



Youth Tour Application

Deadline February 28, 2026



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____
Phone Number _____ E-mail (****not school e-mail**) _____
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name & Address _____
Access Energy Cooperative Account Number (if applicable) _____
Name & Phone Number of High School _____
Year in School ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior GPA _____

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Up to two students will be chosen to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour on June 14-20, 2026, affording them the opportunity to learn first-hand about electric cooperatives, what it is like to be involved in the political field, community development, and today's social issues. While in Washington D.C., more than 1,400 students from across the country will visit historic sites and museums, meet with their Senators and House Representatives to discuss governmental processes and current issues, and increase their knowledge of electric cooperative utilities and American history.

Students chosen as the 2026 Access Energy Cooperative Youth Tour representatives may qualify to apply for a scholarship up to \$1500 toward post-secondary education. Scholarship applications will be provided to the winners.

Selection criteria will be based on:

- Academics
- School, community, and work involvement
- **Attendance at personal interview on March 12, 2026 is required**
- Preparation for interview, poise, general interaction, and maturity during the interview

Time line

- Deadline to submit this application is February 28, 2026
- Interviews at the Access Energy Cooperative office are March 12, 2026
- Interview times will be sent to applicants after February 28th
 - Interviews are considered excused absences if submitted to the school counselor prior to the interview date
- Winners will be contacted and announced after the interviews.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a sophomore or junior in high school
- Must attend a school in the Access Energy Cooperative service area - applicants are NOT required to be a member of the cooperative

Application Process

Complete both sides of application and submit with high school transcript by February 28, 2026, to:

Youth Tour, % Access Energy Cooperative, P.O. Box 440, Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641; or e-mail to mktg@accessenergycoop.com

Applicant Name _____

Academic/Community Honors _____

School Extra-Curricular Activities _____

Employment History _____

Community Involvement _____

Post high school education plan, including course of study and intended college or institution _____

Why would you like to go to Washington D.C.? _____

If given the opportunity, what issues or topics would you discuss with your congressional representatives? _____
