



2027 GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH LEADERSHIP TOUR APPLICATION

 **Application Deadline:** Sunday, December 13, 2026

How to Apply

1. **Visit** Youth Leadership Tour at <https://www.nueceselectric.org/youthtour>
2. **Review** the Eligibility and Requirements and Instructions.
3. **Download** the application and complete it **in full**, following all eligibility guidelines.
4. **Submit** the completed application and all required documents **as a single PDF file** to Youth Leadership Tour at <https://www.nueceselectric.org/youthtour>.
5. **Await notification of results.** Good luck!

 For questions, call **361-387-2581** (ask for the Communications Department) or email communications@nueceselectric.org

Youth Leadership Tour Details & Itinerary

The Government-In-Action Youth Leadership Tour is an incredible, all-expenses-paid opportunity for high school students to explore the workings of government, meet their members of Congress, and visit iconic historical sites. This year, we're excited to send **two** delegates from the cooperative to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

The tour kicks off in Austin, Texas, on June 15th and then heads to Washington, D.C., before returning to Austin on June 23rd. Transportation between NEC and Austin can be provided by the cooperative, upon request. The travel package, valued at around \$4,400, covers everything – air travel, hotel accommodations, meals, admission fees, and even a \$250 stipend for miscellaneous expenses.

Each winner will join over 120 high school students for a tour of the Texas State Capitol, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Institution, and many other national landmarks.

And that's not all! Each winner will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon attending an accredited Texas college or university. This is a unique chance to experience our nation's history, gain invaluable leadership insights, and take home some amazing memories! Don't miss out!

Youth Tour Eligibility and Application

Who can apply: Applicants must be high school juniors who live with a parent or legal guardian who is an NEC member. They must not have previously participated in Youth Tour through a Texas electric cooperative.

How to apply: Submit a completed application, a recent digital photo with a clear face and simple background, and one of the following by Sunday, December 13, 2026:

- A 3–5 minute video, or
- A full-page essay (400-600 words, typed, single-spaced)

Theme: Your voice has power.

As a young person, what does it mean to have a voice in your community? Describe an issue, cause, or opportunity that matters to you and explain how you have used, or would like to use, your voice to make a difference.

Begin with your full name, high school, and an interesting fact about yourself. End with something you learned or a key takeaway from your research. Submissions will be evaluated for accuracy, grammar, originality, and content. Videos must have clear audio, and your face must be visible throughout. All submitted videos become NEC property.

Submit your materials

- **Essay:** Combine your application and essay into one PDF.
- **Video:** Upload it to Google Drive, share it with communications@nueceselectric.org, and confirm NEC can access the link.
- **Professional headshot:** Submit a well-lit, clear headshot with a clean, simple background.

Submit your application at [nueceselectric.org/youthtour](https://www.nueceselectric.org/youthtour). Failure to follow the instructions or submit the required format may result in disqualification.

Selection and participation: Finalists will be invited to an in-person interview. Questions will be provided in advance, and interviews will be scored on government knowledge, poise, and communication skills.

The winner must attend the **Youth Leadership Tour, June 15–23, 2027**, be able to fly and travel by car or bus for up to 12 hours per day with breaks and speak about the experience at NEC's October Annual Membership Meeting. A guardian-signed waiver is required. A first runner-up will be selected if the winner cannot participate or represent NEC.

Questions? Email communications@nueceselectric.org or call **361-387-2581**. An NEC representative will contact you if there is an issue with your video file.

⚠️ Failure to follow all instructions, including submitting documents in the correct format, may result in disqualification.

 Submit your application upon completion to:  <https://www.nueceselectric.org/youthtour>.



Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Name: _____

High School City: _____

High School County: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Is your parent/guardian your mother, father, or other? Please specify: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

NEC Account #: _____

Name of the NEC Primary Account # Holder: _____

I understand that my child is competing for a fully funded trip to Washington, D.C., from **June 15th to June 23rd, 2027**, sponsored by NEC. I confirm that I am an NEC member and that the applicant named above is my child and resides in my household.

If my child is selected as an NEC Youth Tour recipient, I grant NEC unrestricted permission to use their name and image in print, video, and digital media. I acknowledge that these images may be used for various purposes without further notice to me. By signing below, I attest that I fully understand all of the rules, eligibility and entry requirements of this contest and what will be required of me and I agree to permit NEC to review this application.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____