Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Announces Its

2027 Government-in-Action Youth Tour

The Board of Directors of Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("HCEC") in conjunction with Texas Electric Cooperative (TEC), and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) will sponsor two deserving students for the 62nd Annual Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The tour will take place from Tuesday, June 15th through Wednesday, June 23rd, 2027. The chaperoned, all-expense-paid trip will cover airfare, transportation, hotel rooms, food, and the cost of the various sightseeing outings.

Delegates will travel to Washington, D.C. and join more than 1,900 high school participants from across the nation. They will have the opportunity to meet with their elected Texas representatives as well as visiting historically significant national sites, touring some of Washington, D.C.'s most moving memorials, and browsing the campus of our nation's capital.

Requirements

- Candidate's parents or guardians must be active HCEC members and maintain a permanent residence currently using HCEC's electrical lines.
- Candidate must be a high school student enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior in the 2026-2027 school year and 16 years old with a **state issued driver license or ID**.
- Candidate must submit **an application** and **a 500-word typed essay**.

This year's essay topic should address: **"Describe a time when you made a positive impact on someone else. What did you learn about leadership through that experience?"**

An independent panel will judge the application and essay,

Applications are available from your local high school counselor, U.S. History teacher, Government teacher, and online at www.houstoncountyelec.com/YT.

This application will be disqualified if not completed in its entirety and returned or postmarked by January 29th, 2027 to the following address:

By Mail:
Houston County Electric Coop. Inc.
Attention: Youth Tour
P.O. Box 52
Crockett, TX 75835

By Delivery:
Houston County Electric Coop. Inc.
Attention: Youth Tour
1701 Southeast Loop 304
Crockett, TX 75835

HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE. INC

Government-in-Action Youth Tour

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please complete the application and attach your essay. DO NOT put your name on the essay.

Student Information

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Phone Number _____Home Phone Number _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth _____Grade Level_____

High School _____

Address of High School_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

School Sponsor-Teacher-Counselor_____

Phone Number for school sponsor_____

Parent's Name: _____

Houston County Electric Cooperative's Account Number_____

Billing Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Application Due: January 29th, 2027.

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Signature of Student

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Signature of Parent-Guardian-Member

Please review and carefully answer the questions below. Please write legibly. **Attach your typed essay** to the application, enclose in an envelope and mail or deliver to Houston County Electric Cooperative at:

Houston County Electric Coop. Inc.
Attention: Youth Tour
P.O. Box 52
1701 East Loop 304
Crockett, TX 75835

1. List any organizations and activities you are involved in as well as any offices held.

2. List any awards you have received.

3. Please list any information you care to present concerning yourself, your scholastic achievements or your extracurricular activities.

4. Please tell us about your educational plans.

5. Please tell us why you think you should be considered for this Government-in-Action tour.