



# 2019 Rural Electric Youth Tour

## **TALLAHASSEE TOUR**

**February 20 & 21, 2019**

The Tallahassee Youth Tour brings more than 130 students and chaperones to Florida's capital city. During this two-day event, high school juniors from cooperatives throughout the state of Florida will tour many sites in Tallahassee, visit with members of the Florida House of Representatives, and participate in a variety of leadership programs. Approximately 15 students from EREC's service area will attend the Tallahassee Youth Tour.

## **WASHINGTON TOUR**

**June 14 - 20, 2019**

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. this June will be awarded to two young people from this area by Escambia River Electric Cooperative, Inc. As participants in the Youth Tour, local contest winners will travel by plane to Washington, where they will spend one week visiting places of historical interest and meeting members of Congress. The Rural Electric Youth Tour is an annual, week-long event during which high school juniors from all over the country convene in Washington to learn more about government, cooperatives and rural electrification.

The tour is coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the Washington-based national service organization of the nation's rural electric systems. The tour is sponsored jointly by NRECA, local cooperatives and statewide organizations. During the Rural Electric Youth Tour, students will follow state-planned itineraries, which include a day on Capitol Hill observing the House and Senate in session and visits to Members of Congress. Delegates also participate in educational seminars and other fun events, such as a dinner dance on Youth Day.

All high school juniors in EREC's service area are eligible to enter the contest. Contest entrants will fill out an application form which will be used to select the finalists. The finalists will be awarded a trip to our state capital where they will meet their Senators and Representatives and have the opportunity to observe our legislature in action. The top finalists will be interviewed by a panel of judges who will then select the winners for the Youth Tour to Washington. This is the 33rd year EREC has sponsored a Youth Tour contest. Over 1,600 Youth Tour participants from all across rural America will meet in Washington, D. C. for the 56th National Rural Electric Youth Tour.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING THE YOUTH TOUR CONTEST

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

The Youth Tour Contest is open to all high school juniors whose parents or guardians are members of Escambia River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## **APPLICATION AND CONSENT FORMS:**

High school juniors should complete the following application and Tallahassee consent forms and return them to their high school guidance counselor or EREC by Tuesday, December 11. The application should be typed or legibly written in black ink. EREC will pick up applications and consent forms at the high schools on the deadline date or they can be mailed to Sabrina Owens; EREC; PO Box 428; Jay, FL 32565.

## **YOUTH TOUR BROCHURE:**

The Rural Electric Youth Tour brochure includes information about the youth tour program, the history of rural electrification and Escambia River EC. Students can use this guide to complete their application. The brochure can also be used as a study guide for students chosen as finalists to participate in personal interviews to possibly win the trip to Washington, D. C.

## YOUTH TOUR TIMELINE

- December 11:** Applications and consent forms are due to EREC or your high school guidance counselor.
- Tentative date:** Interviews will be held at EREC in Jay for Youth Tour finalists to select the winners for the Washington, D. C. Youth Tour. Judges for the Youth Tour contest are from other electric cooperatives in Alabama and/or Florida.  
February 18
- February 20 & 21:** Tallahassee Youth Tour.
- Tentative date:** Notification of Washington Youth Tour winners will be given.  
February 21
- June 14 - 20:** Washington, D. C. Youth Tour.

**The Youth Tour program offers a great opportunity to high school juniors to visit their state capital and their country's capital at no cost to the Youth Tour winners. All expenses for both trips are covered by your local cooperative, statewide association and national organization.**

## YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

**The deadline for applications is 8:00 am, Tuesday, December 11, 2018.**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EREC ACCOUNT #: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PARENT CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOLASTIC STANDING (avg. grade): \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR STUDY INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_

CAREER GOALS: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND YEAR OF INVOLVEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST ANY CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST ANY SPECIAL HONORS YOU HAVE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO  
THOSE MAKING THE SELECTION FOR THE YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ESCAMBIA RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**2019 TALLAHASSEE YOUTH TOUR  
FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2019  
PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE**

We, the undersigned parents, desiring that our child (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the opportunity to visit Tallahassee, Florida, and participate in all the activities of the 2019 Youth Tour to Tallahassee sponsored by Escambia River Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby consent to our child taking such a trip and participating in all of the activities of the Youth Tour.

We authorize Escambia River Electric Cooperative through its agents, employees or chaperones on said trip to direct and supervise our child during said Youth Tour; and we further authorize Escambia River Electric Cooperative, through its agents, employees or chaperones to secure any medical or other emergency services which in their reasonable discretion they believe to be necessary or desirable for our child during said trip.

In consideration of the opportunity provided for our said child to participate in said Youth Tour, we do hereby release and discharge and agree to indemnify and save harmless Escambia River Electric Cooperative, its employees, agents and representatives of and from all claims, demands, causes of action, damages and liabilities whatsoever, whether or not based on negligence, which might or could be asserted by us, or by or on behalf of our said child or against us or our child by others by reason of any transaction, occurrence or event arising out of or related to said Youth Tour in any way.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian (print name)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INDIVIDUAL:**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of person acknowledging).

(NOTARY SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Notary)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Notary Printed)

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Type of ID \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Telephone Numbers _____
Family Medical Policy _____
Allergies _____

## EREC YOUTH TOUR PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT ACCEPTANCE FORM

Instructions: Parents and student, please read this document carefully. After you have read the Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by the instructions, please sign on the appropriate line at the bottom of the page. Failure to comply with this code on the Youth Tour will result in the student's parents being contacted, and the student being sent home at the parents' expense. The Code of Conduct will be enforced.

1. The use of tobacco, alcohol or other controlled substance is strictly forbidden.
2. Curfew times will be adhered to strictly.
3. You are expected to treat other Youth Tour participants and staff with the same respect you want for yourself.
4. Individuals rooming together should decide their own "house rules." Please respect each other's privacy and individuality.
5. No one will be allowed to leave the group activities for any reason other than illness. If you become ill, a staff member will make arrangements for you until you feel like returning to the group or a parent can pick you up.
6. No one is allowed to leave the hotel, activity area or other EREC Youth Tour settings without the permission of an authorized staff member. Any arrangements to arrive late or leave early should be made in advance.
7. Every participant is expected to take part in all planned activities.
8. The hotel property, meeting facilities, and vehicles should be left in the same condition it was upon arrival. If damages are incurred by a student, the student/student's parents will be sent a bill for damages.
9. At no time will males be allowed to visit in female hotel rooms or females allowed to visit in male rooms without a member of the EREC Youth Tour staff present.

I have read the above Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the rules listed. I understand that if I break this agreement, I may be sent home early at my parent's expense.

Name of Student (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_