

# Bright Ideas Education Grant Program



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**\$11.5 MILLION**  
IN BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS TO  
**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**TEACHERS**

**25** YEARS  
since the program's inception in 1994

**11** THOUSAND  
projects sponsored

**2.2** MILLION  
students inspired



## Improving education in N.C. classrooms

The Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives, advances excellence in education and accelerates student learning by providing funding to 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.



## NCBrightIdeas.com

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Grants available in

**100**  
COUNTIES

## About North Carolina's electric cooperatives:

Driven by service and inspired by innovation, North Carolina's electric cooperatives are building a brighter energy future for 2.5 million North Carolinians. Beyond providing electricity, each of the 26 not-for-profit cooperatives is investing in their communities and delivering new energy solutions to improve quality of life for co-op members in 93 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

## November is Bright Ideas Month



Collectively, North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives 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 \$177,000 to 133 exceptional educators from counties in the Piedmont and Sandhills regions.



**Partnering with the Panthers:**  
Union Power Cooperative, based in Monroe, enlists the Carolina Panthers to surprise teachers and students in the Charlotte area with Bright Ideas funding.



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