



2022 Youth Tour Application



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TO: Youth Tour Applicants
FROM: Robin Feezer, Office Manager
DATE: November 15, 2021
SUBJECT: Washington, DC Youth Tour

The Wyoming Rural Electric Association, on behalf of rural electric cooperatives in Wyoming, is sponsoring a trip for three high school students to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washington, DC. The 2022 Youth Tour is June 13-19.

You are eligible to apply for this exciting experience because your parents are members of a Wyoming Electric Cooperative. Besides recognizing youth leadership in Wyoming, our purpose is to educate young people about our Nation's history and electric cooperatives. Information concerning the Youth Tour, the Youth Leadership Council and a proposed itinerary from a previous Youth Tour are attached.


In addition, one of the students selected for the Youth Tour will also be eligible to represent Wyoming as a member of the NRECA Youth Leadership Council (YLC). As one of 41 members of the YLC, this student will attend a leadership conference along with the February 2023 NRECA annual meeting.

WREA and NRECA will pay travel, lodging, meals and group excursion expenses. The winner will be responsible for non-essential expenses such as souvenirs.

If you wish to apply, please complete and return the attached forms, **along with two letters of recommendation**, by **Monday, January 10th**. You may fax (307-634-0728), email (rfeezer@wyomingrea.org) or mail your information to WREA (Attn: Youth Tour, 2312 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001)

Members of the WREA Board of Directors and staff will review the application materials and conduct the interviews. **The interviews will be scheduled for January 17th in Cheyenne** and notices will be emailed out regarding the details. **If you are not available to come to Cheyenne for the interviews we can do a Zoom interview.** All of the students interviewed will be contacted with the Committee's decision as soon as possible following the interviews.

Due to restrictions in Washington DC students will need to have proof of Covid 19 vaccination. While traveling to and touring Washington DC we will abide by all CDC Covid 19 guidelines and any federal, state or city mandates that are implemented at that time.



We will be testing the students prior to leaving Cheyenne for Covid 19. If a student test positive we will retest. If a second test comes back positive that student will not be able to participate in Youth Tour and will need to return home. If you prefer to have your student tested prior to coming to Cheyenne please contact me to work out the details.

If a student shows signs of Covid 19 while in Washington DC they will be given a rapid test. If that test comes back positive we will take them to a clinic to have a regular test done. While we are waiting on results the student will be quarantined at the hotel. If the regular test comes back positive they will be quarantined until they are cleared for travel back to Wyoming. At no time will the students be left alone in the hotel. There will always be a chaperone at the hotel with them. Parents will be contacted prior to and after testing.

If a student's roommate test positive the roommate will be moved and we will test the remaining roommates every day for the rest of the trip to make sure they are not positive too.

If we have a worse case scenario and a student needs to be admitted to a hospital while in Washington DC the parents will be contacted immediately and asked to fly out to be with their student.

We will do everything in our power to make this a safe, fun experience for your student. We are working closely with NRECA to ensure this.



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APPLICATION COVER LETTER

Name (*As it appears on your Driver's License*): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Participants: Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Can you send and receive text messages? Yes _____ No _____

Participants e-mail: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____

Parents: _____

Mother Cell Phone: _____ Father Cell Phone: _____

Mother Daytime Phone: _____ Father Daytime Phone: _____

Parents e-mail: _____

I send the majority of the information via email, please make sure to check emails on a regular basis.

Name of your local electric cooperative: _____

Name and Address of School: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____



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Name: _____

Grade (2021-2022): _____ Year of Graduation: _____

GPA Last Year: _____ Major Study Interest: _____

Tell us a little about your favorite classes at school: _____

What activities you have participated in and any awards or special honors you have received; such as class officer, plays, music, athletics, etc. Please include the year(s) you were involved:

What about your extra curricular activities; such as 4-H, FCCLA, FFA, church, volunteer service or community projects, etc. Please include the year(s) you were involved:

List any public speaking or writing experience; such as school newspaper, yearbook, etc.:

What types of work experience do you have? _____

What did you most enjoy about the Energy Camp (this question is optional)? _____

What most interests you about electric cooperatives and the electricity industry in general?

Why would you like to attend Youth Tour? _____

What are your plans after you graduate? _____

(CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY.)