




# Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## 2025 Youth Tour Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade School Level:  Junior  Senior

Resides at (physical address): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(P.O. Box, Street or Route, City, Zip)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sierra Electric Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not know the member number, please have your parent contact us to obtain it.)

Answer the two essay questions below. Prepare essay questions with your answers on separate sheet(s) of paper and attach to this application.

1. Unlike investor-owned utilities, an electric cooperative is operated by and for the people of the community. Its goal is to provide reliable power, not make a profit. How do you envision the future for electric cooperatives in America?
2. Why should you be chosen as Sierra Electric's delegate to the 2025 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. and what would you expect to gain from the experience?

Your Sierra Electric Member Number, **NOT** your name, should be written on your essay. If more than two qualifying applications are received, the essays are judged by Sierra Electric's Board of Trustees and to keep the contest un-biased, no name shall appear on the essays.

**(See reverse side for additional contest information and requirements)**

# Washington D.C. Youth Tour Information & Requirements

## 2025 Tour

### June 16-21, 2025

Sierra Electric Cooperative is sponsoring an all-expense paid trip for two students to Washington, D.C. as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The winners of this essay contest will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. June 16-21, 2025.

The Youth Tour has three main objectives:

- To educate youth on all aspects of rural electrification, to promote a better understanding of the value of rural electric cooperatives.
- To provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations to become familiar with the historical and political environment of their nation's capital.
- To provide an opportunity for young adults to meet elected officials to better understand how their federal government works.

Contest Rules:

- Applicant must be age 16 - 9
- Applicant must be a dependent of an active Sierra Electric Cooperative member and/or reside in a home served by Sierra Electric Cooperative
- Applicant is required to complete the SEC Youth Tour application and prepare essay responses to the two questions located on the application.

Resource materials that may be helpful to contestants are available at the Sierra Electric Cooperative office or at their school's guidance office. The applicant's essay responses will be judged on the students' knowledge of the subject, originality, composition, neatness and grammar.

**Deadline for submitting completed applications is Friday, January 10, 2025, at 5 p.m.**

Submit completed applications:

**In Person:**

Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
610 Hwy 195  
Elephant Butte, NM 87935

**Mail** (please allow time for postal delivery):

Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P.O. Box 290  
Elephant Butte, NM 87935