


# Member News

For Members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

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## Scholarship Applications Available

*Carteret-Craven Foundation Provides Funds*



Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative is once again

awarding scholarships to students whose parents live on Carteret-Craven lines. Five such scholarships will be awarded.

Applicants, as stated, must live on Carteret-Craven's lines (the parents' primary residence) and is for \$1000 annually. Applicants must be accepted at a 4-year college, university or community college program. He or she must be a high school senior in the current graduating class and not a close relative of a Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative employee or director.

*(Close relative being a spouse, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, by blood, by adoption, or in-law of the employee or director).*

The selection criteria includes 50% need, 25% Academic Achievement (transcripts, SAT score, Grade Point Average), and 25% Extracurricular Activities (clubs, sports, projects, community, church). Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative will rule on eligibility of each applicant.

Funds are made available through the Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation. The Foundation handles money received from OPERATION ROUND-UP®, the voluntary donation program where members' monthly bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar amount. *(To find out more about OPERATION ROUND-UP®, visit our website at [www.ccemc.com](http://www.ccemc.com)).*

Deadline for applications is March 29, 2002. Applications may be obtained from the Counselors' Office at each school or at each of Carteret-Craven's three offices: Salter Path Road, Salter Path; McCotter Blvd., Havelock; and Highway 24, Morehead City. You may

***Deadline for applications is March 29th***

also call Carteret-Craven at 727-2238 and ask that scholarship information be mailed to you. Carteret-Craven has served the area since 1940 and is a part of the 27 member North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation as well as a Touchstone Energy Cooperative.



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- A low surface temperature to help protect you and your family from burns.
- A screen or grill to help prevent children from sticking fingers and objects into the heater.

For heating a bathroom, choose a heater designed especially for bathroom use.



# BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS AWARDED

**C**arteret-Craven recently awarded 16 grants to local educators through the Bright Ideas Grant program. The Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation provided additional funds for this year's grants. The total amount awarded locally this year is \$18,276.65.

These grants are for creative and innovative projects submitted by the teachers which cannot be funded by normal means. Judges look for grants that affect the greatest number of students and grants that are of an on-going nature such as projects which can be used year after year.

For the 2001-2002 school year, Carteret-Craven received 32 grant applications from Carteret and Craven counties. Nine area schools were selected to receive the awards ranging from \$487.34 up to \$2000. A total of 5,617 area students will benefit directly from these grants.

The Bright Ideas Grant program is sponsored by North Carolina's 27 electric cooperatives. Since it began in 1994 through the end of the 2001-2002 school year, the Bright Ideas program has awarded \$2.5 million in grant money statewide. These grants funded 2,800 projects teaching more than 570,000 students.

Check out our website at [www.ccemc.com](http://www.ccemc.com) for specific information about this year's winners which appear on the list to the right of this column.

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## 2001-2002 Winners

- Melda McCoy*  
Arthur Edwards Elementary School  
\$1,000
- Milcheohelle Sirmans*  
Arthur Edwards Elementary School  
\$1,800
- Lisa Chitty*  
Arthur Edwards Elementary School  
\$1,800
- Liz Henderson*  
Arthur Edwards Elementary School  
\$1,000
- Melissa M. Bailey*  
Bogue Sound Elementary School  
\$487.34
- Janet Stockwell*  
Brinson Memorial Elementary School  
\$500
- James Butler*  
Croatan High School  
\$2,000
- Barbara Waters*  
East Carteret High School  
\$556
- Tom Sawyer*  
East Carteret High School  
\$1,200
- Debbie Harris*  
Graham A. Barden Elementary School  
\$950
- Roxann Everett*  
Newport Elementary School  
\$925
- Robert Gildersleeve*  
Morehead Middle School  
\$899.95
- Kathy Spruill*  
West Carteret High School  
\$1,600
- Patti Norris*  
West Carteret High School  
\$2,000
- Deborah Coulter*  
West Carteret High School  
\$558.35
- Ruth Varner*  
West Carteret High School  
\$1,000

## TWO AREA YOUTH TO ATTEND YOUTH TOUR; TWO TO ATTEND LEADERSHIP CAMP

Carteret-Craven EC will again select four area students to receive Cooperative Leadership awards. The awards, based on an essay contest, include sending two students to the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. and two students to the Cooperative Council Youth Leadership Camp at White Lake, N.C. Winners will be selected by the end of March.

Both are all-expense paid trips. During the Youth Tour, students will join approximately 1600 other students from across the nation in our nation's capital where they will learn how cooperatives operate, visit their members of Congress, participate in tours of historical monuments and meet with other youth tourists in a "town meeting" to discuss issues of importance to today's youth.

Students attending the Youth Leadership Camp at White Lake will learn how cooperatives operate through motivational speakers, both state and national. They will form their own t-shirt cooperative to operate during the week and will learn problem-solving techniques while working hand in hand with the approximately 75 other teenagers from across North Carolina. Students attending the Youth Tour as well as the Leadership Camp will also be eligible for college scholarships.

Attendees will be selected through an essay competition. The topic must be one of the following and should be approximately 200 -300 words in essay form:

- A. *Without electricity, how would your day-to-day life be different?*
- B. *What are the basic differences between cooperatives and other forms of business?*
- C. *What are the pros and cons of hydroelectric vs nuclear power?*

*D. What new or different source(s) of energy could we see in our future?*

*E. In what new or different ways could electricity be used in the future?*

Applicants must be juniors in high school. Students do NOT have to live on Carteret-Craven's lines. Applications may be picked up in the school counselors' offices or from an office of Carteret-Craven EC. You may call Jean Alexander at 727-2238 and request an application be mailed. Submissions must be in one of Carteret-Craven EC's offices by 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2001.

*Ashley Kay and David Walker represented Carteret-Craven in 2001 on the Youth Tour.*



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