

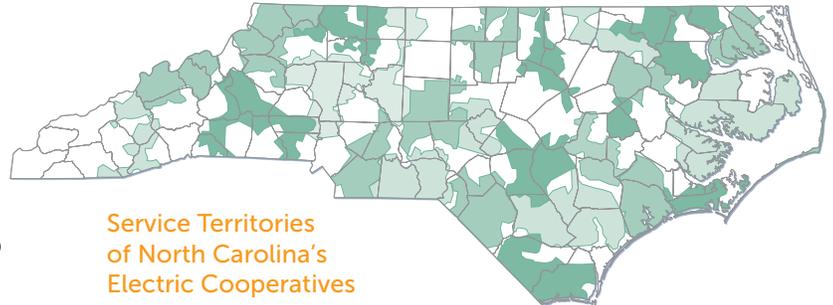
# BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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**D**riven 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.



Service Territories  
of North Carolina's  
Electric Cooperatives



## Powering North Carolina's Future *Supporting local communities*

**E**lectric cooperatives are proud to be a resource for the schools, students and teachers they serve. Contact your local cooperative for more information about available grants and scholarships in your community, as well as opportunities to provide speakers or educational materials for:

- Career Fairs
- Electrical Safety Demonstrations
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy



**\$14.3 MILLION**

Provided to classrooms through Bright Ideas education grant program



**\$57 MILLION**

Provided for economic development grants and loans



**5,000 JOBS**

Supporting the creation of more than 5,000 jobs in rural NC

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## For Teachers and Students

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# NC Electric Cooperatives

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## Bright Ideas Education Grants

**N**orth Carolina's electric cooperatives help light up learning in classrooms through the Bright Ideas education grant program. More than 13,000 projects have been funded since 1994, benefiting 2.8 million students statewide.

Every year, K–12 teachers with innovative ideas to enhance student learning can submit an application at [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com). Applications are accepted from April through September.



## Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

**N**orth Carolina's electric cooperatives partner with hundreds of electric co-ops across the country to convene the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., a tradition more than 50 years strong.

The Youth Tour brings students together in our nation's capital to inspire our next generation of leaders. North Carolina's electric cooperatives send close to 40 exceptional high school students on the annual summer trip to represent the state and their co-op communities.

### Tourists will:

- See our nation's government at work in real time.
- Enhance skills in leadership and networking.
- Understand and use a cooperative business model.
- Visit historic sites and attractions in D.C.

This leadership experience enhances college applications, and participants are also eligible for one of three annual scholarships. Applications are accepted in the fall.



## NC Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour



## Sports Camps Scholarships

**E**ach year, North Carolina's electric cooperatives award scholarships to rising 6th and 7th grade students to attend basketball camp with top-ranked NCAA programs.

Young men can apply to attend the Carolina Basketball School at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and young women can apply to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Both camps take place in June. Applications are collected from January through March.

At the overnight camps, coaches and college athletes will work directly with campers to develop fundamental skills that will help the young athletes excel both on and off the court. Statewide, more than 50 students receive Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships each year.



## Touchstone Energy® Sports Camp Scholarships

