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Touchstone Energy Classroom Grants

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative is now accepting applications for our Touchstone Energy Classroom Grant Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Schools that serve children of Great Lakes Energy members can receive a grant of up to \$2,000 to fund innovative programs, particularly those involving technology or equipment that enrich students' education.

Preference will be given to projects which feature technology or tangible equipment or materials that can be used more than once, enhance learning, are not currently being funded through the school's budget, and are likely to be fresh and exciting to students. The project does not have to involve the study of electricity.

Teachers and administrators of public or private K-12 schools may apply. Multiple projects within the same school district can be combined to a maximum award per district of \$2,000 per year. We reserve the right to take photos of the winners and they may be printed in local publications, *Michigan Country Lines* (our member magazine), and/or appear on our website or in other electronic media.

An impartial panel of judges will review the grant applications. Extra consideration may be given to schools that have not previously received funding.

For more information, please contact Linda Kotzian at lkotzian@glenergy.com, or 888-GTLAKES (888-485-2537), ext. 8174.

Mail your completed Classroom Grant Application to:

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative
Attn: Linda Kotzian
2183 N. Water Rd.
Hart, MI 49420

You may also email your application (as a doc, docx, or pdf file) to lkotzian@glenergy.com.

DEADLINE:

Your grant application must be received at our office by 5 p.m. Nov. 3, 2017.

Grant fund recipients will be notified by Dec. 1, 2017.

Checks will be delivered by the end of December.

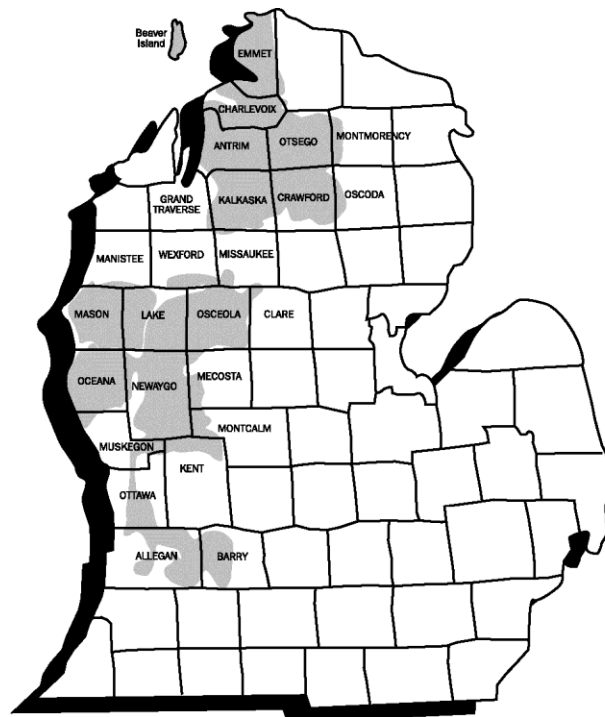
- A list of eligible areas - page 2
- Grant application and instructions - pages 3, 4
- A sample of the judging sheet - page 5

Who is eligible for a Touchstone Energy Education Grant?

- Public or private schools that have children of Great Lakes Energy members enrolled may apply for a Touchstone Energy Classroom Grant. The school or school district does not need to have electricity supplied by Great Lakes Energy.
- If your school is very near or within the shaded areas on the map below*, you are eligible to apply. Schools far from the shaded area will most likely not be eligible. Contact us with questions.
- **Each separate school within a school district may apply for a grant; however, multiple schools within a school district may be limited to a collective total of \$2,000 for this grant cycle. Please note that your request can be for less than \$2,000.** If your request exceeds \$2,000, please list a source of funding for the additional amount needed.

Great Lakes Energy will award up to \$20,000 total in grants for the 2017-2018 school year. Funds will be distributed following receipt of signed grant agreements. For more information, please contact Linda Kotzian at lkotzian@glenergy.com, or 888-GTLAKES (888-485-2537) ext. 8174.

We serve areas in these 26 counties: Allegan, Antrim, Barry, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Oscoda, Ottawa, Otsego, Wexford. ***Please note: We serve limited areas in certain counties, so your school district or specific schools within your district may not be eligible. Review the map below for coverage areas and contact us with questions.**





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Touchstone Energy Classroom Grant Application (2017-2018)

Applicant's Name: _____

Title: _____

School Name: _____ District: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Specific amount requested \$ _____ Today's Date: (mm/dd/yy) _____

BRIEF description of project: _____

By completing and submitting this form, I give consent for Great Lakes Energy Cooperative to take photographs and give permission for photos to be published as part of any publicity or media notice of the grant program, if I am selected as a grant recipient.

Please include typed responses to questions on the next page, on separate sheets if necessary, along with this form.

If there are multiple projects within your grant application, please respond separately for each project. Responses for each project should not exceed 3 pages. You may also include photos, quotes and/or supporting data. Please avoid references to your school's name, mascot, town name, or any other identifying descriptors in your answers. Make sure you have your school administration's approval for the project(s) and this application.



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1. More fully describe the proposed project/program. What purpose would it accomplish? How will it use technology in an innovative, educational way? Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

2. What is the estimated cost of the project/program? Please attach an itemized list, if appropriate.

3. Why are outside funds needed?

4. Who and how many would benefit from this project/program?

5. How would you determine the success of the project/program?



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DEADLINE: *Your grant application must be received at our office by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, 2017. Be sure to include the completed grant application cover sheet (page 3) and your anonymous responses to the five questions on page 4.*

(SAMPLE) Touchstone Energy Classroom Grant Scoring Sheet

Please rank the application on a scale of 1 - 3 for each line item below:

1=Does not meet criteria 2=Partially meets criteria 3=Fully meets criteria

Criteria	Score
Promotes innovation in the classroom	_____
Will enrich students' learning experience	_____
Impacts a significant number of students at the school	_____
Establishes potential for long-term benefit to the student body	_____
Includes measurable indicators of success	_____
Clarity of the application	_____
<i>(all areas are addressed; rationale and budget are thoroughly clear)</i>	
TOTAL SCORE (maximum of 18 points possible)	_____

Additional Comments for Consideration:

Judge's Initials & Date: _____