

Attention Teachers and Administrators!

Have a project you'd like funded?

Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants



Enter **Touchstone Energy's Classroom Empowerment Grant Competition** and your submission could win up to \$500 to fund classroom and educational enhancement projects!

Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants are being funded by **Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCECI)** for the 2015-2016 school year. See the enclosed fact sheet for more information about Touchstone Energy or log on to www.touchstoneenergy.coop. To apply for a grant, send a **double-spaced typewritten request (not to exceed 3 pages)** that includes the following:

1. A description of the project and what it will accomplish
2. The estimated cost of the project
3. An explanation of why outside funds are necessary to complete the project
4. Whether funding options have been pursued, and if so, how
5. When project will be completed
6. The number of people affected by the project
7. If the project's goals are measurable, and how
8. How the project ties in Touchstone Energy's four core values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community

Although electric-oriented projects aren't required, extra consideration will be given to projects that are electric oriented. Photos and supporting data are optional. Grant applications must be received at CCECI by **November 6, 2015**. For questions, please call Carrie Trame with Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. at (618) 526-7282 or e-mail at TTrame@cceci.com. Entries will be evaluated by an impartial panel of judges. Awards will be announced on or before December 4, 2015.



**Clinton County
Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 



Touchstone Energy® 2015/2016 Classroom Empowerment Grant Application

Applicant's Name _____ Title _____
School Name _____
School Address _____
Daytime Phone Number () _____ E-mail _____
Local Touchstone Energy Cooperative _____
Project Submitted _____

Eligibility is limited to schools located in Touchstone Energy cooperative service areas. Teachers and administrators of K-12 public and private schools may apply. For more information about Touchstone Energy, see the enclosed fact sheet or log on to www.touchstoneenergy.coop. Touchstone Energy reserves the right to photograph the grant winners and use the photos for publicity purposes. Projects must be completed by the time school is out for the summer. Incomplete entries will be deemed ineligible and will not be judged. **Recipients must provide written proof of completion detailing how the grant funds were used before the end of the 2015-2016 school year.**

Deadline: This application form and typewritten request must be received by your local electric cooperative by mail, e-mail or fax **on or before November 6, 2015**. Please include the following information in the written request: a description of the project and what it will accomplish; the estimated cost of the project; an explanation of why outside funds are necessary to complete the project; whether funding options have been pursued; when project will be completed; the number of people affected by the project; if/how the project's goals are measurable; and how the project ties in Touchstone Energy's four core values of **integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community**.

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To submit any applications or for further information, contact:

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Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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Breese, IL 62230
618-526-7282

Judging Process:

Applications will be reviewed by an impartial panel of judges. If necessary, applicants may be contacted for additional information.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
(Teacher or Administrator)

If I receive the grant, I pledge to follow all completion requirements and provide written proof of completion before the end of the 2015-2016 school year. If the proof of completion is not submitted by the end of the school year, the grant monies will be returned in full to CCECI.