

2026 YOUTH TOUR INFORMATION

(Sophomores & Juniors)

March 2: Youth Tour application deadline

March 13: Essay deadline

April 1: Youth Tour judging 4:30 p.m. at Clarke Electric Cooperative

June 14 – 20: Trip to D.C.

YOUTH TOUR JUDGES

(To Be Announced)

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Essay (style, accuracy, and content)	20 points
2. Knowledge of packet/judge's questions	10 points
3. Articulation/Presence (positive representative for coop)	10 points

Total possible points **40 points**

PACKETS TO CONTESTANTS

(Will be sent upon receiving application)

Information included:

1. Letter of information
2. Fact sheet of Clarke Electric Cooperative, Inc.
3. Essay Topic

Essay Topic

Rural Electric Cooperatives across our nation rely on seven principles to guide the cooperative's activities. A list of the "Seven Cooperative Principles" will be provided.

"Of the Seven Cooperative Principles, which two do you feel are most important and why?"

Essay guidelines

1. Entries should be typed on one side of 8.5 X 11 in. paper.
2. Entries should be no more than 500 words and a minimum of 1 ½ pages.
3. Some resource material will be provided.

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