

What is the Washington D.C. Youth Tour?

The Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives Washington D.C. Youth Tour is an annual, weeklong, all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. that is open to high school juniors (11th grade) across Louisiana.

Nine of Louisiana's electric cooperatives participate in the Washington Youth Tour. Each electric cooperative has a unique method of selecting the student or students they will sponsor on the trip.

Nationwide, electric cooperatives from 44 states participate in this event. In all, more than 1,400 young people from across the nation gather in Washington, D.C. each year for this event.

Louisiana's electric cooperatives send students to Washington, D.C. for a number of reasons including:

1. Rewarding students for academic achievement through a writing contest. (Keep in mind it is not always the 4.0 grade point average students that win.)
2. Educating students about the role of electric co-ops in the national economy.
3. Fostering students' appreciation for the democratic form of government.
4. Exposing students to the sights and sounds of our nation's heritage.
5. Building students' leadership skills so that they may make a difference in their communities.

**For more information about the Youth Tour,
check out the following web sites:**

<http://youthtour.coop>

www.alec.coop

www.pcemc.org



*High School Juniors
Eligible To Win An
All Expense Paid Trip To
Washington D.C.*

**PC Electric is sponsoring a contest to select
students to attend the NRECA
"Government-in-Action"**

**Youth Tour Conference to be held
June 9—15, 2018!**



Students Eligible To Participate:

Members of PC Electric and/or high school juniors attending any of the following adopted schools:

Iberville Parish

Math, Science & Arts Academy -West
Plaquemine High & St. John High Schools

Pointe Coupee Parish

Catholic High, False River Academy, Livonia High School

West Baton Rouge

Port Allen High School



Connecting People...Impacting Lives!

Contest Rules:

Students must write a formal letter approximately 500 words to an elected official. Students, this is the perfect opportunity to voice your personal opinion to your elected officials on any issue, problem, or success. In the letter, the topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed. The letter should be addressed to the respective local, state or federal official in formal letter format. Obscene or offensive material will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified. Good luck to all and have fun writing.

Guidelines and Information:

1. Letter must have a cover sheet including all of the following:
 - A. Full name and age of student
 - B. Parent's or guardian's name, address, home and work telephone number
 - C. Email address of student
 - D. Name, address and phone number of school
 - E. Sponsoring teacher's name
 - F. List of all school/community clubs and extra curricular activities
2. Letter must be in the format of a formal letter, typed and double spaced.
3. Do not put your name in your letter and do not sign your letter. Simply sign or end your letter as follows: A Concerned Student, A Thankful Student, A Grateful Student, etc.
4. Contestants should keep a personal copy of letter.
5. Deadline is January 19, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Letters become the property of PC Electric and may be published at the discretion of PC Electric.

Mail contest entries to:
Member Services Department
PC Electric
P.O. Box 160, New Roads, LA. 70760
or deliver to
2506 False River Drive, New Roads, LA. 70760

Deadline: January 19, 2018 by 3:30 p.m.

Judging Process:

Preliminary Selection - A judging committee will select the top three entries from each parish (Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge). The preliminary winners will advance to the final selection and will be notified by mail and telephone.

Final Selection - The final judging will be based on the written assignment (50%), personal interview (30%) and oral presentation of the letter (20%).

Three first place winners, one from each parish, will represent *PC Electric* and three additional winners will represent *Louisiana Generating (NRG Energy)* at the **NRECA Youth Tour Conference in Washington, D.C. June 9—June 15, 2018.**

All six winners will be required to attend a **Youth Tour Leadership Summit in the spring of 2018. Date and location TBA at a later time.** If unable to attend this summit, the winner must step down and the trip will be offered to an alternate. A student must attend the Youth Leadership Conference in order to be eligible for the Washington D.C. trip. An alternate will attend the conference in the event any of the winners are unable to participate.



Dates to Remember:

Contest Entry Deadline:

Friday, January 19, 2018 by 3:30 p.m.

Finalists Reception:

TBA

NRECA Youth Tour Conference:

June 9 through June 15, 2018

For more information, contact Joanie Bishop or Jill Copeland at (225) 638-3751 or 1-800-738-7232.