



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: Kristin Keller. 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[®], 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[®], is a not-for-profit, consumer-owned power cooperative providing electricity to more than 93,000 consumers in Hampton, Jasper and southern Beaufort counties.

Questions: Call Kristin Keller, at 843-208-5555 or 1-800-922-5551 or e-mail to 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.





2018 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 2018 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 member (please limit to one) 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 6, 2018.**

Failure to follow rules will automatically disqualify application.

Part 1 of 4 – Applicant Information

Teacher Applying for Grant
(First and Last Name) _____

Title of Proposed Grant Project _____

School Where Applicant Works _____

Grade(s) Applicant Teaches _____

School Mailing Address _____

School Street Address _____

School City, State, Zip _____

School Phone Number _____

School Fax Number _____

Applicant's E-Mail Address _____

Applicant's Cell Phone Number _____

Team Member Name (First, Last Name) (please limit to one)	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:
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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:
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This Section Office Use Only	
Grant Number	_____
Meets requirements	_____
Amount requested	_____
Partial Funding Amount	_____
Amount Awarded	_____

Part 2 of 4 – Project Overview (Please DO NOT include the name of your school, school mascot, county, or any member of your team.) Limited to space provided.

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?		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.) Limited to space provided.

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.) Limited to space provided.

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?

Part 4 of 4 – Budget(Please **DO NOT** include the name of your school, school mascot, county, or any member of your team.) Limited to space provided.

Itemized Project Budget (Required on this form only)

Item needed	Quantity needed	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Required? (Yes/No)

Total project cost (Please estimate to the nearest five dollar increment.)	
Will you accept partial funding? If so how much?	
If you receive partial funding, how will you fund the rest of your project?	

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