



GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION

JUNE 14-21, 2026

YOUTH TOUR

2026 APPLICATION

PURPOSE:

The Government-in-Action Youth Tour is an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. sponsored by Wharton County Electric Cooperative. The trip allows young adults the opportunity to tour national historic sites, experience cultural diversity, meet U.S. congressional representatives, and learn about electric cooperatives and the energy industry. Each WCEC delegate also receives a \$500 scholarship upon graduation from high school.

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS:

Student must be between the ages of 15 and 19 and must have completed sophomore year of high school. Parent or legal guardian of student must be an active residential member of Wharton County Electric Cooperative.

- Must be able to attend orientation day at WCEC in May 2026.
- Must be able to participate in the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. June 14-21, 2026
- Must be able to fly in an airplane, and be able to ride in a car/bus for up to 12 hours (with breaks) in a single day.
- Must be able to (and agree to) reasonably assist WCEC in presentation/promotion of the Youth Tour program and WCEC.
- WCEC reserves the right to select a runner up or another contestant for the Youth Tour Trip if the winner is found to be a poor representative of the Youth Tour program.
- The winner's guardian must give WCEC written permission and a waiver of release for the winner to participate on the Youth Tour. The winner will be covered by Youth Tour's insurance from home and back.

Applicant must submit a fully completed application as well as a 500-word essay or 5-7 minute video presentation covering the selected topic: **How do you imagine representing WCEC on Youth Tour could impact your future?**

Essays should be typed and double-spaced. Return your essay or video with the fully completed application no later than 4:00 p.m. February 2, 2026. Submissions can be made in person at the WCEC Office, 1815 E. Jackson Street in El Campo or electronically to brodriguez@mywcec.coop. Mailed applications will not be considered.

A high-resolution photo in head shot/portrait format must also be submitted. The photo will be publicized in winner announcements and holds no bearing in the application process. Your submission of this photo constitutes you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) permission to use the photo in announcements or other promotional materials.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 2, 2026

QUESTIONS? Contact Brenda Moreno

979-543-6271 or brodriguez@mywcec.coop



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APPLICANT & PARENT INFORMATION:

Applicant: _____ Grade: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ City: _____ County: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

WCEC Account Name: _____ WCEC Account #: _____

List School Activities/Offices Held (may be submitted in a separate document, if needed):

Special Interests/Hobbies or Other Comments (may be submitted in a separate document, if needed):

APPLICANT SIGNATURE AND DATE:

I have read the Youth Tour Contest Eligibility and Requirements. By signing below, I attest that I fully understand all of the rules and requirements of the contest and what will be required of me if I should win the contest.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____