

BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT PROGRAM

Mission:	The Bright Ideas grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives, strives to improve education in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to teachers for innovative, classroom-based projects in grades K-12 that would not otherwise be funded.
Sponsors:	North Carolina's 27 electric cooperatives
Eligibility:	North Carolina's teachers in grades K-12
Subjects:	Grants are open to all subjects
Individual grant limit:	Individual projects can be funded up to \$2,000
Term:	Grants are awarded each school year. Teachers are limited to one grant proposal per year and are eligible even if they have received a grant before.
Application:	A simple and convenient on-line application can be found at www.ncbrightideas.com .
Information:	Visit www.ncbrightideas.com or contact Lisa Mumma at 1-800-662-8835, extension 3214 or lisa.mumma@ncemcs.com
History:	Since it began in 1994, the Bright Ideas program has awarded more than \$5.3 million in grant money to North Carolina's teachers to sponsor almost 5,000 projects teaching more than 800,000 students.
North Carolina's electric cooperatives:	Private, independent, non-profit utilities owned by their customers that provide superior electric service at affordable rates. North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives serve more than two million people in 93 counties throughout the state.