



## 2024 Youth Tour Application

Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. will award an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for two high school students for the Government-In-Action Youth Tour. Contest winners will join other students from Electric Cooperatives across the nation. This will be an unforgettable look inside U.S. History and Government.

### Eligibility Rules and Winner Requirements:

- Applicants must live in the home of parents/legal guardians who are active members of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. An active member is defined as someone who is receiving electric service from Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. with the membership in the name of the parents/legal guardians.
- The winner must be able to participate in the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. on June 16-24, 2024.
- Immediate family members of Cooperative employees or directors are ineligible.
- Applicant must have completed sophomore or junior year of high school by June 2024, or equivalent if homeschooled or a non-traditional student.
- Applicant must have at least one letter of recommendation regarding the applicant's character. The letter may be from a teacher, principal, counselor, employer, supervisor, minister, or others who are not relatives of the applicant.
- Applicant must be 16 years old with a government or state-issued driver license, ID or passport by June 16, 2024.
- Applicant must be able to ride in a bus for several hours in a single day and fly in an airplane.
- Submit a completed application form, two short essays, high resolution digital photo, and one original letter of recommendation to Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. postmarked or emailed no later than midnight on January 31, 2024.

A completed application, two short essays, list of extracurricular activities, and original letter of recommendation must be postmarked or uploaded by midnight on Friday, Jan. 31, 2024 and should be sent to the following:

By mail: Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Attn: Youth Tour  
P.O. Box 1121  
Livingston, TX 77351

OR

By uploading to our website at [Samhouston.net](http://Samhouston.net)

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have read the eligibility rules and winner requirements. The information contained in this application is true, complete and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that the attached application was prepared and written by me, and I agree to permit the review of this application by members of the Sam Houston Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Committee.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Houston EC Account # of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Receiving Service from Sam Houston EC: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that above-named student is competing to win a 10-day, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 16-24, 2024, sponsored by Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. I further acknowledge that I am a Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. member, and the above named student is my child or ward and is living in my home. In the event that they are selected to be a Youth Tour winner, I grant unrestricted permission for my child/ward's name, image, and likeness to be used in print, video and digital media without payment or any other consideration. I agree that these images may be used by Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.

I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my child or ward appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to this authorization.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other person acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand and agree to the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Essay Format & Topic:**

The top applicants will be chosen based on the merit of the essays they submit. This includes demonstrating an understanding of the subject matter, originality, composition, grammar and neatness. The top six applicants will then be contacted for a personal interview. The essays should be typed, no more than 500 words in length, 12-point font and double spaced. Applicants' essays will be judged anonymously.

The first essay will answer the question: What is the greatest issue facing your community and how can you be a part of the solution? In the second essay, please summarize why you wish to go to Washington D.C.

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**Extracurricular & Community Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)**

List any academic honors received in school:

Honor

Date Received


List any school-related clubs, activities and achievements:

Activity

Dates

Responsibilities


List any community clubs, activities, or achievements:

Activity

Dates

Responsibilities


List any hobbies/recreational activities:

