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**EDUCATORS: LAST CALL TO APPLY FOR A BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT
APPLY BY: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 2018**

STATESVILLE, N.C. – Time is running out for educators to apply for grants up to \$2,000 from EnergyUnited’s Bright Ideas program for the 2018-19 school year. **Friday, September 14** is the last day to submit an application for funding for creative, hands-on classroom projects. Interested educators can find the application, writing tips and more information on the Bright Ideas website at www.ncbrightideas.com.

“In the past two decades, North Carolina’s electric cooperatives have received more than \$11.5 million in Bright Ideas grant funding, and well over 2.2 million North Carolina students have participated in approximately 11,000 Bright Ideas projects.,” 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.”

Last year, EnergyUnited awarded nearly 40 teachers from 11 of the 19 counties they serve with over \$40,000 in Bright Ideas education grants to fund innovative classroom learning projects. Over 12,000 students at schools in Alexander, Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Randolph, Rowan and Wilkes 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.

About EnergyUnited EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 130,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at www.energyunited.com to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.