



RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR – Washington, D.C.
2022 Application
Sponsored by Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____ Current Grade Level: 11th _____ 12th _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

FMEC Account # _____

How did you hear about the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour opportunity?

Please list your current activities, sports, hobbies, and community activities:

What is one interesting thing you learned from our website: www.fmec.coop

**Completed application, letter of recommendation, photo & essay response
are due to Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative's office
by 3:30pm, Friday, February 11, 2022, to be considered.**

Tour Dates: June 14 through 19, 2022

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a junior or senior in high school and reside in the FMEC service territory.
- Must be the child or dependent of a FMEC member.
- Must be available for interview on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 (after school/early evening) if chosen to advance. Interviews will be held at Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative.
- Must be available for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 14 through June 19, 2022.
- Awarded delegate must agree to present to the FMEC Board of Directors upon return of trip.

Application Submission:

- Application form may be submitted via webform at www.fmec.coop, by clicking on the “Community” tab – Youth Tour. If you prefer, you may download the printable version and submit to Lori Jimenez at lori.jimenez@fmec.coop or drop off at our office. **Applications are due in our office by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022.**
- Be sure to Include the below with your application submission:
 - A letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or youth organization leader.
 - A high-resolution photo in headshot/portrait format. The photo will be publicized in announcements and holds no bearing in the application process. Your submission of this photo constitutes your and your parent(s)/guardian(s) permission to use the photo in announcements or other promotional materials.
 - A YouTube video link or essay response, to the essay question (s). Multiple applicants cannot submit the same video. The video must be your own original creation.
 - If using YouTube, please set privacy to ‘unlisted’ and email the link.

I understand that if I am selected:

- I agree to be available for the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 14 – 19, 2022, and attend an FMEC Board Meeting in June or July to recap the tour, to our directors.
- I agree to attend the interview process on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.
- For some unforeseen reason I am not able to fulfill my obligation, I must notify Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative immediately, so an alternate may be considered.
- I agree to allow FMEC to publish my name and/or photographs in their newsletter, on the website and social media, etc.

Parent/Guardian Consent: I/we hereby give my/our dependent high school junior or senior permission to enter the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. contest. I/we understand if he/she wins, I/we will be responsible for providing his/her own transportation to and from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. By signing this form, we agree the below named student is making a commitment and are obligated to attend the Youth Tour.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian/Custodial Signature

Date

Youth Tour Questions

Please respond to both questions with a video upload of approximately 3-4 minutes or a written/typed essay of around 500 words.

Be unique, be creative, be yourself and have fun!

1. *What do you hope to be your personal “take-aways” from representing Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative as our local Delegate to this national Youth Tour?*
2. *Why is the reliability of electricity critical for the future of America? In your explanation, please refer to your own firsthand experience gained during the past two years under COVID restrictions.*

Selection:

- All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will be considered.
- **Preliminary Selection** – A judging committee will select up to five (5) applicants to advance to the interview process.
- **Final Selection** – The final judging will be in the form of an interview process. (March 8th beginning at 3:30pm) Two applicants will be awarded the Youth Tour Experience and two applicants be selected for alternates.
- **Notification** - All applicants will be notified of the outcome as timely as possible.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Currently a junior or senior in high school
- Must reside in FMEC territory
- Completed application form (Page 1 & 2)
- Completed Essay Questions (video or written)
- Photo of yourself
- Letter of recommendation
- If selected, able to attend interview process – March 8th.

RETURN TO:

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