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



Picture: Carla Burris is one of our Mini Grant winners and the pictures above are of her engaged learning project.

Pasadena, TX, February 3, 2022: Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union awarded 50 classroom mini grants to educators in the state of Texas. The teachers who applied had to answer one simple question, “How would \$100 help you engage students or facilitate learning in your classroom?”

The credit union awarded 25 grants during the Fall semester of 2021 and an additional 25 grants during the Spring semester of 2022. Over 270 applications were received from educators all over Texas, from Galveston to Dallas, and everywhere in between. All Fall and Spring 2021-2022 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients are listed below.

Fall 2021 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Delores Whiteside	Pasadena ISD
Dora Cantu Martinez	Pearland ISD
Sandy Salazar	Deer Park ISD
Melissa Smith	Humble ISD
Lauren Palos	Pasadena ISD
Melisa Evans	Pasadena ISD
Elizabeth Bell	Rhodes School
Carla Burris	Friendswood ISD
Melynda Wood	Pearland ISD
Lanika Perkins	KIPP Public Schools
Erin Stables	Dallas ISD
Vicenta Yeager	Brazosport ISD
Desiree Gomez	Pasadena ISD

Spring 2022 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Kellye Hollins	Pasadena ISD
Kelsey Scheuerman	Dickinson ISD
Jennifer Chitmon	Katy ISD
Dena Morrison	Cy-Fair ISD
Cassandra Castillo	Pasadena ISD
Colleen Snodgrass	Clear Creek ISD
Jennifer Vann	Pasadena ISD
Becky Jobe	La Porte ISD
Carla Burris	Friendswood ISD
Johnesha Maxie	Pasadena ISD
Lenora Dawson	Pasadena ISD
Paige Mayo	Pasadena ISD
Katrina Tolley	Pasadena ISD



Fall 2021 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Veronica Tijerina	El Campo ISD
Sara Patterson	Goose Creek CISD
Angela Nelson	Deer Park ISD
Criscelda Flores	Pasadena ISD
Penny Yancey	Alvin ISD
Julia Friedel	Pasadena ISD
Stephanie Blondeau	Texas Connections Academy
Dena Morrison	Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
Jennifer Dugan	Clear Creek ISD
Donna Koonce	Pasadena ISD
Mitchell Celestine	Klein ISD
Jennifer Hiebert	Nacogdoches ISD

Spring 2022 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Sue Sullivan	Texas City ISD
Elizabeth Bell	The Rhodes School
Maritza Cisneros	Houston ISD
Bonnie Murray	Alvin ISD
Samantha Chism	Humble ISD
Lis Corado	Clear Creek ISD
Robynn De Hoyos	Victoria ISD
Vivian Kesar	Dickinson ISD
Elizabeth Brodowski	Pasadena ISD
Adriana Lopez	Golden Rule Charter
Erika Perez	Pasadena ISD
Dawn Parker	Goose Creek ISD

Gulf Coast Educators FCU has been awarding classroom mini grants every year to teachers in need since 2015. In total, the credit union has awarded more than \$37,500 in mini grants to educators all over the state of Texas.

About Gulf Coast Educators FCU: In 1948, eleven Pasadena ISD educators got together and formed what today remains a credit union dedicated to serving the financial needs of school employees, all over 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.