

Bright Ideas Education Grant Program

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NC Electric Cooperatives

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Bright Ideas

EDUCATION GRANTS

HAS AWARDED

\$13.6 MILLION

TO NORTH CAROLINA

TEACHERS

1994

YEAR
program began

100

COUNTIES
across the state

2.7

MILLION
students inspired



Improving education

Bright Ideas education grants, sponsored by North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives, advance excellence in education and accelerate 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 light up learning for students.

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.



Building a Brighter Future

Learn more about how electric co-ops are building a brighter future for students and our state at NCBrightIdeas.com.

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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 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.

12,922

projects sponsored to date

Celebrations across the state



Collectively, North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives award close to \$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 about 130 exceptional educators from the Triangle and surrounding counties.



Western Recognitions:
Cooperatives in western counties honor grant winners in a variety of ways, including regional and by-county recognition ceremonies.



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