



COOKE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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2018 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Cooke County Electric Cooperative sponsors the Government in Action Youth Tour, a week long all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., coordinated by Texas Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The 2018 Youth Tour will be held June 6-15. The winner of this year's contest will travel to Austin to begin the journey to Washington, D.C. Students will tour the Governor's mansion, the Texas State Capitol and the Bob Bullock Museum and then depart for Washington D.C. to join the other 1500 students from across the United States.

Highlights of the trip include a visit to your congressional offices, tours of historic monuments, memorials and the Smithsonian Institute. The tour group will travel to Arlington National Cemetery, Washington National Cathedral, the Supreme Court and to the Library of Congress as well as other special attractions.

In addition to taking in the sights and sounds around the nation's capital, all of the state groups will convene for Rural Electric Day and an evening of dinner and dancing.

Eligibility Requirements:

Student must currently be enrolled in an area high school as a Junior or Senior and reside full time in a home currently served by Cooke County Electric Cooperative Association and his/her parent(s) or guardian must be a CCECA member with an active residential account.

Students can enter the contest by delivering an essay to CCECA, 11799 W US Hwy 82, Muenster, TX 76252 or by mail to CCECA, PO Box 530, Muenster, TX 76252 or by email to Carolyn.powell@cceca.com, by **5p.m. Friday, February 9, 2018**. The essay must be an original composition by the student, 300 words or more.

Essay Topic:

All cooperatives adhere to seven guiding principles, one being **CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY**. Please explain why you believe this cooperative principle has already benefitted you or how it may benefit you in the future. (You may visit our website www.cceca.com to learn more about the seven cooperative principles.)

Finalists Selection:

Finalists will be selected prior to February 12, 2018 and be interviewed by a panel of judges thereafter. The winner will be awarded the trip and \$500 cash. The runner-up will receive a \$1000.00 college scholarship.

If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Powell, CCECA Marketing Coordinator at (940) 759-2211 or email carolyn.powell@cceca.com. Information is posted on our website, www.cceca.com, under the community tab.



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2018 Youth Tour Application

Entries must be received by **FEBRUARY 9, 2018**

Applicants Name: _____

Name of High School: _____

School Classification: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Father/Guardian name: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mother/ Guardian: _____

Name of Employer _____

Phone Number: _____

CCECA Account # _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ATTACHED APPLICATION WAS PREPARED AND WRITTEN BY ME
AND I AGREE TO PERMIT THE REVIEW OF THIS APPLICATION BY MEMBERS OF CCECA.**

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD IS COMPETING TO WIN A 9-Day, ALL EXPENSES PAID TRIP (\$2,950.00 value) TO WASHINGTON D.C., June 6-15, 2018, AND \$500.00 CASH, SPONSORED BY COOKE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

If selected, I authorize CCECA to take and use my child's photo in various publications.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____