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



Picture: Mini grant recipient from Sheldon ISD, Misshunna Davis', class showing off their new books for their 'Real Kings Read' book club."

Pasadena, TX, March 4, 2024: 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 2023 and an additional 25 grants during the Spring semester of 2024. Over 304 applications were received from educators all over Texas, from Galveston to Dallas, and everywhere in between. All Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients are listed below.

### Fall 2023 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Dalia Cruz	Alvin ISD
Annie Jones	Pasadena ISD
Alexandra Whited	Pasadena ISD
Brandi Means	Conroe ISD
Tonya Bentley	Pasadena ISD
Ashley Williams Urquhart	Waxahachie ISD
Angelica Garcia	Crosby ISD
Andrea Alfred	Pasadena ISD
Monica Escobedo	Pearland ISD
Lauren Palos	Pasadena ISD
Sara Patterson	Goose Creek CISD
Corina Garcia	Goose Creek CISD
Leticia Romo	Pearland ISD
Rebecca Zepeda	Pasadena ISD
Stephanie Galves	Le Grange ISD

### Spring 2024 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Candace Bell	Odyssey Academy
Chelsey Owen	Alvin ISD
Linda Moreno	Pasadena ISD
Laura Adams	Dickinson ISD
Laura Dantzman	Alvin ISD
Sandy Salazar	Deer Park ISD
Suzanne Bryant	Dallas ISD
Kathryn Wright	Katy ISD
Andrea Medina	Pasadena ISD
Melisa Evans	Pasadena ISD
Dionne Williams	Houston ISD
Liza Enriquez	Pearland ISD
Karla Zermeno Guerra	Dickinson ISD
Kelsey Helton	Dickinson ISD
Victoria Louis	Goose Creek CISD





Kayla Gibson	Pasadena ISD	Misshunna Davis	Sheldon ISD
Amanda Kister	Galena Park ISD	Juliana Stephenson	Texas City ISD
Itza Lopez	Humbe ISD	Carla Burris	Friendswood ISD
Laura Dantzman	Alvin ISD	Nicole Ram	Pasadena ISD
Pennie Yancey	Alvin ISD	Callie Harmon	Dickinson ISD
Tylon Smith	Galena Park ISD	Cynthia Franks	Pasadena ISD
Cecily King	Alief ISD	Laura Rice	Pearland ISD
Juliana Stephenson	Texas City ISD	Stacy Beard	Pasadena ISD
Sheila Downing	Sweeny ISD	Wilson Juarez	Houston ISD
Carla Burris	Friendswood ISD	Sherrell Wilson	Sheldon ISD

Several mini grants have already been put into action. Misshunna Davis, an educator in Sheldon ISD, used the grant to purchase books for their 'Real Kings Read' program, where affluent community members are invited to share and discuss their life experiences in a book club setting for young men. "Witnessing the impact of this program fills my heart with joy and reaffirms why I chose to dedicate myself to education," said Davis.

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 \$47,500 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](http://www.gcefcu.org).