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



Picture: Mini grant recipient from Alief ISD, Jessica Jackson's class showing off her new calming book corner.

Pasadena, TX, March 4, 2025: 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 2024 and an additional 25 grants during the Spring semester of 2025. Over 500 applications were received from educators all over Texas, from Galveston to Dallas, and everywhere in between. All Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients are listed below.

### Fall 2024 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

April Lance	Pasadena ISD
Danielle Fradieu	Lamar CISD
Rosa Ortiz	Pasadena ISD
Sara Hansen	Humble ISD
Alexis Jaso	Pasadena ISD
Amy Pace	Pasadena ISD
Bianca Montoya	Huffman ISD
Christian Byrd	Alvin ISD
Danielle Puga	Pasadena ISD
Deborah Gardner	Pasadena ISD
Della Villareal	La Porte ISD
Dena Morrison	Cypress- Fairbanks ISD
Elizabeth Bell	Houston ISD
Jennifer Youngblood	Pasadena ISD
Kathleen Shannon	Humble ISD

### Spring 2025 Classroom Mini Grant Recipients

Jessica Jackson	Alief ISD
Charmain Sanders	Houston ISD
Jasdmere Barnes	Lubbock ISD
Dhalma Goins	La Porte ISD
Simone Hudson	Pasadena ISD
Jennifer Feil	Pasadena ISD
Lisa Jolly	Pearland ISD
Carol Cabe	Santa Fe ISD
Sara Hansen	Humble ISD
Delores Whiteside	Pasadena ISD
Leticia Romo	Pearland ISD
Matthew Freelon	Alvin ISD
Ashley Thomas	Goose Creek CISD
Jacquelyn Lee	La Porte ISD
Kendria Russell	Channelview CISD



Kimberly Hamlin	Home Run Ministries	Dedrell Hobbs	Channelview ISD
Rachel Samson	Humble ISD	Gloria Garcia	Spring ISD
Renida Estrada	Pasadena ISD	Carolyn Smith	Pasadena ISD
Sharnelle Jones	Pasadena ISD	David Caldwell	Humble ISD
Sherbie Strawder	Houston ISD	Thomas Jackson	Dallas College
Sheri Graham	Pasadena ISD	Anntasia Anguiano	Katy ISD
Victoria Louis	Goose Creek CSD	Annie Jones	Pasadena ISD
Andrea Luna	Pasadena ISD	Jasmine Garrette	Lamar CISD
Lakysha Jones	Aldine ISD	Maria Mata	Pasadena ISD
Sonia Holguin	Pasadena ISD	Julia Friedel	Pasadena 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 \$52,500 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).