

High School Juniors can win a weeklong trip to
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 19-26, 2020

YOUTH  **TOUR**



Two winners and an alternate will be chosen to represent **Continental Divide Electric Cooperative** on the **2020 Government-in-Action Youth Tour**.

Open to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active CDEC account holders. Submit a written essay or video speech addressing the topic below:

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 forever changed the standard of living for people in rural America. If similar legislation were passed for the development of high-speed internet, how would it affect everyday living for people in rural America? Describe at least three examples. Cite at least three sources.

Deadline to apply: **Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 at 5 p.m.**
Call CDEC's Jerrid Williams at (505) 285-6656 for more details.

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2020 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest

The annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour is a collaborative effort between electric cooperatives across the country, the New Mexico Rural Electric Co-op Association and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The Youth Tour is scheduled for **June 19-26, 2020**. Two high school juniors (and an alternate) will be chosen to represent CDEC in Washington, D.C., for FREE!

For the 2020 Youth Tour Contest, CDEC is trying a new approach. Students have the choice to and submit a **written essay** or create a **video speech**. The competition is open to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active CDEC account holders. Contestants are also required to complete the application form (**on the back of this brochure**) and submit either a 500- to 750-word essay or a 5- to 7-minute video speech, addressing the following topic:

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 forever changed the standard of living for people in rural America. If similar legislation were passed for the development of high-speed internet, how would it affect everyday living for people in rural America? Describe at least three examples. Cite at least three sources.

Guidelines for essay submissions:

- Must be between 500 and 750 words.
- Have a clear flow, be grammatically correct, and free of spelling errors.
- Be on-topic and researched, with sources cited in APA style and format.
- **Do not** specify your name, address, school, or any other identifying information. Any identifying information will be removed.
- Email, fax, mail, or hand-deliver essay with the Youth Tour application form.

Guidelines for video submissions:

- Must be between 5 and 7 minutes.
- Spoken word should be clear, concise and with minimal fillers (ums, uhs, and silent breaks). It is acceptable to read from a script, but remain forward-facing and refrain from looking down at your notes the whole time.

- Content should be on-topic and researched. Sources need to be cited within the speech.
- Presentation should be in a professional and polished manner.
- **Do not** specify your name, address, school, or any other identifying information. Any identifying information will be removed.
- Upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo and provide CDEC the link at the bottom of the Youth Tour application form or email video link and application to CDEC. Videos can also be uploaded onto a flash drive or SD card and hand-delivered or mailed to CDEC.

All essay and video submissions will be judged accordingly on content, clarity, overall presentation and factualness.

Entries must be received no later than **5 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2019**.

More about Youth Tour!

The New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association arranges airline flights, hotel accommodations, meals, visits with federal and state lawmakers and schedules *many* educational and sight-seeing opportunities. The Youth Tour kicks off in Santa Fe where delegates meet top New Mexico lawmakers and tour our state's capitol building and other government offices. The Youth Tour delegation then makes its way to Albuquerque for an early morning flight to Washington, D.C.



Activities include:

- Visit to the offices of congressional representatives on Capitol Hill
- Discussions with legislators about current events
- Boat cruise on the Potomac River
- NRECA youth conference

Tours include:

- Smithsonian museums
- Washington National Cathedral
- Mount Vernon, plantation home of George Washington
- Arlington National Cemetery (and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier)
- Ford's Theatre, location of Abraham Lincoln's assassination
- And several other national monuments!

Delegates will learn:

- What makes cooperatives unique
- How cooperatives from all industries impact our daily lives
- The roles of our state and federal governments

Winners to be announced in **December**.



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2020 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Essay Contest Official Entry Form

Entry Deadline: 5 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

CDEC Account No.: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Use one of the below methods to return entry form and video or essay.

Hand-deliver: Grants Office is at 200 E. High Street. Gallup office is at 2500 NM Highway 602.
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mail: Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc.
ATTN: Jerrid Williams
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If submitting video, print YouTube or Vimeo link here: _____
