Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Announces Its

2025 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 60th Annual Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The tour will take place from Sunday, June 15th through Sunday, June 22nd, 2025. 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 2024-2025 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: "What are the most effective ways to advocate for political change?" Provide example(s) of people or groups that have successfully advocated for change and how that shapes our society today.

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 <u>www.houstoncountyelec.com/YT</u>.

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		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number	Home Phone Number	
Email Address:		
	Grade Level	
High School		
Address of High	School	
		Zip Code
School Sponsor-Teacher-Counselor		
Phone Number for school sponsor		
Parent's Name:		
Houston County	Electric Cooperative's Account	Number
Billing Address_		
		Zip Code
Application Due: January 31 st , 2025.		

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.