



Sponsored by North Plains Electric Cooperative

Youth Tour Contest

Why Apply for Youth Tour?

The Texas Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is more than just a trip to Washington, D.C., it's a chance to grow as a leader and gain leadership experience, make new friends, and experience our nation's capital in a way most students never get to.

North Plains Electric Cooperative will send **2** lucky high school students on a **FREE, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.** as part of the 2026 Youth Tour!

Application Deadline: December 30, 2025 @11:59 p.m.

Interview Date: January 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (Perryton location)

Youth Tour Trip: **June 14–21, 2026**



Requirements to Apply

1. Must be a high school **sophomore, junior or senior** (public, private, or homeschooled).
2. Must live within NPEC's service territory (Hutchinson, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, or Roberts counties). You do **not** have to be a co-op member to apply.
3. Must have parent or guardian permission to participate.
4. Must be in good academic standing in all classes.
5. Completed ***application and video*** must be submitted by December 30, 2025.

Applications may be typed or handwritten.

Applications are available:

At your high school

At the NPEC (Perryton) office

Online at www.npec.org/youth-tour

How to Submit

Email, Mail or Deliver in Person:

North Plains Electric Cooperative

Attn: Youth Tour

P.O. Box 1008

Perryton, TX 79070

Email: youth_tour@npec.org

Additional Information

If you email your application, you will receive a confirmation response.

Your video is an important part of the selection process. **Judges** will use your video, along with your application, to help choose the top candidates who will then be **INVITED** to the in-person interviews on January 21, 2026.

You will be notified IF your application was denied for the following reasons:

If you do not meet eligibility requirements, complete your application or are not a part of the top selected candidates.

Application Form

Student Full Name:
Mailing Address (City, State, ZIP)
Student Phone:
Student Email:
Date of Birth & Age:
High School Name & Grade:
Parent/Guardian Names:
Parent Email & Phone:

Parent/Guardian Permission Form

I/We give permission for _____ to apply for the 2026 Youth Tour trip with North Plains Electric Cooperative.

We expect all students to follow the rules and meet behavior expectations throughout the trip. If a student is removed due to misconduct, parents/guardians will be responsible for arranging their return home and covering any associated costs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Part 1 – School Activities

List clubs, sports, honors, or other high school activities you've been involved in.

Part 2 – Community Involvement

List your participation in 4-H, church, volunteering, and other community groups.

Part 3 – Tell Us Why!

Send us a short video explaining **why you want to be part of the Youth Tour, and what do you hope to gain from the experience?**

Email video to: youth_tour@npec.org

Then write us a short paragraph explaining **what leadership means to you, and how have you demonstrated it in your life?**

Part 4 – References

Provide **two** references:

*One teacher

*One community leader (pastor, employer, coach, etc.)

(Print) Reference name and title: _____ Phone: _____

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Important:

*Each reference will be required to send a recommendation letter directly to NPEC, either by email, mail or in person. The **only requirement** for the student is to obtain a **signature** from each reference, confirming they were asked to submit a letter on the student's behalf.*

Recommendation letters should be sent to:

youth_tour@npec.org

Teacher Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____

1. How long have you known this student, and in what role (teacher, coach, advisor, etc.)?

2. How would you describe this student's personality and character?

3. What kind of impact does this student have in your classroom or school environment?

Please rate the student in the following areas:

(Place an "X" under the column that best describes the student.)

Trait	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Maturity					
Willingness to Work with Others					
Academic/Personal Potential					
Leadership Ability					
Motivation/Desire to Succeed					
Attitude					
Confidence					
Responsibility					
Social Skills					

Additional Comments:

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Teacher email recommendation letter to: youth_tour@npec.org

Community Leader Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____

1. How long have you known this student, and in what role (pastor, employer, coach, etc.)?

2. How would you describe this student's character and involvement in the community?

3. What kind of impact has this student had on their activities or service?

Please rate the student in the following areas:

(Place an "X" under the column that best describes the student.)

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Personal Potential					
Leadership Ability					
Motivation/Desire to Succeed					
Attitude					
Confidence					
Responsibility					
Social Skills					

Additional Comments:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Community Leader email recommendation letter to: youth_tour@npec.org

Interview & Judging

You'll be interviewed by a panel of judges. They'll evaluate you on:

- Your written application
- How well you express yourself
- Knowledge of electric cooperatives
- Personality

Be ready to talk about your interests, goals, and what you've learned about co-ops.

A study sheet about NPEC and electric cooperatives is included in your packet—questions will come from it!



Before You Submit — Final Checklist

- Application form (page 3)
- Part 1: School Activities (page 4)
- Part 2: Community Activities (page 4)
 - Part 3: Tell Us why! (page 5)
- Part 4: Two recommendation signatures (page 5)

REMINDERS

Students, you will **NOT** submit **PAGES 6 & 7** from your application.
– this shall come directly by email or dropped off in person by your reference person.

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