

# Youth Tour 2020

**Dates: June 20-26, 2020 with a mandatory orientation meeting in Great Falls on June 19, 2020**

The essay topic for the 2020 Youth Tour is:

*How can electricity be used to save and improve lives, especially in developing nations?*

**Date essay due at your local cooperative:** November 29, 2019 – contact your local cooperative for details; some cooperatives do not use the essay contest to select their participant.

## YOUTH TOUR CONTEST RULES

1. The student must be a junior or senior in high school in the fall of 2020. (Currently a sophomore or junior).
2. Student cannot be a prior winner of the youth tour.
3. The student and/or parent or guardian must be served by a rural electric cooperative that is a member of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association.
4. The student must write an essay on the following topic (for those cooperatives using the essay to select their representative):
  - a. *“How can electricity be used to save and improve lives, especially in developing nations?”*
5. Essays must include a cover page with the student's name, address, telephone number and the name of their rural electric cooperative and a copy of the attached application.

**Rural Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour to  
Washington, D.C.**

**Tour Dates: June 19-26, 2020**

Please complete this form and return with your essay to your local cooperative no  
later than: **Friday, November 29, 2019**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

**Home Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Cooperative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size** S M L XL XXL

**If selected, are you available to attend the Youth Tour from **June 19-26, 2020**?**  
**YES NO**

**Please complete the following:**

1. List your **school activities**. Include any elected positions, special honors, awards, and accomplishments from your high school career (class officer, plays, athletics, music, etc.).
  
2. List **extracurricular activities** and the years of participation, such as the 4-H, FFA, church, community and service clubs. Indicate honors, awards and accomplishments.

**3. ATTACH A SIGNED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (to be completed by principal, guidance counselor, teacher or community leader) TO THIS APPLICATION.**

I will be a high school junior or senior in the fall of 2020 and my parent(s)/guardian(s) are receiving electrical service from \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative. I understand that I am required to submit an essay on the topic:  
***How can electricity be used to save and improve lives, especially in developing nations?***

I have read and understand that my application and essay are to be submitted to \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative **no later than November 29, 2019** or I will not be considered for the Youth Tour program.

I understand that if I am selected to represent \_\_\_\_\_ Co-op and, for some unforeseen reason, I am not able to attend the 20120 Youth Tour, I must notify \_\_\_\_\_ Co-op immediately so that an alternate may make the trip to Washington D.C.

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ Co-op to use the above information along with photos of me for publicity purposes of the sponsoring cooperative and Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association.

**Applicant's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_