

# Rules for Rural Electric Cooperative's 2018 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 12, 2018.

## Essay topic:

*“What do you feel is the best method of generating reliable electricity for our future and why?”*

**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:

<b>Knowledge of subject – 40%</b>	Includes a demonstrated understanding of material, relevance of information, direct understanding of subject
<b>Strength of ideas – 25%</b>	Includes recognizable point being made, solid support of your view
<b>Style – 20%</b>	Includes originality of approach, appealing presentation
<b>Writing usage/grammar – 15%</b>	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 8 - 14, 2018. 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 13 - 19, 2018.

**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.*

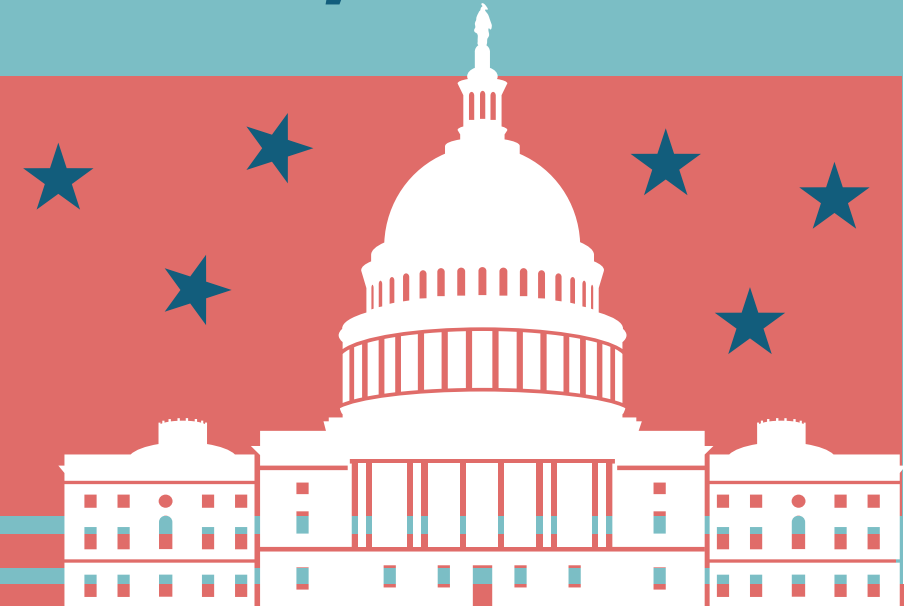
Questions concerning the essay, or the trips should be directed to the Member Services and Marketing Department of Rural Electric Cooperative in Lindsay at 405-756-3104 ext. 238.

**Visit REC's website [www.recok.coop](http://www.recok.coop) for resource materials.**

# YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

→ **JUNE 8-14, 2018**

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 2018 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

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T-Shirt Size:

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

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): \_\_\_\_\_

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