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2026 Classroom Empowerment Grant Application

Applicant Name/Position: _____

Applicant Email: _____

School Name: _____ Principal: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Submitted Project: _____

Eligibility is available to schools located in Egyptian Electric Cooperative service areas. Teachers and administrators of K-12 public and private schools may apply annually, even if they have been a previous recipient. Ten (10) $500 grants will be awarded. Egyptian Electric Cooperative reserves the right to photograph the grant winners and use the photos for publicity purposes. Projects must be completed by the end of the Spring 2027 semester. Incomplete entries will be deemed ineligible and will not be judged. Recipients should provide written proof of completion detailing how the grant funds were used within six months of the project's completion.

Submitting & Deadline: This grant application form and a typewritten request must be submitted by ***Friday, November 6, 2026,*** to qualify. You can submit your application using one of the following methods:

- Mailing Egyptian Electric Cooperative, Attn: Roni Croxell, 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966
- Emailing rcroxell@eeca.coop *(Grants submitted by email should be in one (1) PDF document)*
- Faxing to (888) 554-8181

For questions, please contact Roni Croxell of Egyptian Electric Cooperative by phone at (800) 606-1505, or by email at rcroxell@eeca.coop

Judging & Award Process: Applications will be reviewed and scored by an impartial panel of judges. Winners will be notified no later than ***Friday, December 4, 2026***. Grant winners will be notified by email (provided on this form).

If I, _____, receive the grant, I pledge to use the Classroom Empowerment Grant dollars in accordance with its applied purpose. I have read this Grant Application and the Official Rules and I agree to the grant requirements as stated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Teacher or Administrator)

This Application Form must be attached as a cover to the actual written grant request. Please read the Official Rules, that can be found on our website, eeca.coop, before completing/submitting.

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2026 Classroom Empowerment Grant Official Rules

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please review the following information before completing the Grant Application. The Grant Application and Official Rules can also be found on our website, at eeca.coop, and inside the October 2026 Country Living magazine.

WHO MAY APPLY

Teachers, administrators, and/or qualified employees of K-12 public or private schools within the Egyptian Electric Cooperative (EECA) service territory footprint can apply.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Qualifying projects are those that improve the learning environment for students and/or increase educational resources for the school. The grants are intended for projects that provide an ongoing benefit to students, rather than fundraising efforts or one-time experiences such as ticketed events.

SELECTION PROCESS

An impartial judging panel will score the applications based on which projects best demonstrate improving the learning environment and/or increasing educational resources for the school. Decision of the judging panel is final.

IMPORTANT DATES

All completed applications must be received by the office of EECA (1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966), by ***Friday, November 6, 2026,*** to qualify. The winners will be notified no later than ***December 4, 2026***. Funded projects must be completed by the end of the Spring 2027 semester.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit the completed Grant Application Form, and a double-spaced typewritten request (not to exceed three pages) that includes the following:

1. A description of the project, what the project will accomplish, and why it should be selected for funding.
2. The estimated cost of the project based on research & provided data.
3. An explanation of why funds are necessary for the completion of the project.
4. If other funding options have been pursued, the status of those requests.
5. When the project will be completed.
6. The number of students impacted by the project.
7. How the goals of the project will be measured, and what would determine if the project were a success.
8. How the project ties to our Touchstone Energy core values: integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community.

Additional pages for photos and supporting data are optional but strongly encouraged. For questions on the program, contact Roni Croxell at (800) 606-1505 or at rcroxell@eeca.coop