



# Big Bend Electric Cooperative

## National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour Program

Program winners will attend the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington D.C.  
June 18-26, 2020

### Program Objectives

- To educate rural youth about cooperative principles.
- To educate youth in the principles and practices of the American democratic system.
- To promote rural electrification and educate youth about rural electric cooperatives.

### Eligibility

- To be eligible to compete:
  1. The student must be a high school junior.
  2. The student or their parents or guardians must be Big Bend Electric Co-op members at the time of application and selection.
  3. The student must be receiving good grades, have a neat appearance, and be able to get along well with other people. Verification of grades needs to be signed by your school counselor.

### Applications

- The Co-op will provide information packets and applications to eligible students either through school counselors or through Big Bend Electric Co-op.
- Interested students must submit applications by the **deadline date of November 14, 2019.**
- Along with their application the student must submit a 500-650 word essay on a topic selected by Big Bend Electric Co-op.
- There can be up to five finalists chosen for the interview process. Interviews will be scheduled for the week of December 2 - 5, 2019. Following the interview of these five, two finalists and one alternate will be selected. The finalists will represent Big Bend Electric Co-op as representatives of the Washington state delegation at the 2020 NRECA Youth Tour in Washington D.C. If a finalist is unable to make the trip, the alternate will take their place.

### Application Evaluation

- Essay 30%
- Scholastic Record 20%
- School, Community, & Leadership Activities 25%
- The five highest scoring students will reach the interview process
- Interview 25%

### Youth Tour Winners

- Will attend the Big Bend Electric Co-op annual meeting in February in order to be introduced to its members.
- Travel to Washington D.C. to attend the NRECA Youth Tour in June 2020.
- Compete against other state of Washington participants at the DC Youth Tour to be chosen as the Washington representative to the following year's NRECA annual meeting.

**Big Bend Electric Cooperative  
2019-20 School Year**

**NRECA Youth Tour Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Mo/Day/Year

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Home Schooled: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Big Bend Electric Co-op Account # \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ **I certify this applicant's cumulative GPA. Counselor's signature or**

**Parent's signature if home-schooled** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Extra-Curricular activities you have been or currently are involved (Choir, Drama, Sports, etc.):

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Please list any Honors or Awards you have received, both in and out of school:

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Please list any offices held both in and out of school:

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Please list any work history (this would include any farm activities, agricultural projects, 4-H, FBLA, FFA, etc.)

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Please list any career goals you have set for yourself:

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I am a high school junior and my parent(s) and or guardian(s) are receiving electrical service from Big Bend Electric Cooperative. I understand that I am required to submit a 500-650 word essay entitled: **“The fundamental differences between investor-owned utilities, municipalities, and rural electric cooperatives.”** I have read and understand that my application and essay are to be submitted to Big Bend Electric Cooperative **no later than November 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.** or I will not be considered for the Youth Tour program. I will need to be available during the week of December 2-5, 2019 for a scheduled interview to be done by a panel selected by Big Bend Electric Co-op.

I understand that, if selected to represent Big Bend Electric Co-op at the 2020 Youth Tour, I will do my best to attend the next Big Bend Electric Co-op annual meeting in February.

I understand the if I am selected to represent Big Bend Electric Co-op and, for some unforeseen reason, I am not able to attend the 2020 Youth Tour, I must notify Big Bend Electric Co-op immediately so that an alternate may make the trip to Washington D.C.

Applicant’s signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_