



2018 Youth Tour Contest

Experience the Wonder of Washington, D.C., June 8-14, 2018

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Contest Guidelines

Student Eligibility:

This contest is open to any high school junior who attends a high school in the Boone Electric Cooperative service area. Home-schooled students are also eligible to apply if they reside within Boone Electric's geographical service area. (*Children of BEC Directors are not eligible to enter.*)

Application Content:

The following items must be submitted to be considered for the Youth Tour competition finals:

- A signed and dated copy of the completed 2018 Youth Tour application.
- A brief paragraph stating why you would like to be chosen as a delegate to represent Boone Electric Cooperative at the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.
- A brief paragraph, in your own words, explaining the theme:
"People Helping People - The Electric Cooperative Story."
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or recognized youth organization leader.

Application Delivery and Deadline:

Applications must be received in Boone Electric's office, postmarked or email time-stamped by **no later than Friday, March 16, 2018, at 5 p.m.**

Applications are to be sent or delivered to:

BEC Youth Tour Contest, 1413 Rangeline St., P.O. Box 797, Columbia, MO 65205, or email applications to Communications@BooneElectric.com.

Finalists:

Three judges will review the applications and essays, along with your letter of recommendation, to determine top candidates to invite for an interview and written exam. The 10-minute interviews and the short true/false exam will be conducted during the Youth Tour finals competition and reception at the Boone Electric Cooperative headquarters the evening of Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Finalists will be notified no later than April 4, 2018, if they have been selected for the Youth Tour finals competition.

Boone Electric Cooperative will send up to four students to Washington, D.C., based on the number of applications received. Finalists who are not selected as Youth Tour delegates will receive a \$500 non-renewable college scholarship to be awarded the first semester of the finalist's freshman year of college.

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Judging:

Application questions are worth a total of 5 points each, one of the essay questions is worth 10 points for a combined total of 30 points.

If you are selected to compete in the Youth Tour finals...

The Youth Tour finals will consist of a 10-minute interview and a 20-question true/false exam. The interview is worth a total of 50 points and will be judged on how well you understand electric cooperatives and how you present yourself. The Youth Tour true/false exam, based on Boone Electric Cooperative history, is worth 20 points. Study packets will be provided for the interview and exam.

Total possible points for the application, interview and written exam is 100 points. Up to four finalists, with the highest total scores, will be chosen to represent Boone Electric in Washington, D.C., June 8-14, 2018.

Judges decisions are final.

Resource Material:

Reference material about BEC is available on the Cooperative's website at www.booneelectric.coop or at the Cooperative's office at 1413 Rangeline St., in Columbia. *Boone Electric Cooperative will provide all finalists with packets of information to study for the interview and exam.*

Delegate Duties:

Youth Tour delegates *must* be available from **June 8-14, 2018**, for the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Youth Tour delegates must also attend the BEC Annual Meeting on **Friday, July 13, 2018**. An opportunity to participate in job shadowing at Boone Electric Cooperative's headquarters will also be available.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact the Boone Electric Cooperative Communications Team at 573-449-4181 or by email at Communications@BooneElectric.com.

Where can I find out more about Youth Tour?

www.BooneElectric.coop/YT

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