



# Bright Ideas

*Energizing Innovative Lessons*

**Purpose:** Many teachers develop innovative classroom projects, but lack the funds to implement the projects. Bright Ideas funds them.

**Eligibility:**

- ❖ Teachers in grades K-12 in Hampton, Jasper and southern Beaufort counties.
- ❖ Projects must benefit students in grades K-12.
- ❖ Teachers may only be an applicant or team member of one project per school year.

**Subjects:** Grants are open to all subjects.

**Grant limit:** Projects can be funded up to \$1,000 or they may be partially funded. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000.

**Deadline:** All applications must be **typed** and received at one of Palmetto Electric Cooperative's four offices by Sept. 8, 2011. You can fax application to 843-208-5553 or mail it to 1 Cooperative Way, Hardeeville, SC 29927 Attn: Tray Hunter. Applications received after deadline will not be considered.

**Sponsors:** The Palmetto Electric Trust and Palmetto Electric Cooperative sponsor Bright Ideas. The Trust administers Operation Roundup<sup>®</sup>, a program in which the Cooperative's members volunteer to "round up" their power bills to the nearest whole dollar. The change goes directly to the Palmetto Electric Trust, a non-profit organization dedicated to making life better for our community. Palmetto Electric Cooperative, a member of Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup>, is a not-for-profit, consumer-owned power cooperative providing electricity to more than 67,000 consumers in Hampton, Jasper and southern Beaufort counties.

**Questions:** Call Tray Hunter, at 843-208-5555 or 1-800-922-5551 or e-mail to [brightideas@palmetto.coop](mailto:brightideas@palmetto.coop).

**Selection Criteria:**

- ❖ Uses innovative, creative learning experiences for students (30 percent)
- ❖ Provides instructional experiences otherwise unavailable (20 percent)
- ❖ Involves teamwork (15 percent)
- ❖ Directly involve students (10 percent)
- ❖ Clearly defined goals and learning objectives (10 percent)
- ❖ Provides ongoing benefits to students (10 percent)
- ❖ Provides an adequate budget summary (5 percent)

**If grant is awarded:**

- ❖ Grant must be used within 18 months.
- ❖ Applicant will submit a report about the outcome of the grant.
- ❖ Applicant and team members grant sponsors the right to use their name, photo and information about grant in publicity.





# 2011 Bright Ideas Grant Application

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## **READ! READ! READ!**

- **DO NOT include the name of your school, school mascot, county, or any member of your team in parts 2, 3 or 4.**
- **YOU MUST USE THE 2011 FORM ONLY. All applications must be typed.**
- **DO NOT attach any supplementary materials. Any supplementary materials will be discarded prior to judging.**
- **Grants are for up to \$1,000 and should be used within 18 months of awarding.**
- **Grants will be awarded to public and private school teachers teaching students in grades K-12 in Hampton, Jasper and southern Beaufort counties.**
- **Grants are for classroom projects, not professional development or class trips.**
- **All grant recipients are required to submit a report on the outcome of grant project.**
- **Teachers may only be an applicant or team member of one project per school year.**
- **Application must adhere to word limits.**
- **Applicants and team members (please limit to two) agree that their name, photo and project may be used in print, broadcast and other forms of media and publications promoting Palmetto Electric Cooperative and the Palmetto Electric Trust.**
- **Bright Idea Grants awarded the previous year cannot be resubmitted.**
- **All applications must be received at Palmetto Electric Cooperative by Thursday, September 8, 2011.**

**Failure to follow rules will automatically disqualify application.**

## Part 1 of 4 – Applicant Information

Teacher Applying for Grant  
(First and Last Name)

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Title of Proposed Grant Project

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School Where Applicant Works

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Grade(s) Applicant Teaches

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School Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_

School Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

School City, State, Zip

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School Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

School Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's E-Mail Address

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Applicant's Cell Phone Number

Team Member(s) Name (First, Last Name) (please limit to two)	Signature of Team Member (Required)

### Principal Support (Required)

**I support this application and would support the project's implementation at my school.**

Name (First and last name)

Signature (Please use pen.)

Date:

### Applicant Agreement

**I am a certified teacher in a South Carolina K-12 public or private school in Hampton, Jasper and southern Beaufort counties. This is the only application I have submitted. Neither I nor any of my team members are part of another grant application. I will use this grant, if awarded, for students in grades K-12. I agree, if I win, to submit a report about the grant's outcome. I also agree that my name, photo and information about the grant may be used in publications by Palmetto Electric Cooperative or the Palmetto Electric Trust without compensation to me or my team members.**

Signature (Please use pen.)

Date:

### This Section Office Use Only

**Grant Number**

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**Meets requirements**

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**Amount requested**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Partial Funding Amount**

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**Amount Awarded**

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**Part 2 of 4 – Project Overview (Please do not include the name of your school, school mascot, county, or any member of your team.)**

Project Name			
Curriculum areas			
Amount requested		Minimum needed to do project	
Number of students to benefit from project			
Will items purchased be used for more than one school year?			
Does project involve teamwork? YES NO		If so, how many team members?	

**Part 3 of 4 – Project Narrative (Please do not include the name of your school, school mascot, county, or any member of your team.)**

**Project summary – Give an overview of project.**

**Part 3 of 4 – Continued** (Please do not include the name of your school, school mascot, county, or any member of your team.)

**Innovation – Describe the innovative, and creative elements of project.**

**Goals – What are your goals for this project?**

**Implementation – How will you implement this project?**

**Benefits – What benefits will this provide students?**

