

# SOUTHERN RIVERS ENERGY WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION



APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2018

## Our Story

In 1957, Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago. The Senator and future president declared, "If one thing comes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents." Since then, Nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this program.

Our commitment to community is what sets cooperatives apart from other businesses and the Washington Youth Tour is one way we show the youth of our service area that their co-op is more than their electricity provider. We genuinely care about the prosperity of our communities, and that includes providing special opportunities for these exceptional students and preparing them for future success.

## Purpose

The Washington Youth Tour is a leadership opportunity and educational experience like no other. Sponsored by local electric cooperatives like Southern Rivers Energy, this trip is awarded to exceptional high school students who compete for a chance to tour Washington, D.C. along with more than 100 other teens from across the state and more than 1400 teens from across the country!

## Travel Dates & Cost

The 2018 Youth Tour dates are: June 7-14, 2018. All travel expenses to and from Atlanta to Washington DC, meals, lodging, and scheduled event fees will be covered by Southern Rivers Energy.

## Eligibility

All student who will be 16 years or older by June 1, 2018 and attends any public or private school located in one of Southern Rivers Energy's service territory counties (Bibb, Coweta, Crawford, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike, Spalding and Upson) are eligible to apply.

## Contest & Judging

The contest consists of a written test comprised of 50 multiple choice, true-false, fill in the blank and essay questions covering topics such as the history of rural electrification, Southern Rivers Energy, the basics of how electricity works, electrical safety, and the cooperative business model.

Students are given a study packet of material several weeks before the contest and the highest scoring individuals on the written test go on to participate in an interview where the winners are then chosen based on poise, leadership qualities, school activities, community service and knowledge of material.

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## 2018 CONTEST SCHEDULE:

Application Deadline - Feb. 2

Study Packets Emailed and Mailed - Feb. 5

Students take test at SRE Office - Feb. 22 at 4 PM

Interviews for highest scoring individuals - Feb. 27 from 11 AM - 1 PM

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 1, 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are your parent(s)/guardian(s)  Members  Employee  Board of Director of an electric cooperative?

Which electric cooperative? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever visited Washington DC? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

List any scholastic awards (national or local) received:

\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST ANY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR CLUBS YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LIST ANY EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED UB (SUCH AS SCOUTS, CHURCH, COMMUNITY, ETC.):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR WYT STUDY GUIDE:     DIGITAL COPY     HARD COPY     BOTH**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please attach at least one letter of reference that recommends you to be considered as a Southern Rivers Energy Washington Youth Tour delegate.

**TAPE OR PASTE  
STUDENT HEADSHOT  
HERE**

PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED SIZE OF BOX

**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

I have given my son/daughter permission to enter the 2018 Southern Rivers Energy Washington Youth Tour contest and participate in the tour should he/she be chosen as a delegate. If chosen as a delegate, my son/daughter will be available to participate in the tour June 7-14, 2018.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_