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**MEDIA ALERT**

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**Teachers Federal Credit Union Announces Teachers Appreciation Week Contest to Celebrate Educators Making Outstanding Contributions in Their Communities**

**WHAT:**

Submissions are now open to nominate a teacher as Teachers Federal Credit Union looks to recognize educators who are making an outstanding contribution in their community. In a year unlike any other, where teachers were asked to support students like never before, Teachers FCU will award three $1,500 classroom grants during Teacher Appreciation Week in May 2021.

Those who are age 18 and older can nominate a K-12 teacher who works in a public or private school district in the United States. There is no limit to the amount of times a teacher can be entered, and multiple nominations are encouraged!

Once nominations are in, Teachers FCU will evaluate the nominees and select three finalists for each of the three categories. Open public voting for the nine finalists will then take place on Teachers’ [website](http://www.teachersfcu.org/nominate-teacher) and social media platforms. The teacher with the most amount of votes in each of the three categories will be awarded a $1,500 grant for their classroom, as well as Teachers FCU swag for their students!

**WHO:**

* The awards will honor three educators, making an impact on the lives of their students in grades K-12 in any public or private school district across the United States.
* Award entries will be submitted in three categories:
	+ Grades K-5
	+ Grades 6-8
	+ Grades 9-12
* Both Teachers Federal Credit Union members and non-members are eligible for nomination.

**WHEN:**

* Thursday, April 1, 2021 - Award nominations open
* Friday, April 16, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST - All nominations are due
* Wednesday, April 21, 2021 - Finalists will be notified
* Monday, April 26, 2021 - Open public voting for the nine finalists begins
* Friday, April 30, 2021 – Open public voting ends
* Week of May 3-7, 2021 - Winners are announced and celebrated

**HOW:**

* Nominate an educator on [www.teachersfcu.org/](http://www.teachersfcu.org/)nominate-teacher
* Join the open public voting for the nine finalists on [www.teachersfcu.org/](http://www.teachersfcu.org/)nominate-teacher or through Teachers’ [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TeachersFCU/) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/teachersfcu/?hl=en) pages.
* Wait for the winners to be announced and celebrate!

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**LINK TO CONTEST:** www.teachersfcu.org/nominate-teacher

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