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### Future Impact of WCEC Tour

My name is Duncan Harris, and I am a high school student from El Campo, Texas. When I first heard about the Youth Tour, I knew it was more than just a trip to Washington, D.C. I would be honored to be chosen to represent Wharton County Electric Cooperative (WCEC), and I know this experience would help shape my future. From learning how our government works, to meeting new people and gaining leadership skills, the Youth Tour would be an unforgettable opportunity that could help me prepare for college and my career.

The opportunity to see and experience Washington, D.C. would be life-changing. I have always been curious about how elected leaders make decisions that affect our communities. I hope to meet with congressional representatives and see the government in action, which would help me understand the importance of voting, and how our votes and those of our congresspeople impact our community. I believe this experience would inspire me to stay informed, vote when I'm old enough, and find ways to help my community.

This trip would also help me grow as a leader. Traveling with other students, sharing ideas, and learning from people with different backgrounds would help me step out of my comfort zone and expand my understanding of the world around me. Leadership isn't just about speaking in front of a group, it's also about listening, working as a team, and learning from others. The diverse perspectives of people from across the US would provide insight that will help me in the future.

One of my goals is to attend college, and the Youth Tour could help me in this endeavor too. First, the experience would look great on college applications, showing that I'm willing to learn, explore new opportunities, and take on leadership roles. Second, the \$500 scholarship that

WCEC provides to Youth Tour participants would help me get closer to my goal of paying for college. Finally, the lessons I learn and the people I meet on this trip could inspire me to choose a career path that makes a difference in the world.

Finally, I would love to go on this trip to represent WCEC and my home community of El Campo. It would reinforce my understanding of how our government impacts our community and remind me to give back to the community. This opportunity would encourage me to give back and to apply what I learn by being more involved in my town.

The Youth Tour is more than just a trip, it's a new educational experience, and if I'm chosen, I will proudly represent WCEC, and make the most out of every opportunity, and carry what I learn with me into the future. I know this experience would open my eyes to new possibilities, help me prepare for college, and shape me into a better leader, student, and citizen. Thank you in advance for considering my application to this program.