

PPL Foundation awards grants to outstanding STEM teachers

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (Feb. 5, 2026) – The PPL Foundation today announced that it is awarding \$1,500 grants to five Pennsylvania teachers for their success in developing and delivering STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) coursework that engages students and inspires their creativity.

“By giving students early opportunities to explore the STEM fields, teachers can equip them with the critical-thinking skills and creative problem-solving abilities they’ll need to thrive in a rapidly changing world,” said Lissette Santana, president of the PPL Foundation. “PPL supports teachers who are empowering our students to meet the challenges and opportunities that will shape our future.”

The award recipients for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- Douglas Brown, Central Columbia High School, Bloomsburg
- Colleen Cook, North Pocono Middle School, Moscow
- Judean Finkenbinder, Susquenita Middle School, Duncannon
- Ross Gunderson, Eastern York High School, Wrightsville
- Adam Zeni, Ephrata Middle School, Ephrata

Since 2003, the PPL Foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 in grants through this program to advance STEM education.

About the PPL Foundation

The PPL Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization. Funded by PPL Corporation, the foundation was formed to support community initiatives in the areas served by PPL Corporation’s utilities. Through strategic partnerships, the PPL Foundation supports nonprofit organizations working to create vibrant, sustainable communities in both Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. To learn more, visit pplcares.com.

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