

Community Programs

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Bright Ideas Education Grants

North Carolina's electric cooperatives help light up learning in classrooms through the Bright Ideas education grant program. More than 14,000 projects have been funded since 1994, benefiting 3.5 million students statewide.

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



Bright Ideas

EDUCATION GRANTS



Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

North 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

Each 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

