



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 19-24, 2022

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 December 1, 2021**.
- 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 January 10-13, 2022. 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 2022 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%
 - Interview 25%
- The five highest scoring students will reach the interview process

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 2022.
- 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
2021-22 School Year**

NRECA Youth Tour Application

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

Address: _____ Phone #: _____
_____ Home Schooled: Yes _____ No _____

Email: _____

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: _____

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: **“How does hydropower affect the local economy?”** I have read and understand that my application and essay are to be submitted to Big Bend Electric Cooperative **no later than December 1, 2021 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 January 10-13, 2022 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 2022 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 2021 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 _____