

2023

Nueces Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Tour Application



The deadline for submitting this completed application is **Friday, January 13, 2023** at 5 p.m. through one of the following avenues:

Online: <https://nueceselectric.org/youth-leadership-tour>

Mail: Nueces Electric Cooperative, Attn: Communications, 14353 Cooperative Ave., Robstown, TX 78380

Email: Communications@nueceselectric.org

Fax: 361.933.1178

For additional information, email Communications@nueceselectric.org or call 361-387-2581.



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Details and Itinerary:

The Government-in-Action Youth Leadership Tour 2023 is an all-expense-paid trip for high school students to learn about different aspects of the government, meet their members of Congress and visit historical sites. This year, Nueces Electric Cooperative will send two delegates from the cooperative to participate. The trip will begin in Austin, Texas on Sunday, June 11 and continue on to tour sites in Washington D.C. before the trip concludes in Austin on Tuesday, June 20. Transportation between NEC and Austin will be provided by the cooperative as well. Each winning applicant will receive the travel package, valued at \$3,600, and will join more than 120 high school students for a tour of the Texas State Capitol, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court, Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Institution and many other national sites. The travel package includes air transportation to and from Washington D.C., hotel stay, meals, admission fees, and \$250 cash for miscellaneous expenses. **PLUS: Each winner will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship, should they attend an accredited Texas college or University.**

Eligibility and Guidelines:

1. Applicant must be a high school student in junior year of high school and must not have already participated in Youth Tour through any Texas Cooperative.
2. Applicant must have consent of and reside in the home with a parent or legal guardian who is a current member of Nueces Electric Cooperative.
3. Applicant must return the completed application and essay along with a recent head and shoulder digital photo by **Friday, January 13, 2023**. Applications can be submitted online or via mail, email (Communications@nueceselectric.org), or fax (361.933.1178).
4. Essay must be **400-600 words** in length, typed and double-spaced on the topic of: **"How can an electric cooperative, like NEC, engage its members to better educate them about electricity issues and their Co-op?"** All essays become NEC property.
5. Applications will be scored on accuracy of information, grammar, originality and content. Applicants must be able to interview in-person or via skype on **Monday, January 23, 2023**, if they are selected as Finalists.
6. From the group of Finalists, the Winners will be selected based on the score from their essay and their interview with a panel of judges where they will be scored based on simple knowledge of the Cooperative, knowledge of government, poise, and communication skills. (Possible interview questions will be provided to Finalists ahead of time.)
7. Each Winner must be able to participate in all aspects of the Youth Leadership Tour from **June 11-June 20, 2023**, must be able to fly in an airplane and ride in a car or bus for up to 12 hours a day (with breaks).
8. Each Winner must also be able to attend the June 2023 Board of Directors Meeting as well as the October 2023 Annual Meeting to speak on behalf of Youth Tour to encourage others to apply.
9. The Winner's guardian must sign a waiver of release for the Winner to participate on the Youth Tour.
10. A First Runner-Up will be named to take the place of the Winner should they be unable to meet these requirements or is found to be a poor representative of the Cooperative.



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2023 Essay Topic:

How can an electric cooperative, like NEC, engage its members to better educate them about electricity issues and their Co-op?

Applicant's Name: _____ **T-shirt Size:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **High School:** _____

HS City: _____ **HS County:** _____

By signing below, I attest that I fully understand all of the rules and eligibility requirements of this contest and what will be required of me in the event that I should win. I hereby acknowledge that the attached application and essay was prepared and written by me and I agree to permit NEC to review this application.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: Mother _____ **Father** _____

Contact Phone Number: Mother _____ **Father** _____

Email: Mother _____ **Father** _____

NEC Account #: _____ **Primary Account Holder:** Mother Father

I understand that my child is competing to win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. on June 11-June 20, 2023, sponsored by Nueces Electric Cooperative (NEC). I further acknowledge that I am an NEC member, and the above named applicant is my child and is living in my home. In the event that they are selected to be an NEC Youth Tour recipient, I grant unrestricted permission for my child's name and image to be used in print, video and digital media. I agree that these images may be used by Nueces Electric Cooperative for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____