



2025 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Application & Essay Guidelines

CDEC is returning to its original approach to the Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest submission process. For the 2025 Youth Tour Contest, students will answer the topic below. We will be accepting video submissions OR essay submissions. Students will have the choice to create and submit a 5- to 7-minute video speech or a 500- to 750-word essay on the topic listed below.

Topic:

- 1. If you were president, what energy and telecommunications policies would you support to improve America's struggling economy?**

Contest Submission and Requirements

For essay submissions:

- Essay submissions must be between 500 and 750 words in length.
- Your writing should have a clear flow, be grammatically correct, and be free of spelling errors.
- Content should be kept on-topic and researched, with sources cited in APA format.
- **Do not specify your name, address, school, or any identifying information in your essay. Contest judges will not be given any identifying information to keep the contest fair and unbiased.**
- Email, fax, mail, or hand-deliver your essay with your Youth Tour application by **Fri., Nov. 1, 2024.**

For video submissions:

- Video submissions must be between 5 and 7 minutes in length.
- Spoken words 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 not look down at notes the whole time.
- Content should be kept on-topic and researched, and sources need to be cited within the speech.
- The presentation should be professional and polished.
- **Do not specify your name, address, school, or any identifying information in your video. Contest judges will not be given any identifying information to keep the contest fair and unbiased.**
- Upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo and provide CDEC the link on your Youth Tour application. Videos can also be uploaded onto a flash drive or SD card and hand-delivered or mailed to CDEC by **Fri. Nov. 1, 2024.**



All submissions will be judged according to the following three main characteristics:

- Content
- Clarity
- Overall presentation.

Submissions will be judged on factualness. For questions, reach out to Continental Divide Member Services Representative, William Yarborough at (505) 285-6656 ext. 1088 or email at wyarborough@cdec.coop

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