

Bright Ideas Education Grant Program

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Bright Ideas EDUCATION GRANTS

HAS AWARDED

\$12.9 MILLION TO NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS

1994

YEAR program began

100

COUNTIES across the state

2.5

MILLION students inspired



Improving education in N.C. classrooms

For more than 25 years, the Bright Ideas Education Grant Program, sponsored by North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives, has advanced excellence in education and accelerated 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.



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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.

12,359

projects sponsored to date

Celebrations across the state



Collectively, North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives award more than \$700,000 in Bright Ideas grants to teachers at celebrations across the state in November.



Luncheon in Raleigh:

Five electric cooperatives award more than \$200,000 to more than 130 exceptional educators from counties in the Triangle and surrounding areas.



Partnering with the Panthers:

EnergyUnited, based in Statesville, enlisted the Carolina Panthers to help surprise a teacher in Mecklenburg County with her Bright Ideas grant.



Eastern Awards Dinner:

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