

Rules for Rural Electric Cooperative's 2017 Youth Tour

How to enter:

1. Complete the entry form and essay.
2. Write an original essay of 600 to 800 words on the topic below.
3. Essays must be typed and double-spaced on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
4. No name should appear on the essay, but must be included on the cover sheet along with school name, teacher's name and contact information.
5. Contest papers must be turned in to your teacher by Monday, February 13, 2017.

Essay topic:

"Write or find a quote pertaining to the electric industry and explain how the quote relates to the industry. For example, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said during the Rural Electrification Act: "We as a nation are moving steadily and surely towards a better way of living for all of our people. This electrification project is a symbol of our determination to attain that objective.""

Judging: A panel of judges knowledgeable about electric cooperatives will evaluate and rank the essays. The top six essays will be finalists this year's contest. Criteria for judging will be as follows:

Knowledge of subject – 40%	Includes a demonstrated understanding of material, relevance of information, direct understanding of subject
Strength of ideas – 25%	Includes recognizable point being made, solid support of your view
Style – 20%	Includes originality of approach, appealing presentation
Writing usage/grammar – 15%	Includes correct use of words, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure.

Final judging: Students who write the six highest scoring essays will be invited to give a speech of their essays at a banquet honoring REC's youth program winners. Judges will determine the winners of the all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. at that time.

Prizes: The top three finalists will be awarded expense paid trips to Washington D.C. for National Youth Tour Week, June 9 - 15, 2017. The three remaining finalists will be runners-up and will be awarded expense paid trips to Steamboat Springs, Colorado for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 14 - 20, 2017.

Note: *Should any of the top three finalists be unable to attend Youth Tour, a runner-up (in the order of scoring) will then receive the trip. Also, family members (as defined in REC's Bylaws and Policies) of REC Trustees and Employees are not eligible to participate in the Youth Tour competition.*

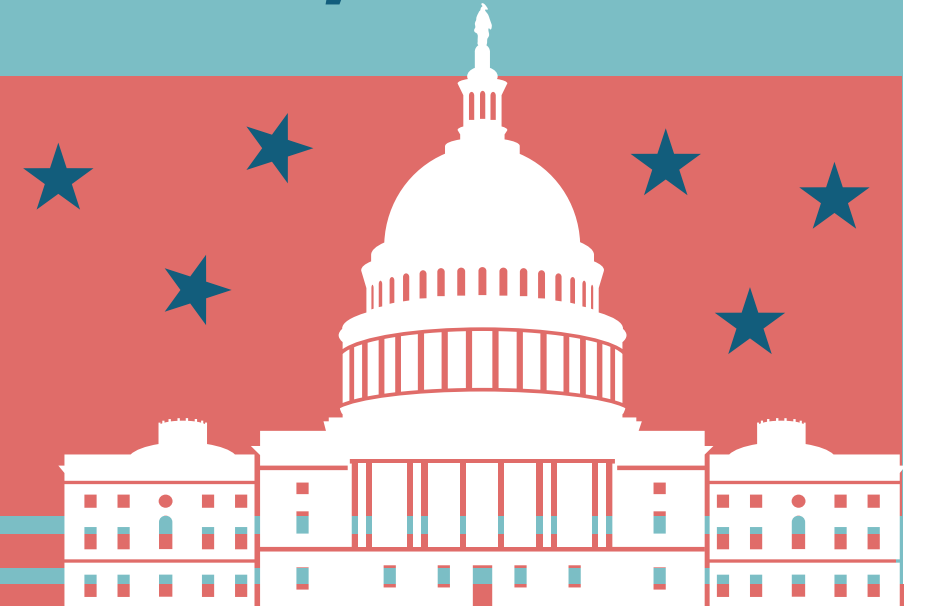
Entries will be picked up by REC personnel on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Questions concerning the essay or the camp should be directed to the Member Services and Marketing Department of Rural Electric Cooperative in Lindsay at 405-756-3104 ext. 238.

Visit REC's website www.recok.coop for resource materials.

YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

→ **JUNE 9-15, 2017**

Oklahoma Youth Tour is an annual, weeklong, all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C., for highschool students selected and sponsored by their local rural electric cooperative.



I would like to apply for the 2017 Oklahoma Youth Tour. I am a high school junior and understand the material I submit in this contest becomes the property of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives for use at its discretion. I agree to abide by the rules of the contest and the judges.

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Name (as appears on drivers license)

Birthdate: (Month/Day/Year)

Cooperative

Gender:

M / F (circle one)

High School and Teacher

T-Shirt Size:

S M L XL 2XL 3XL (circle one)

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Student Cell Phone

Polo Size:

S M L XL 2XL 3XL (circle one)

Student Email

Home Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____