



2025 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Application



The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is an annual event coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). "Tourists" are sponsored by local cooperatives who are given the opportunity to learn about the electric cooperative business model, American history, and the U.S. government.

Criteria:

County you live in:

- ❖ Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2025**.
- ❖ Tour dates are **June 15 - 21, 2025**.
- ❖ Student must be a rising high school junior or senior.
- ❖ Students must reside in a residence receiving electric service from BEMC.
- ❖ Transportation to Raleigh must be provided the day before the tour to Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Youth Tourists are **required** to travel to and from Washington D.C. with the NCEMC Youth Tour group.
- ❖ Children of BEMC employees are not eligible to apply.

Section 1

Name:

Birth Date:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Address:

High School you are attending:

Current Grade:

Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Mother/Legal Guardian's Name:

Father/Legal Guardian's Name:

Are your parents/legal guardians members of BEMC?

If selected as a youth tourist, I agree to participate at the BEMC Annual Meeting in the fall.

Section 2 *Keep content in this section short - once boxes are filled, no more text can be added.*

Academic and School Honors Received:

School Activities:

Special Interests, Hobbies, Talents:

Section 3

Type a 250-500 word essay on the topic listed below. Complete the quiz and attach it with your essay along with the application.

2. Unlike investor-owned utilities, an electric cooperative is operated by and for the people of the community. Its goal is to provide reliable power, not make a profit. How do you envision the future for electric cooperatives in America?

Section 4

Complete the **True/False** and **Multiple choice** questions below.

Select “T” or “F” in the space provided.

1. ____ Most of the electric power generated in this country comes from nuclear power plants.
2. ____ The United States uses less energy now than it did in 1960.
3. ____ Cooperative members cannot vote until they have been members for at least five years.
4. ____ Each member of a rural electric co-op has one vote regardless of the amount of electricity used.
5. ____ Rubber, glass and wax are excellent conductors of electricity.
6. ____ Rural electric cooperatives in North Carolina are called Electric Membership Corporations.

Select the correct answer to the questions below:

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| <p>7. The city which received the first central station service was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. New Yorkb. Philadelphiac. Washington, DC <p>8. The country credited for starting the first co-op is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Franceb. Englandc. Germanyd. United States <p>9. A cooperative is owned and controlled by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. stockholdersb. membersc. directors | <p>10. Rural electric cooperatives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. profitb. not-for-profitc. tax exempt organizations <p>11. The Rural Electrification Administration was established in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 1935b. 1829c. 1492 <p>12. How many rural electric cooperatives are in North Carolina?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 19b. 26c. 300 |
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Section 5

Write 2–5 sentences telling us why you would like to go on the Rural Electric Youth Tour.

Signature - *Please print application, sign and date before mailing to address below.*

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Mail application by January 15, to: Wendy Koonce, Youth Tour Program, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, P.O. Box 826, Shallotte, NC 28459; or email it to: wendy.koonce@bemc.org