



East Central Energy

Dear Youth Tour applicant:

Thank you for participating in the East Central Energy (ECE) 2025 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour contest. I hope you will find your participation challenging and rewarding.

Please complete the attached application, then either write an essay of at least 400 words or provide a video essay of at least 3 minutes on the following topic:

East Central Energy is a member-owned electric cooperative, organized in 1936 by farmers who had to be resilient to bring electricity to their local communities. Tell us about a time your resilience helped you overcome a challenge.

To find additional information that may help you with your essay, visit the following websites:
eastcentralenergy.com
nreca.coop
mrea.org
greatriverenergy.com

The essay and application must be returned to me at ECE's Braham Headquarters by 4:30 p.m. February 27, 2025.

The applicants receiving the highest judging scores on their essay will be asked to meet in Braham for an interview. The top two students will travel, all expenses paid, to Washington, D.C. June 16-25, 2025.

Please contact me at 763-689-8031 or email desiree.cuda@ecemn.com with questions.

Don't forget the February 27 deadline. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Desiree Cuda

Community Relations Coordinator

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2025 Washington D.C. Youth Tour**

APPLICATION FORM

Full legal name: _____

Cell phone #: _____

Home phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Major Study Interests:

Hobbies:

Career Goals:

How would you apply the information and experiences gained on the Youth Tour in your future?

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2025 Youth Tour Essay

Instructions: write an essay of at least 400 words:

East Central Energy is a member-owned electric cooperative, organized in 1936 by farmers who had to be innovative to bring electricity to their local communities. Tell us about a time your innovation helped you overcome a challenge or solve a problem.

Youth Tour Essay continued