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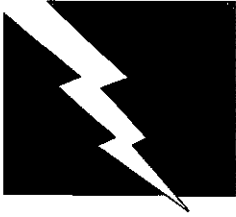
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Govt. In Action Youth Tour

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Please share with eligible students in your high school:

San Bernard Electric Cooperative is proud to announce we will again sponsor two high school students this Summer in Washington D.C. for the Government in Action Youth Tour. The Government-in-Action Youth Tour sends Texas high school students on an educational and fun trip to Washington, D.C., through a nationwide program sponsored by electric cooperatives. Texas' electric cooperatives have been sending students on Youth Tour since 1965, and so far, more than 4,500 Texas youths have gone on this memorable trip.

San Bernard Electric Cooperative will award (2) an all-expense paid trips valued at \$4500 per person to Washington D.C. June 15-22, 2025. Contest winners will join other students from Electric Cooperatives across Texas. This will be an unforgettable look inside U.S. History and Government.

Eligibility Rules and Winner Requirements:

- The winner must be able to participate in the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. on June 15-22, 2025.
- You must have completed your sophomore, junior or senior year of high school by June 2025.
- Live in the home of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who is a current San Bernard member and whose primary residence is in San Bernard's Service Territory.
- **DEADLINE JANUARY 17, 2025:** Submit a completed application form, two short essays, high resolution digital photo and one original letter of recommendation to SBEC postmarked or emailed no later than midnight on January 17, 2025.
- Past SBEC Winners are not eligible.
- Attend orientation and interview on Monday, February 10, at 6pm at the Bellville SBEC Office; 309 West Main, Bellville, Texas 77418.

Please call or email Lari Samford if you have any questions.

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2025 Youth Tour Application



For Office Use
Application #:

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Applicant Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

I certify that I have read the eligibility rules and winner requirements. The information contained in this application is true, complete and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that the attached application was prepared and written by me, and I agree to permit the review of this application by members of the San Bernard Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SBEC Account No.: _____ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: _____

Parent Email Address: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State and Zip: _____

Service Address (if different): _____

Parent Phone No.: _____ Applicant Email Address: _____

I understand that my child is competing to win a 9 day, all-expense paid trip (a \$4,175 value) to Washington, D.C., June 15-23, 2025 sponsored by San Bernard Electric Cooperative (SBEC). I further acknowledge that I am a SBEC member, and the above named applicant is my child and is living in my home. In the event that they are selected to be a SBEC Youth Tour recipient, I grant unrestricted permission for my child's name and image to be used in print, video and digital media. I agree that these images may be used by San Bernard Electric Cooperative for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Essay Format & Topic:

The top six applicants will be chosen based on the merit of the essays they submit. This includes demonstrating an understanding of the subject matter, originality, composition, grammar and neatness. The top six applicants will then be contacted for a personal interview on February 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Bellville Office.

The essays should be typed, no more than 300 words in length, 12-point font and double spaced. It should answer the following questions:

1. ***What is the greatest issue facing your community and how can you be a part of the solution?***
2. ***What are the differences between an electric cooperative and investor-owned utility?***

Please summarize why you wish to go to Washington D.C. below:

A completed application, list of extracurricular activities, high resolution digital photo and essay, and original letter of recommendation must be postmarked or emailed by midnight on Wednesday, January 17, 2025. Digital photos **must** be sent via email to Lsamford@sbec.org.

Applicant's essays are judged anonymously by a committee of members in our community. Live interviews will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 and winners will be announced no later than February 17, 2025.

Application, high resolution digital photo, and essay should be sent to the following:

Mail: San Bernard Electric
Attn: Youth Tour
PO BOX 1208
Bellville, Texas 77418

Email: Lsamford@sbec.org

***All photos must be submitted via email to Lsamford@sbec.org**

Please contact Lari Samford at 979-865-3171 ext. 7747 or Lsamford@sbec.org with any questions.

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YOUTH TOUR

JUNE 15-22, 2025

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Start your adventure at TexasYouthTour.com

Visit [Facebook.com/TexasYouthTourAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/TexasYouthTourAlumni)

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Start your adventure at TexasYouthTour.com
Visit Facebook.com/TexasYouthTourAlumni

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Good afternoon,

Fayette Electric Cooperative is again sponsoring two students on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, and we kindly request your help in identifying outstanding or deserving teenagers who would enjoy and benefit from the fun and educational trip to Washington, D.C.

Youth Tour is a weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to the nation's capital. Our statewide association, Texas Electric Cooperatives, coordinates the trip, which will take place **June 15-22, 2025**.

Students selected for this opportunity join more than 150 of their peers from Texas and some 1,900 other students from across the U.S. on this trip of a lifetime. Designed to give young people insight into national history, Youth Tour expands participants' horizons while educating them about government and cooperatives. Electric cooperatives in Texas have participated in Youth Tour since 1965.

Students and chaperones will gather in Austin and fly to Washington for an action-packed week that includes tours of historic sites, museums, and congressional offices, where they meet with their U.S. representatives. Other highlights of the trip include a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and an evening cruise on the Potomac River. Participants also attend Youth Day, hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, for a day of learning and inspiration.

Please encourage students from your school or organization to apply by **January 17, 2025**. Applications can be found on our website at <https://www.fayette.coop/youth-tour>. I have also attached two flyers for you to post at your school or on your website.

You should have received some issues of the Youth Tour magazine for you to distribute to students who might be interested in the trip. Thank you for helping Fayette EC improve the quality of life of its members and our youth. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,