

EnerStar Electric Cooperative 2019 Youth Tour Application



What is Youth Day and Youth Tour

For over 50 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials. EnerStar's Youth Tour program consists of two separate events - the Youth Day in Springfield and the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Youth Day in Springfield

Each year, nearly 300 outstanding students get an up close and first-hand look at democracy in action when they meet their elected representatives during Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day. Participants will tour the Capitol, visit the Abraham Lincoln Museum and meet students from across Illinois. The next event will be held on April 2018.

Youth to Washington

Co-operative winners also travel by charter bus for an all-expense paid tour of Washington, D.C. There they will create lasting memories and friendships during the week-long tour. Visits and sites include the Civil War Battlefield at Gettysburg, the National Cathedral, Smithsonian Museums, George Washington's home, Supreme Court, Kennedy Center, Arlington National Cemetery, Holocaust Museum, and many other sites. There is also a special twilight Potomac River Boat Cruise. This year's Youth Tour to Washington will be held June 7-17, 2019.

Youth Leadership Council

During Youth Tour, you can have the chance to be selected to represent your state on the NRECA Youth Leadership Council (YLC). One student from each state is selected and they will come back to Washington, D.C., in July for a leadership workshop which will focus on the electric cooperative industry.

The purpose of the YLC conference is to build leadership and public speaking skills, and to enhance the delegates' knowledge of the energy industry and the cooperative form of business. These students will also make presentations at their statewide and local cooperative annual meetings. Each student will prepare a 5-7 minute speech about what inspired them during their Youth Tour trip. Consult our YouTube channel for examples of prior speeches.

Also, the YLC National Spokesperson will be selected to address the membership at the NRECA Annual Meeting and to address the Youth Tour delegates the following year. Members of the YLC play an important role during NRECA's Annual Meeting the following spring.



Youth Tour - Rules for Entry

- To apply, applicants must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in the fall of 2019.
- Applicants must reside in the EnerStar service territory and receive their electricity from EnerStar Electric Cooperative. The account does not necessarily have to be in the parent's name (renters, farm accounts) but the student must reside in the home served by EnerStar
- Two winners will be selected to represent EnerStar Electric Cooperative
- Selection criteria is based on their completed application
- Confidential applications (names blacked out) will be by a panel of employees and directors from EnerStar Electric Cooperative. Their decision is final.
- Winners will be asked to attend the cooperative's annual meeting in March the year following their tour to briefly discuss their experience
- Alternates will be selected but not notified unless winners are unable to attend

Youth Day Dress Code

Boys' Apparel:

- shirts with collars – no t-shirts
- casual slacks – ex. Dockers – no jeans
- sport coats and/or shirt and tie are acceptable but not necessary
- comfortable shoes

Girls' Apparel:

- casual dresses, skirts and blouses or sweaters, or slacks – no jeans
- suits of slacks and jackets acceptable but not necessary
- comfortable shoes – prefer flats or dress sandals – **no flip flops**

You will have your picture taken with the legislator from your district and it will be viewed in your local newspapers.



EnerStar Electric Cooperative Youth to Washington Application

Application must be submitted no later than January 31, 2019

Name: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Your Cell Number: _____

Parents Cell Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Parents Email Address: _____

T-Shirt Size (mark with an X)

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

High School Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

Please use a separate sheet of paper to complete the next four questions:

1. Personal Achievement (include both School and Non-School Activities)

Please list your participation in school-related activities, community involvement, religious, jobs, or other non-school related organizations. Include the organization, number of years, special awards, recognitions, accomplishments/remarks.

2. What are your plans after high school?

3. Co-ops can provide many different services such as electric, telephone, water, food, insurance, etc. In your opinion, please explain the benefits of being a cooperative member.

4. Why are you applying for the Youth Tour to Washington?

By submitting this application, I verify my eligibility to participate in the Youth Day/Tour events including Youth Day and Youth Tour. Box must be checked by student completing application.

Student Name

Date

I hereby give my consent for the above named student to participate in the Youth Day in Springfield and the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. if selected as a winner. Box must be checked by the parent or guardian of the above student.

Parent Name

Date