

Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Announces Its

2023 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 58th Annual Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The tour will take place from Sunday, June 11th through Tuesday, June 20th, 2023. The chaperoned, all-expense-paid trip will cover airfare, transportation, hotel rooms, food, and the cost of the various sightseeing outings.

The journey will begin with a trip to Austin where the students will learn about state government and visit famous landmarks such as the Capitol, Zilker Botanical Garden, and Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

From there, they will travel to Washington, D.C. and join more than 1,500 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.

The 2020 and 2021 Government-in-Action Youth Tours had to be cancelled. Due to current health concerns and the unknown for 2023 every precaution is being administered for the safety of the students. Youth Tour will look different than in years past with students being divided into smaller groups to facilitate social distancing.

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 2022-2023 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: your position on “student loan forgiveness” include arguments addressing current and future economic and social implications.

An independent panel will judge the application and essay, and the top candidates will be interviewed. Candidates will be notified of the date and time of their interview, which will be conducted at the HCEC office.

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

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 27th , 2023.

Signature of Student

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.