**Teachers Federal Credit Union Announces Third Annual Teacher Appreciation Week Contest Celebrating Educators Making Outstanding Contributions in Their Communities**

**WHAT:**

Teachers Federal Credit Union is proud to announce that submissions are now open for its annual [Teacher Appreciation Week Contest](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/9G59Cv29k1CrvQZSQwD5G?domain=teachersfcu.org). In its third year, Teachers is recognizing educators who are making outstanding academic contributions in their communities with grants of up to $2,500 for their classroom, along with Teachers FCU swag. Winners are announced during the nationally-recognized Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12.

Teachers FCU is awarding prizes in three teaching categories – grades pre-k - 5, 6 - 8, and 9 - 12 for a total of nine winners and $15,000. Anyone 18 years-of-age or older can nominate a teacher who is currently teaching in any public or private school district in the United States. There is no limit to the number of times an educator can be nominated, and multiple entries are encouraged!

Following the March 7-21 nomination period, a Teachers FCU panel will evaluate the nominees and select 18 finalists from each of the three teaching categories. Public voting for the finalists will take place on teachersfcu.org beginning April 24, and nine winners will be announced the week of May 8.

**WHO:**

* Eligible teachers must work in a public or private school district in the U.S.
* Teachers must have an active teaching status
* Nominations can be submitted in three teaching categories:
  + Grades Pre-k - 5
  + Grades 6 - 8
  + Grades 9 - 12
* Nine deserving educators, who have made outstanding academic contributions to their communities, will be awarded classroom grants ranging from $2,500, $1,500, or $1,000, for a total of $15,000, as well as Teachers FCU swag for their students

**WHEN:**

* Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - [Award nominations open](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/9G59Cv29k1CrvQZSQwD5G?domain=teachersfcu.org)
* Friday, March 21, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EST - All nominations are due
* Monday, April 10, 2023 - Finalists will be notified
* Week of April 24, 2023 - Public voting begins for the finalists
* Week of May 8, 2023 - Winners are announced on [teachersfcu.org/teachercontest](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/kr93Cxk7mgCPZYjtYghqW?domain=teachersfcu.org), Teachers social media, and via email to members and nominators

**HOW:**

* Nominate an educator on [teachersfcu.org/teachercontest](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/kr93Cxk7mgCPZYjtYghqW?domain=teachersfcu.org) from March 7 through March 21, 2023
* Join public voting for the finalists on [teachersfcu.org/teachercontest](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/kr93Cxk7mgCPZYjtYghqW?domain=teachersfcu.org) from April 24 through April 28, 2023
* Winners will be announced on May 8, 2023

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

Sophia Schneidman, R\West

[sophias@rwest.com](mailto:sophias@rwest.com) | (917) 741-3835

**LINK TO CONTEST:**  [teachersfcu.org/teachercontest](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/kr93Cxk7mgCPZYjtYghqW?domain=teachersfcu.org)

**ABOUT TEACHERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:**

*Teachers Federal Credit Union (Teachers) is one of the country’s largest credit unions, with more than $9.2 billion in assets and more than 440,000 members across all 50 states. Founded in New York in 1952, Teachers is a full-service, not-for-profit financial institution with an open charter offering membership to anyone in the U.S. through its 33 full-service branches and best-in-class digital solutions. Teachers is a key supporter of the communities it serves and is proud to offer a range of member-focused products with competitive rates and low fees. What started as a smart solution for teachers is now smart for all. For more information, visit* [*www.teachersfcu.org.*](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/aAyhCzpxokUOK5zuot8u9?domain=teachersfcu.org/)