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EDUCATORS: LAST CALL TO APPLY FOR A BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT

STATESVILLE, N.C. – Time is running out for educators to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 from EnergyUnited’s Bright Ideas education grant program. Friday, September 15 is the last day to submit an application for grant funding for creative, hands-on classroom projects. Interested educators can find the application, grant-writing tips and more information on the Bright Ideas website at www.ncbrightideas.com.

“The Bright Ideas education grant program has provided more than \$9.1 million for 8,800 projects benefitting more than two million students in our state over the past 22 years,” said Maureen Moore, Communications Manager at EnergyUnited. “Education is key in building and maintaining strong communities. At EnergyUnited, we are proud to support the communities we serve by supporting the educators who shape our future leaders.”

We are delighted that we’ve had so many teachers already apply for a Bright Ideas grant, including over 50 teachers who submitted their application prior to our early-bird deadline of August 15. Ms. Lori Gaillard, a teacher at Vienna Elementary School in Forsyth County was chosen as one of five lucky winners as part of the early bird incentive for the 2017 Bright Ideas Program. Her application is titled ‘Designing Interactive Informational Texts’ which will increase student engagement and investment in reading and writing informational texts. Ms. Gaillard has received a \$100 VISA gift card for being one of this year’s early bird winners!

Last year, EnergyUnited awarded 47 teachers from 9 of the 19 counties they serve with over \$40,000 in Bright Ideas education grants this month to fund innovative classroom learning projects. Nearly 10,000 students at schools in Alexander, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rockingham and Rowan counties participated in Bright Ideas projects funded by EnergyUnited.

The grants are available to K-12 teachers from public, public charter, private and Christian schools for innovative projects in any subject. Applications require an outline of the proposed project, a detailed budget and a description of the benefit to students. Applicants are also encouraged to highlight the innovative, creative elements of the project and to proofread carefully. Only applicants that are submitted electronically through the website will be accepted.

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