

Bright Ideas Education Grant Program

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NC Electric Cooperatives

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives 

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HAS AWARDED
\$14.3 MILLION
TO NORTH CAROLINA
TEACHERS

1994 YEAR program began

100 COUNTIES across the state

2.8 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 exceptional teachers.



Supporting N.C. 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 1 through September. Grants are awarded in November.



Building a Brighter Future

North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives are demonstrating the cooperative principle of "concern for community" through continued support for education and other community-building initiatives.

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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.

13,536

projects sponsored to date

Celebrating teachers



Collectively, North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives award close to \$700,000 in Bright Ideas grants each year. Cooperatives celebrate these outstanding grant recipients at luncheons, check presentations at schools and other events statewide.

Impacting students



Bright Ideas grant recipients are impacting millions of N.C. students through their fun and unique approaches to learning. Grants are awarded for projects in all subjects, including math, science, art, English and history. Here, students are practicing drumming to improve coordination while staying active, thanks to support from Piedmont Electric.