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An Unforgettable Experience

Each year Wharton County Electric sends two high school students from Wharton County to Washington D.C. as part of the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Participating in this tour would give me the chance to visit historical places like the White House, the Capitol, or the Lincoln Memorial which I've always wanted to see. I hope to learn more about how our elected representatives fight to make our voices heard. This tour would let us reflect on how far we've come, how much has changed, and how the future is full of possibilities for students like us. I believe that representing WCEC in this way could impact my future by providing me an opportunity to learn more about the energy sector and it would let me meet new people who could impact my future career.

First, participating in the Youth Tour can help my future because I have an interest in the energy field. I will graduate from El Campo High School in May 2026. While I'm thinking about attending Victoria College to become an electrician, I'm also still interested in other jobs in the energy industry. My grandpa retired from line work and my dad is a lineman, so I've learned a little about power and electricity from them. I'd like to learn more about the energy sector and how energy is produced from various sources like nuclear, wind, solar, hydro, and crude oil. Being able to go on this tour and hear from those in the industry will help me learn more about these different careers and the impact they have on our daily lives.

Another way that participating in the Youth Tour can benefit me is by letting me meet new people from different places around the country. These other students can become future friends and I can learn new things from them since we all have different life experiences. We may have to work together at different times during the tour and so our communication will be

important. The professionals I meet in the energy sector can also become connections or possible mentors for me for future job opportunities.

I am aware of how generous the co-op is by providing this opportunity to students. Being selected to go on this trip would be an unforgettable experience and it would make a great impact on my life and my future plans. It would be an honor to represent WCEC in this capacity.

Thank you for considering my application.