



2026 Government in Action Youth Tour Application

Essay Question: "How do you think young people can make a difference in their communities, especially in rural areas?" Essay should contain a minimum of 400 words.

Details and Itinerary:

In June, KEC will send two students on an all expense paid trip from Austin, Texas to Washington, D.C. as part of the Texas Electric Cooperative Government in Action Youth Tour. Students spend an entire week in Washington, D.C. experiencing all the Capital has to offer. While in D.C. the students have the opportunity to visit many of the nation's exciting museums, memorable landmarks and meet other students from around Texas and the United States.

The travel package includes air transportation to and from Washington D.C., hotel stay, meals, entrance fees, and \$250.00 cash for miscellaneous expenses. Chaperones for the tour will be provided by the Texas Electric Cooperative Association and will accompany the students throughout the tour. For more information visit our website.

Eligibility and Guidelines:

1. Applicant must have completed their freshman year of high school by June 2026.
2. Parents or legal guardians must be members of Karnes Electric Cooperative or receive KEC service at their residence.
3. The winner must be able to participate in the Youth Tour held in Washington, D.C. from June 14-21, 2026.
4. The winner must be able to fly in an airplane and ride in a car or bus for up to 12 hours a day (with breaks).
5. The winner will be responsible for transportation to and from Austin, Texas. They will also be responsible for additional spending money for snacks, souvenirs, etc.
6. The winner will be recognized at the Karnes Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting that will be held in June of 2026.
7. The winner must have a government-issued ID card prior to the trip.

All Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2026

Ways to Apply:

Mail: Karnes Electric Cooperative, Attn: Communications, PO Box 7, Karnes City, TX 78118

Email: ksanchez@karnesec.org

In Person: Pleasanton Member Service Center or Karnes City Headquarters

Online: Complete the form online at karnesec.org/community/youth-tour/

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SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DOB: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the Youth Tour: Magazine Website Counselor Social Media Other: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing above, I hereby acknowledge that this application including any attached pages was completed by me and I agree to permit the review of this application by members of the Youth Tour Committee.

SECTION 2: VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name on KEC Account: _____ Account Number: _____

Address on KEC Account: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I understand that my child is competing to win a 7 day, all-expense paid trip (a \$5,000.00 value) to Washington, D.C. on June 14-21, 2026, sponsored by Karnes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KEC). I further acknowledge that I am a member of KEC and the above named applicant is my child and living in my home. If my child is selected, I authorize a representative of KEC to take and use my child's picture in various publications.

SECTION 3: EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION *(Students may attach a separate document listing their extracurricular activities, awards, and recognitions.)*

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Grade Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior *Applicant must be a High School student who will have completed their freshman year by June 2026.*

Career Goals: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

List Awards and Special Recognitions: _____

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SECTION 4: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Tell us what makes you a great candidate to represent KEC on the 2026 Youth Tour.

Tell us what you expect to gain from the Youth Tour Trip.

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