

Attention Local Teachers!

Apply for your 2009/2010 Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants

Does your school or classroom need new materials? Can your students benefit from new programs and educational resources? We thought so.

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative is once again coordinating this grant program with Touchstone Energy for our local K-12 teachers and administrators. Six grants of \$500 will be provided for innovative, unfunded projects or materials. Qualifying projects are those that improve the learning environment or increase educational resources for the school.

An objective panel of judges will determine which projects will be awarded the \$500 grants. Grant applications are due by **November 6, 2009**. Grant awards will be announced on **December 11, 2009**. For a grant application and guidelines, please visit our Web site at www.siec.coop or contact Jerri Schaefer at 1-800-762-1400. It only takes a few minutes to apply.

Since 2006, Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants have been distributed to the following recipients:

Gwen Tripp & Tara Marks, Fourth Grade, Cobden Elementary School
Kim Dillow, Fourth Grade Science, Lick Creek School
Nicole Frick, Sixth Grade Science, Anna District #27
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