

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 14-20, 2019

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 1, 2018**.
- 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 November 26, 2018. 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 2019 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 March in order to be introduced to its members.
- Travel to Washington D.C. to attend the NRECA Youth Tour in June 2019.
- 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
2018-19 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.):

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

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

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

Please list any career goals you have set for yourself:

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 effect of social media on political issues.”** I have read and understand that my application and essay are to be submitted to Big Bend Electric Cooperative **no later than November 1, 2018 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 November 26, 2018 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 2019 Youth Tour, I will do my best to attend the next Big Bend Electric Co-op annual meeting in March.

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 2019 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 _____