

# Deadline Approaching for Local Teachers to Apply for Bright Ideas Grants from Pee Dee Electric

Final Deadline for Applications is September 15

The deadline is quickly approaching for local K-12 teachers to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 from Pee Dee Electric through the Bright Ideas Education Grant Program. Educators with innovative ideas for integrated classroom projects must submit their application by September 15th. Interested teachers can find the application, along with grant-writing tips and program information, on the Bright Ideas website at [ncbrightideas.com](http://ncbrightideas.com).

Bright Ideas Education grants will be awarded to local educators for projects across all grade levels and subjects. Teachers at qualifying schools in Anson, Richmond, Scotland, and Stanly counties can apply for grants individually or as a team.

Pee Dee Electric is one of 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina offering Bright Ideas grants to local teachers. Since 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have awarded more than \$13.7 million in Bright Ideas funding for nearly 12,992 projects supporting teachers and benefitting more than 2.7 million students.

Pee Dee Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative whose goal is to provide reliable, dependable electric service for its members while focusing on value, quality customer service, and enhancing life in the communities we serve. The Bright Ideas grant program is part of Pee Dee Electric's ongoing commitment to community and education. To learn more about this program and other community outreach efforts, visit [www.pdemc.com/community-involvement](http://www.pdemc.com/community-involvement).

## NC Navigator Consortium Awarded \$14.9M for Affordable Care Act enrollment

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded the NC Navigator Consortium \$4,951,640 per year for the next three years to enroll North Carolinians in affordable health insurance on [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov), the federal Health Insurance Marketplace established by the Affordable Care Act. This grant is the second largest in the country awarded by CMS for the 2021-2024 grant period.

The grant was announced last week by CMS, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Legal Aid of North Carolina, a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal aid to low-income North Carolinians, is the leader of the consortium and will administer the grant.

The grant will fund a corps of Navigators, who are trained to help consumers understand the details of plans available on the Health Insurance Marketplace at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), determine which plan will best meet the needs of their family, apply for financial assistance, and complete the enrollment process.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue the work that we started back in 2014," Mark Van Arnam, director of the NC Navigator Consortium, said.

"We are honored that we were chosen to receive the second largest award among all the grantees. This really fuels our Navigators as it reflects on the amazing work done by Legal Aid Navigators and our sub-grantees over the last eight years," said Van Arnam. "We'll be able to help more North Carolinians connect to coverage through application assistance and enrollment education. We'll help more of our community understand health insurance by providing free health insurance literacy events and free appointments, year-round, to talk with a Navigator about any questions they may have."

The NC Navigator Consortium is a group of nine health care, social service and legal aid organizations that helps North Carolina consumers enroll in affordable, comprehensive health insurance plans on [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov), the Health Insurance Marketplace established by the Affordable Care Act. Members of the consortium are Access East, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, Council on Aging of Buncombe County, Cumberland HealthNet, HealthNet Gaston, Kintegra Health, NC Field, Pisgah Legal Services, and Legal Aid of North Carolina, which leads the consortium. Learn more at [navigators.net](http://navigators.net) and follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

# Church

\* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

## SEPTEMBER 12 Singing

At New Life Ministries of Wadesboro, 11am with guest Todd Amerson

## SEPTEMBER 26 Appreciation Service

For Deaconess Diane Carelock at Rock Hill MBC, 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

## ONGOING

### Theology Studies Especially for Veterans

& their families, Sundays at 10am in Fellowship Hall at Peachland Baptist Church, 79 Clinton Ave. Info 704-272-8522

### Soup Kitchen

Every Wednesday at New Life Ministries, 1678 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 12-2pm. Info 704-690-4900

# Events

## SEPTEMBER 9

### Compassionate Friends Meet

Bereaved parents, family and friends who have lost a child of any age are invited. 7pm in fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Ave in Wadesboro. Info 704-272-7449 or [kcaulder9869@gmail.com](mailto:kcaulder9869@gmail.com)

## SEPTEMBER 11

### Free Groceries for Families in Need

Drive-thru at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center. 11am-1pm. Call 704-826-8737 for eligibility info & details. Located at 13349 Hwy 742 North in Burnsville, across from the

Fire Department. [www.burnsvillele.org](http://www.burnsvillele.org)

## SEPTEMBER 18

### Randy Travis Music

Festival, 10am-8pm, Main St in Marshville. Music, food booths, arts & crafts, & more! Randy Travis will be in attendance. Info on Marshville Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

## SEPTEMBER 19

### Book Signing

By local author Sandra Z. Bruney for her new novel, Bethann, 2-4pm at the Drake Gallery, 108 S Rutherford St in Wadesboro, next door to the Ansonia Theatre. Light refreshments served. Info 704-694-4950

### Parker Family Reunion

Descendants of Tom & Elizabeth Curlee Parker will meet at New Home Baptist Church, Peachland. Registration & social hour 11am-12noon or you can attend service. Business meeting 12:15pm. For info call Hugh Parker 704-219-7878 or 704-272-8325.

## SEPTEMBER 23

### Annual Picnic

Drive-thru at Grace Senior Center, 10am-12noon for seniors 60+. Enjoy hamburgers & hot dogs with all the trimmings, popcorn & snow cones. Games & fellowship. FREE! Call to register 704-694-6616

## OCTOBER 30

### Morven Event

The Town of Morven is holding an event called Celebrating & Reuniting Morven, 10am-6pm. Everyone is invited to come & enjoy free food, information stations, games, music, prizes, inflatables & more! At the Park on Highway 145 North in Morven. Vendors welcome, call 704-851-9321 for info.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**Free Pregnancy Test And Ultrasound.** Call HOPE Pregnancy Resource Center to schedule 704-690-6689

### Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445

**Free Food Distribution** at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

### Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups

Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms

## The Compassionate Friends Meet September 9

The Compassionate Friends will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, located at 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. The public is invited to attend.

The mission of the Compassionate Friends: When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.

For more information contact Becky Wallace at 704-272-7449 or email Ken Caulder at [kcaulder9869@gmail.com](mailto:kcaulder9869@gmail.com).

## Grace Senior Center Annual Picnic Drive-Thru

Grace Senior Center invites all seniors 60 and older to come to their annual Picnic on Thursday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Picnic will be drive-thru. They will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, popcorn and snow cones. You can enjoy games and fellowship too. And, it's free!

To register please call 704-694-6616.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

## Virtual Event Entitled Bounce Back: Celebrating Recovery

### Transitioning to Adult Medical Services

In honor of National Recovery Month, there will be a mini session about recovering from substance use disorder (SUD). Experienced presenters will speak on several SUD and recovery topics. It will take place on Thursday, September 30 at 10 a.m.

Presenters include:

- Derrick Vickers (Insight Human Services), who will discuss SUD prevention
- Jose Perez (Peer Support Specialist), who will share his own recovery story
- Jesse Battle (Trosa), who will talk about treatment opportunities for those with SUD

How to Attend This Event: Access this virtual event online here: [bit.ly/3BgUE9N](http://bit.ly/3BgUE9N)

**For mental health help fast:** Call \*\*ASK (2-7-5) from your cell phone or 1.800.939.5911. Or online: [cardinalinnovations.org](http://cardinalinnovations.org).

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