale	Pasadena ISD
Karen Villavicencio	Pasadena ISD
Kathryn Martinez	Pasadena ISD
Kellye Hollins	Pasadena ISD
Pennie Yancey	Alvin ISD
Teresa Black	Goose Creek ISD
Thomas Wellman	Dickinson ISD
Xavier Lewis	Dayton ISD

Gulf Coast Educators FCU has been awarding classroom mini grants every year to educators in need since 2015. In total the credit union has awarded more than \$22,000 in mini grants to educators all over the greater Houston area and now with their recent membership expansion, educators from all over the state of Texas.

About Gulf Coast Educators FCU: Since 1948, eleven Pasadena ISD educators got together and formed what today remains a credit union dedicated to serving the financial needs of school employees in the state of Texas. The credit union offers its member-owners a full line of banking services but through a cooperative ownership structure. To learn more about the credit union, visit www.gcefcu.org.