



\$10.9 MILLION
IN BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS TO
NORTH CAROLINA
TEACHERS

24 YEARS since the program's inception in 1994

10.4 THOUSAND projects sponsored

2.1 MILLION students inspired

Grants available in

100

COUNTIES



Improving education in N.C. Classrooms

The Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives, strives to improve education in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to deserving Tar Heel teachers.



Supporting Tar Heel teachers

Educators in grades K-12 can apply for grants for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded. Teachers are eligible even if they have received a grant in the past.

Individual project funding limits vary depending on the sponsoring cooperative. In most cases, projects can be funded up to \$2,000.

Bright Ideas grant applications are accepted every year from April through September. Grants are awarded in November.



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North Carolina's electric cooperatives

Power and empower the people and communities they serve. Twenty-six local electric co-ops, as well as a family of support organizations, make up the network of electric cooperatives that collectively serve 1 million homes and businesses in 93 North Carolina counties.

November is Bright Ideas Month



Collectively, North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives will award nearly \$600,000 in Bright Ideas grants to teachers at celebrations across the state in November.



Luncheon in Raleigh: Five electric cooperatives award nearly \$174,000 to 123 exceptional educators from counties in the Piedmont and Sandhills regions.



Partnering with the Panthers: Union Power Cooperative, based in Monroe, partners with the Carolina Panthers to surprise teachers and students in the Charlotte area with a Bright Ideas grant.



Eastern Awards Dinner: Electric cooperatives based in eastern North Carolina host a Bright Ideas awards dinner in Greenville each year to recognize grant winners.