

**FIRST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION “STARS IN THE CLASSROOM”
CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES**

1. **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING.**
Void where prohibited. Subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Contest is open to legal residents of the Greater Houston area only. Entrants must be age 5 or older and in grades K - 12. Employees of First Community Credit Union, and each of their subsidiaries, affiliates and advertising/promotional agencies, and the immediate families and household members of each, are not eligible. Limit one entry per person for the Contest period.
3. **CONTEST PERIOD:** The Contest period begins at 12am (midnight) on October 1, 2026 and ends at 12am (midnight) on March 31, 2027. The winners will be selected in accordance with the drawing schedule set forth in Section 5 below.
4. **TO ENTER:** To enter the Contest you must complete the nomination information on [FCCU.ORG/STARS](https://fccu.org/stars). **Only online nominations will be accepted; no other submissions will be accepted.** You will be asked to submit an essay online (a minimum of 1,000 words in length) nominating your favorite teacher and completing the prompts as instructed (the “Essay”).

The Essay must be completely original and solely your work. You may not copy, plagiarize or base it on anyone else’s work. You may submit only one Essay. If you submit multiple Essays, this will result in disqualification of all Essays submitted by you. Incomplete entries (Essays less than 1,000 words) or Essays exceeding 1,500 words will not be considered. Submission of your Essay means that it becomes property of First Community Credit Union, which will own all rights, title and interest in and to the Essay. No entry materials, including the Essay, will be returned.

You will also be asked to provide only your first name, age, email address and phone number of your parent or legal guardian. **If you are under age 13, you may not submit any personally identifiable information (e.g., full name, street address, etc.) in the Essay or otherwise. If you are under age 13 and submit personally identifiable information in your Essay, then First Community Credit Union shall discard your Essay without maintaining a copy and you shall be ineligible to win the Contest.**

5. **SELECTING THE WINNERS.** Entries will be judged by select First Community Credit Union representatives based upon the Essay. Two winners will be chosen on each selection date. All winners are at the discretion of the SVP, Marketing Director. The decisions of judges are final in all matters. First Community Credit Union reserves the right to modify the selection date and the number of winners for each selection date based upon the number of Essays received. Selection dates are in notated in the drawing schedule on the next page.

The judges shall select winners on the following dates:

Selection Date
Friday, November 6, 2026
Friday, December 4, 2026
Friday, January 8, 2027
Friday, February 5, 2027
Friday, March 5, 2027

The parent/legal guardian and school of the winners shall be contacted via phone or email within approximately three (3) business days after the selection date.

PRIZES: Ten (10) prizes comprised of the following:

Each winning teacher shall receive the following:

- A special visit to their classroom by a First Community Credit Union representative.
- \$500 donation made in their honor to the school district
- A personalized crystal award
- \$250 Amazon Gift Card

Each winning student shall receive the following:

- An invitation to join First Community Credit Union to surprise the winning teacher.
- Four (4) pack of tickets to a pre-selected Houston attraction.

Approximate Retail Value of each prize for each winning teacher: \$750.00. All related expenses are the sole responsibility of the winner. All applicable taxes and/or fees on the prize are the sole responsibility of the winner.

6. **GENERAL CONDITIONS:** First Community Credit Union, 15260 FM 529 Houston, TX 77095, is the Sponsor. By entering the Contest, you agree to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules. If required by First Community Credit Union, winners will be required to sign and return an affidavit of eligibility and publicity/liability release (which shall be required to be signed by a parent/legal guardian if the child is under 18 years of age). If a winner does not agree to sign any required documents, the prize will be forfeited and may be awarded to an alternate winner, at Sponsor's sole discretion. By entering the Contest, you agree that First Community Credit Union may enter your name and contact information in their database and that First Community Credit Union has your permission to contact you with a list of other ways, from which you may choose, to be involved with First Community Credit Union. Please see First Community Credit Union's Privacy Policy at [FCCU.org/Privacy](https://www.fccu.org/Privacy).

7. **RELEASE:** By entering, entrants agree to release First Community Credit Union and each of their affiliates, and the directors, employees, including, without limitation, its advertising and promotion agencies, of each, from any liability, loss or damage incurred from use, misuse or acceptance of a prize, or any travel in connection therewith.
8. **PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** The prize may not be substituted, transferred or redeemed for cash except at the sole discretion of Sponsor. In case of unavailability due to COVID-19 or otherwise, Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of any value.
9. **WINNER LIST/OFFICIAL RULES:** For the winners list, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to FCCU “Stars in the Classroom” Winners List, 15260 FM 529 Houston, TX 77095, Attn: Marketing, by May 31, 2027. For official rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to FCCU “Stars in the Classroom” Official Rules, 15260 FM 529 Houston, TX 77095, Attn: Marketing, by May 31, 2027. Only one request per envelope.